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20. Work of the Council in 1958.³

¹ At its 972nd meeting, on 2 July 1957, the Council decided to consider under this item the memorandum by the Secretary-General entitled "An International Administrative Service" (*Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes*, item 4 of the agenda, document E/3017).

² Part of this item to be considered at the resumed twenty-fourth session (to take place during or shortly after the twelfth regular session of the General Assembly).

³ To be considered at the resumed twenty-fourth session.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

Economic questions

653 (XXIV). Sources of energy as a means of economic development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the reports presented by the Secretary-General on the economic applications of atomic energy pursuant to paragraph 1 of resolution 597 B (XXI) of 4 May 1956,¹ on the new sources of energy other than the atom as a means of economic development in accordance with resolution 598 (XXI) of 4 May 1956,² and the report dealing specifically with paragraph 4 of resolution 597 B (XXI),³

Taking into account the basic importance of energy for economic development, for increasing productivity and for industrialization, and *recognizing* that sources of energy, conventional and non-conventional, cannot be considered in isolation one from another in relation to economic development,

Reaffirming the interest of the Council "in promoting the effective and sustained use of the world's natural resources as a means of furthering economic development" as expressed in its resolution 345 B (XII) of 9 March 1951,

Considering the work already carried out in this field by the Secretary-General, particularly through the regional offices,

I

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for these studies prepared in consultation with the specialized agencies;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to follow the relationship of all forms of conventional and of atomic and other new sources of energy to economic development, particularly of the under-developed countries, as part of his continuing work in the field of conservation and utilization of non-agricultural resources pursuant to Council resolution 345 (XII);

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to review, in consultation with the appropriate specialized agencies, the work already being done in the field of energy re-

¹ E/3005. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1957.II.B.2.

² E/2997. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1957.II.B.1.

³ E/3014. *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document E/3014.*

sources, including technical assistance activity, and to make to the Council at its twenty-seventh session such recommendations regarding future work, as he considers appropriate;

II

Recognizing the interest of under-developed countries in being kept fully informed of the possible economic applications of atomic energy, especially in the fields of power, industry and agriculture,

1. *Invites* Governments to make the fullest possible use of United Nations facilities, including those of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, for the training of scientific and technical personnel in the fields of the peaceful applications of atomic energy;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the above-mentioned report on the economic applications of atomic energy⁴ to the regional economic commissions and the interested specialized agencies for their consideration and comment as appropriate;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to bring this report to the attention of the second international conference on exchange of technical information regarding the peaceful uses of atomic energy;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to transmit this report to the International Atomic Energy Agency, upon its establishment, for examination and comments on the fields in which the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency could act jointly to discharge their responsibilities in this regard according to both the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the Agency;

III

Noting also that in regard to new sources of energy other than the atom, further developments of a technical character are needed to bring them to a stage of wider economic application,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report on new sources of energy⁵ to the appropriate

⁴ E/3005. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1957.II.B.2.

⁵ E/2997. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1957.II.B.1.

specialized agencies, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and to the appropriate non-governmental organizations in consultative status, with a view to encouraging further scientific and technological studies leading to wider economic applications of the new sources of energy other than the atom, especially solar and wind energy;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other appropriate specialized agencies, for the twenty-seventh session of the Council, a progress report on developments in these fields, together with recommendations regarding the agenda of an international conference on the new sources of energy other than the atom and their economic applications, to be convened as early as feasible thereafter.

*990th plenary meeting,
26 July 1957.*

654 (XXIV). World economic situation

A

INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY FOR TRADE CO-OPERATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 614 A (XXII) of 9 August 1956 on measures for the development of trade co-operation, and *having considered* the report by the Secretary-General on the comments of Governments concerning international machinery for such co-operation,⁶

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1027 (XI) of 20 February 1957, particularly in regard to the establishment of the Organization for Trade Co-operation,

Recognizing the need for improved co-operation in questions of international trade in order more effectively to promote the development of international economic relations in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Further recognizing that opinions differ about specific ways and means of accomplishing this objective,

Noting the report by the Secretary-General, and *noting further* that only twenty-one replies have been received to the invitation contained in paragraph 2 of resolution 614 A (XXII),⁷

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep under review developments in the field of trade co-operation, in particular with respect to international machinery for trade co-operation, and to submit to the Council at its twenty-sixth session a further report pursuant to resolution 614 A (XXII), taking into account the replies already received and others that may be received;

⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 2 (a), document E/3004.*

⁷ *Ibid.* and documents E/3004/Add.1, 2 and 3.

2. *Expresses* the hope that Governments will cooperate fully in making the international machinery for trade co-operation as effective as possible.

*993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.*

B

REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS EXPENDITURE BY STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that in many countries huge sums are currently being spent on armaments,

Noting further that this expenditure imposes a heavy economic and fiscal burden on many countries and absorbs resources which might otherwise be devoted to peaceful uses,

Recognizing that a concerted reduction in armaments would reflect a relaxation of international tension and could also facilitate the consolidation of peace, a reduction in the burden of taxation imposed on the peoples by the current levels of armament expenditure, and the development of economic relations between States,

Recalling that efforts are being continued through the United Nations Disarmament Commission and its Sub-Committee to achieve agreement on the problem of disarmament,

Expresses the hope that these efforts may progress steadily towards the goal of internationally supervised disarmament, thus leading to a significant reduction in armament expenditures and thereby freeing additional resources which could be used to accelerate economic and social development, including the economic development of under-developed countries and areas.

*993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.*

C

WORLD ECONOMIC SURVEY AND FULL EMPLOYMENT AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS QUESTIONNAIRE

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the *World Economic Survey, 1956*,⁸ and the contents and uses of the full employment and balance of payments questionnaire through which information is obtained for the World Economic Survey from Governments,

Recalling the appropriate resolutions on the *World Economic Survey* and the questionnaire on full employment and the balance of payments and the recommendations of the Co-ordination Committee,⁹

Bearing in mind the various opinions expressed at the twenty-fourth session of the Council,

⁸ E/2982. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1957.II.C.1.

⁹ See resolution 664 (XXIV), annex, para. 3 (c).

I

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the *World Economic Survey, 1956*;

2. Considers that the *Survey* in its present form is a most valuable document dealing with the current economic situation and economic outlook and with selected economic problems of long-term significance to the world as a whole;

3. Reaffirms the desirability of continuing to have the *World Economic Survey* prepared with these objectives in mind, and with particular attention to the analysis of economic problems of primary importance for the economic development of less developed countries and areas and the economic progress of the world as a whole;

4. Expresses the desire that this information be made available to Governments at the earliest possible date, and in this regard suggests to the Secretary-General that he should consider the feasibility of issuing part I, dealing with selected long-term economic problems, in advance of part II;

II

1. Notes that the information obtained through the questionnaire is used fairly extensively in the *World Economic Survey*;

2. Notes that over the years the questionnaire has been modified to elicit information relating more directly to the problems and developments covered in the *World Economic Survey*;

3. Suggests that the changed nature of the questionnaire should be reflected in its title.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

D

WORLD ECONOMIC SURVEY 1957

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that an upward movement of price levels is a problem affecting all countries of the world, both the more and the less developed,

Taking account of the importance which many countries attach to the curbing of inflationary pressures as one of the primary aims of their domestic economic policy,

Considering that both the economic and the social progress of the world would be impeded by continuing inflation of price levels,

Bearing in mind that the Secretary-General has announced his intention to deal with a major topic of public policy in future *World Economic Surveys*,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in selecting a major topic for treatment in part I of the "*World Economic Survey, 1957*", to take into account the views expressed during the twenty-fourth session of the Council on the importance of the problem of inflation and the need for further study of the extent of inflation, its causes, its impact on social and economic development, its international aspects, and measures used or contemplated by various countries for curbing inflation in the

future, bearing in mind the urgent need for the economic development of the under-developed countries;

2. Urges Governments of Member States to give the Secretary-General such assistance as he may require for the purpose of obtaining relevant information.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

E

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION ON WORLD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its basic task of promoting international co-operation with a view to a steady and balanced growth of the world economy,

Recognizing that despite the fact that in many countries economic activity has in recent years been advancing at a satisfactory rate, nevertheless large segments of the world did not show an adequate rate of growth,

Mindful of the fact that an extremely important factor for the balanced growth of national economies is constituted by international economic conditions,

Recognizing that there exist at present various institutions and forms of machinery which provide for international consultation in the economic field among Member States,

Stressing the desirability for more effective international exchange of views within the framework of the United Nations regarding means of improving international economic conditions,

Noting the observations of the Secretary-General in his opening statement to the present session of the Council¹⁰ regarding possible benefits that might flow from more systematic consultation between Governments on the general outlines of their economic policies,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the facilities and methods which now exist for the conduct and development of consultations between Governments in the economic field and to transmit this report to Member States, together with such observations and questions as he may deem appropriate in the light of paragraph 2 below:

2. Invites Member States, taking into account the above-mentioned report, to submit to the Secretary-General at an early date comments on possible methods for ensuring more effective consultation between Governments, with a view to promoting a balanced growth of world economy and, in particular, the acceleration of the economic development of the under-developed countries;

3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to use experts or groups of experts from different regions to assist him in carrying out the tasks assigned to him under the terms of the present resolution;

¹⁰ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, 973rd meeting.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its twenty-sixth session a report containing the information requested in operative paragraph 1 above, the comments received from Member States and his observations relating thereto;

5. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the desirability of encouraging informal contacts and meetings between economic experts of different countries with a view to promoting greater common understanding of national and international economic problems.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

655 (XXIV). Annual reports of the regional economic commissions

A

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe¹¹ for the period 22 April 1956 to 15 May 1957, of the views expressed during the discussion, and the resolutions adopted, during the twelfth session of the Commission;

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained in the report;

3. *Expresses* its appreciation of the excellent work done by the retiring Executive Secretary, Mr. Gunnar Myrdal, in developing and promoting the work of the Economic Commission for Europe.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

B

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for the period 15 February 1956 to 28 March 1957,¹² and of the recommendations contained in the account of proceedings of the thirteenth session of the Commission;

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained therein;

3. *Approves* the changes in the committee structure of the Commission referred to in resolution 19 (XIII) of the Commission.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6* (E/2989).

¹² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2 (E/2959).

C

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America for the period 15 May 1956 to 29 May 1957, adopted at its seventh session;¹³

2. *Endorses* the work programme of the Commission as established by the Commission at its seventh session held at La Paz, Bolivia, from 15 to 29 May 1957, as being of primary importance for the economic development of Latin America;

3. *Endorses* the order of priorities allocated by the Commission to the individual work projects.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

656 (XXIV). International commodity problems

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken cognizance of the reports submitted by the Commission on International Commodity Trade¹⁴ and the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements,¹⁵

Having examined the report by the Secretary-General¹⁶ prepared in pursuance of its resolution 620 (XXII) of 9 August 1956 and the views submitted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the addendum to that report,¹⁷

Considering that international co-operation in seeking fair and equitable solutions to commodity price problems is calculated to promote international economic relations and particularly the development of under-developed countries,

1. *Takes note* of the above-mentioned reports;

2. *Considers* that the work programme of the Commission on International Commodity Trade and the procedural arrangements recommended by it at its last session, should enable it to carry out its set tasks under Council resolutions 512 A (XVII) of 30 April 1954 and 557 F (XVIII) of 5 August 1954;

3. *Expresses the desire* that the Commission on International Commodity Trade, the Committee on Commodity Problems of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements, should continue to co-operate, within the framework of their respective terms of reference, in examining the problems coming within their purview;

¹³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8 (E/2998).

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (E/3003).

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 7, document E/3000.

¹⁶ E/3012.

¹⁷ E/3012/Add.1.

4. *Approves* the amendment to rule I of the rules of procedure of the Commission on International Commodity Trade;¹⁸

5. *Decides* to place the examination of international commodity problems on the agenda for its twenty-sixth session.

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30 July 1957.

662 (XXIV). Financing of economic development

A

COLLECTION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1034 (XI) of 26 February 1957 on the collection of information concerning international economic assistance for the less developed countries,

Considering that such information will contribute to better understanding of the progress and problems of economic development,

Taking note of the document¹⁹ circulated by the Secretary-General as a preliminary survey of the economic assistance provided by Governments and public institutions of States Members of the United Nations both bilaterally and through the international agencies concerned with the development of the less developed countries,

1. *Expresses appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his report which constitutes a useful source of information for States Members of the United Nations on the subject of the financing of economic development;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit this survey on a periodic basis to the Council including such supplementary information as may be provided by contributing and recipient Governments, taking account of the comments of delegations at the twenty-fourth session of the Council;²⁰

3. *Urges* Governments and international organizations concerned to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the provision of appropriate information for future surveys, including information on the economic utilization of aid.

993rd plenary session,
30 July 1957.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3003), para. 55.*

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 6, document E/3047.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, 990th to 994th meetings.

B

QUESTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that both the Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations have on a number of occasions approved unanimously the principle of the establishment of a special United Nations Fund for the financing of the economic and social development of under-developed countries,

Considering further that the final report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Question of the Establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development has again shown that a substantial majority of the States Members of the United Nations is in favour of the immediate establishment of such a fund,

Convinced that the establishment of such a fund is economically desirable and possible, will strengthen the United Nations, will help the under-developed countries in their efforts towards economic development and social advancement, and will thus contribute to the stability and peace of the world,

I

Commends the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Question of the Establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development for its work, and *forwards* to the General Assembly its final²¹ and supplementary²² reports prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 923 (X) of 9 December 1955 and 1030 (XI) of 26 February 1957;

II

Urges the General Assembly of the United Nations, at its twelfth session, to decide to establish this Fund and to take the steps necessary to this end;

III

Recommends to the General Assembly to establish a preparatory commission entrusted with the tasks of:

(a) Preparing the necessary steps for the establishment of the Fund, as mentioned in operative paragraph II above;

(b) Selecting a limited number of projects to be financed through voluntary contributions on an experimental basis pending the full operation of the Fund.

994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.

²¹ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 6, documents E/2961 and Add.1.

²² *Ibid.*, document E/2999.

Questions relating to technical assistance

657 (XXIV). Report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations programme of technical assistance

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report by the Secretary-General on the regular United Nations programme of technical assistance;²³

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to extend the services of the Technical Assistance Administration to Governments along the lines indicated in his report and in the statement made by the Director-General of the Technical Assistance Administration.²⁴

*993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.*

658 (XXIV). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

A

The Economic and Social Council

I

Takes note with appreciation of the ninth report submitted by the Technical Assistance Board²⁵ to the Technical Assistance Committee;

II

Considering the desirability of continuing to strive for the most effective utilization of the resources of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Considering further that requests for technical assistance currently exceed the resources available for meeting them,

Having in mind the question raised by the Technical Assistance Board with respect to the concentration of future programme development,²⁶

Noting that the accession of countries to independence normally leads to an increase in the technical assistance required by them,

Noting the desirability of maintaining in the 1958 programme the highest possible level of technical assistance to such under-developed countries as are in a crucial stage of economic development,

Noting further the provisional decision of the Technical Assistance Board to the effect that the question of expansion of technical assistance activities under the Expanded Programme in Europe should be further considered before any new programme is recommended for European countries for approval by the Technical

Assistance Committee, and that substantial increases in the existing programmes of European countries should be similarly avoided;²⁷

1. *Endorses* the efforts by the Technical Assistance Board to make the most efficient use of the resources of the Expanded Programme by giving priority to most urgent requirements;

2. *Accepts* the provisional decision of the Technical Assistance Board concerning the programme for 1958 with respect to the question of the expansion of technical assistance activities in new beneficiary countries, as a temporary measure and without prejudice to the basic principles governing the Programme.

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30 July 1957.*

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Being impressed by the evidence that the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance has proved to be increasingly useful,

Believing that all possible means of increasing the access of Governments to the technical resources of the Programme should be fully explored without impairing the efficiency of the regular and expanded programmes of technical assistance,

Considering that in addition to technical assistance provided under the regular and expanded programmes, moderate amounts of technical assistance are also being provided to Governments on a payment basis, such as funds in trust arrangements, by the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and the specialized agencies,

1. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to examine, in consultation with the participating organizations and the recipient Governments, the provision of technical assistance under the Expanded Programme on a payment basis, it being understood that such assistance would be in addition to that already provided under the regular and expanded programmes of technical assistance;

2. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to report on this matter to the Technical Assistance Committee at its summer session in 1958.

*993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.*

659 (XXIV). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance : A Forward Look

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 542 B II (XVIII) of 29 July 1954, by which it established the country programming

²⁷ See I/TAC/65.

²³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 9, document E/2966.*

²⁴ *Ibid.*, and E/TAC/L.127.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (E/2965) and document I/TAC/REP/103.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (E/2965), Introduction

procedures for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.

Recognizing also that there exists a variety of national programmes of economic development and of bilateral and multilateral programmes of economic and technical assistance,

Believing that careful co-ordination in planning as well as in implementing development programmes is essential to the most effective utilization of the available resources,

Being further convinced that it is the role of the recipient Governments to co-ordinate their economic and social development programmes,

Noting that the co-ordinating committees of several recipient Governments have established standard procedures whereby requests for assistance are accompanied by statements specifying the relationship, if any, of an Expanded Programme project to the projects in operation or planned under other programmes,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the conclusion stated by the Technical Assistance Board in its report for 1956 to the Technical Assistance Committee that "the emphasis in co-ordination shifted from the negative aspect of elimination of over-lapping or duplication of efforts, to the more positive form of enhancing the value of projects through concerted effort to ensure the best timing of each action and the most effective combination of assistance coming from different sources";²⁸

2. *Requests* the recipient Governments to continue their efforts to co-ordinate their technical assistance programmes in order to make them more effective;

3. *Recommends* that, when formulating plans and projects, recipient Governments endeavour increasingly to correlate the resources of the Expanded Programme with other programmes of economic and technical assistance in over-all integrated economic development programmes;

4. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to report to the Technical Assistance Committee, at its next summer session, on the implementation of the pertinent paragraphs of this resolution, particularly of paragraph 3 above.

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30 July 1957.*

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined with interest the report of the Technical Assistance Board entitled "Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: A Forward Look"²⁹ and having noted the observations on it submitted by Governments,³⁰

Concurring in the conclusion of that report to the effect that the needs of under-developed countries and

²⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/2965), para. 29.*

²⁹ *Ibid., Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 9, document E/2885.*

³⁰ E/TAC/64 and Add.1 to 3 and Add.2/Corr.1.

territories for technical assistance far exceed current resources,

Considering that the countries and territories participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance are now in a position effectively to make use of technical assistance on a larger scale than is at present available,

I

1. *Regrets* that the programme of operations for 1958 is to be planned on a somewhat lower level than that of 1957;

2. *Appeals* to the participating Governments to consider, in the light of their economic conditions and particular circumstances, the possibility of increasing the financial resources of the Expanded Programme;

3. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to inform the participating Governments on the financial position and outlook of the Expanded Programme;

II

1. *Believes* that the implementation of the more important projects reviewed in the report would considerably assist in accelerating the economic and social progress of under-developed countries;

2. *Recognizes*, however, that the desirable expansion of the work cannot be achieved with the present scope of the Expanded Programme but would call for substantially increased resources;

III

Requests the Technical Assistance Board and *invites* the participating Governments to suggest measures which would make it possible to implement a substantially larger programme, including some of the more important projects described in the report, for discussion by the Technical Assistance Committee at the twenty-sixth session of the Council.

*993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.*

660 (XXIV). Technical assistance to the Trust Territory of Somaliland

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the action of the United Nations concerning the achievement of independence by the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 289 A (IV) of 21 November 1949,

Recalling that in accordance with that resolution the independence of Somaliland is to become effective by 1960,

Recalling that the General Assembly in its resolution 755 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, and in particular in paragraph 2 (e) thereof, recommended to Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland that use of technical assistance facilities

provided by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to assist in economic development and in the improvement of social and educational conditions in the Territory should be encouraged.

Noting that Italy, as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, and in accordance with resolution 755 (VIII) of the General Assembly and, in particular, paragraph 2 (e) thereof, is making use of technical assistance facilities provided by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to assist in economic development and in the improvement of social and educational conditions in the Territory.

Noting the provision of Council resolution 216 (VIII) of 10 February 1949, and *desirous* fully to co-operate with the Trusteeship Council in its efforts to extend to the Trust Territory of Somaliland the help and assistance which it needs in its progress towards independence.

Requests the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies concerned and the Technical Assistance Board to continue to give sympathetic consideration to the requests made on behalf of the Trust Territory of Somaliland for technical assistance, taking into account the needs of Somaliland and the principles of the Expanded Programme of

Technical Assistance, and also to consider favourably any request from the Administering Authority that local living costs for experts in connexion with such assistance be waived.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

661 (XXIV). International Administrative Service

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the memorandum by the Secretary-General entitled "An International Administrative Service";³¹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit his proposal to States Members of the United Nations and to the specialized agencies for their comments and, on the basis and in the light of these comments and paying special attention to the demand expressed for such services by the under-developed countries, to prepare a consolidated report for consideration by the Council at its twenty-sixth session.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

Social questions

650 (XXIV). Annual Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, with the annexed reports of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee on its fourth, fifth and sixth (special) sessions,³²

Takes note of the report prepared by the High Commissioner for transmission to the twelfth regular session of the General Assembly.

989th plenary meeting,
24 July 1957.

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 727 (VIII) of 23 October 1953, decided to review, not later than at its twelfth regular session, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1958,

³¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/3017.*

³² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/3585), transmitted to the Council under documents E/3015 and Add.1 and 2.*

Noting that the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee, in paragraph 79 of the report on its fifth session,³³ unanimously decided to recommend that the Office of the High Commissioner be continued for a further period beyond 31 December 1958,

Recognizing that the need for international action on behalf of refugees will persist after that date,

Appreciating the valuable work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner in this regard,

1. *Considers* that the Office of the High Commissioner should be continued for a period of five years from 1 January 1959;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly review, not later than at its seventeenth regular session, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner, with a view to determining whether the Office should be further continued.

989th plenary meeting,
24 July 1957.

C

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the value of the United Nations Refugee Fund programme in achieving solutions for the problems of refugees,

³³ *Ibid.*, annex II, transmitted to the Council under document E/3015/Add.1

Noting the progress achieved in the implementation of the programme,

Recognizing the importance of achieving permanent solutions for the refugees in camps as quickly as possible,

Considering that the closure of the refugee camps will be practicable only to the extent that adequate funds are made available,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee on its sixth session (special) and in particular resolution No. 6³⁴ adopted at that session,

1. *Endorses* the request made to the High Commissioner in that resolution to the effect that he should intensify his programme to the fullest extent possible in order to achieve permanent solutions for the maximum number of refugees remaining in camps, without losing sight of the need to continue to seek solutions for the problems of refugees outside camps;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly authorize the High Commissioner to make an appeal to States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies for the purpose of raising funds needed for closing the refugee camps.

989th plenary meeting,
24 July 1957.

663 (XXIV). World social situation

A

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMISSION (ELEVENTH SESSION)

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Social Commission (eleventh session);³⁵

2. *Approves* the work programme of the Social Commission for the period 1957-1959.

994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.

B

MAINTENANCE OF FAMILY LEVELS OF LIVING: SOCIAL POLICY RELATING TO SOCIAL INSURANCE, SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND RELATED SOCIAL SERVICES

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Expresses appreciation and general approval* of the important work done by the Working Group of Experts and *considers* that its report³⁶ should be the basis of continuing research and studies for positive action by Governments, the United Nations, and the International Labour Organisation, with the assistance of the other specialized agencies and appropriate non-governmental organizations, with the object of encouraging and helping

³⁴ *Ibid.*, annex III, appendix, transmitted to the Council under document E/3015/Add.2.

³⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3008).*

³⁶ E/CN.5/321, appendix I.

Governments in the development of a co-ordinated social policy;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General and *invites* the International Labour Organisation and other specialized agencies to include in their programmes provision for:

(a) Further joint study of the ways and means gradually to achieve, in the countries now entering upon a more rapid economic and social development, a comprehensive system of social security and related social services, taking into account the variety of national problems and resources;

(b) Continuing study of the co-operative arrangements required by intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies to assist countries in achieving co-ordinated social policy;

3. *Requests* the regional economic commissions to consider the economic implications of the report within their respective regions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report, his observations and those of the Social Commission, the International Labour Organisation, and the other specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations, to Governments and to appropriate non-governmental organizations for comment, and to prepare an analysis of the replies received in a report to the Social Commission at its twelfth session, so that the Commission may be able to present its recommendations to the Council at its twenty-eighth session.

994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.

C

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS

I

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Approves* the *Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners* adopted by the First United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;³⁷

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments to those *Rules and recommends*:

(a) That favourable consideration be given to their adoption and application in the administration of penal and correctional institutions;

(b) That the Secretary-General be informed every five years of the progress made with regard to their application;

(c) That Governments arrange for the widest possible publicity to be given to the *Rules*, not only among governmental services concerned but also among non-governmental organizations interested in social defence;

³⁷ A/CONF/6/1, annex I, A. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.IV.4.

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the publication, as appropriate, of the information received in pursuance of sub-paragraph 2 (b) above and to ask for supplementary information if necessary.

994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.

II

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Endorses* the recommendations on the selection and training of personnel for penal and correctional institutions, on open penal and correctional institutions, and on general principles of prison labour, adopted by the first United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;³⁸

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments to those recommendations, and *recommends* that they take them as fully as possible into account in their administration of penal and correctional institutions and when considering legislative and administrative reforms;

3. *Invites* Governments to give the widest publicity to these recommendations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the periodical collection and publication, as appropriate, of information on :

(a) The selection and training of personnel for penal and correctional institutions;

(b) Open penal and correctional institutions.

994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.

D

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: REPORT ON CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON FURTHER PRACTICAL MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 1042 (XI) of 21 February 1957 on community development, the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Concepts and principles of community development and recommendations on further practical measures to be taken by international organizations",³⁹ the views of different Governments as summarized in that report and the discussion that took place in the Social Commission at its eleventh session,⁴⁰

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the growing understanding of the basic principles of community development, and the increasing recognition of the community development movement in its different forms as an essential instrument of national and international action, particularly in the under-developed regions, for promoting economic and social progress;

³⁸ A/CONF/6/1, annex I, B, C and D. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.IV.4.

³⁹ E/CN.5/325 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

⁴⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3008)*, chap. VI, paras. 74 to 88.

2. *Commends to the attention* of all Governments and international organizations the latest formulation of the essential character and requirements of the principles and techniques of the community development process embodied in the twentieth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the Council⁴¹ and incorporated in the report of the Secretary-General;⁴²

3. *Recognizes* that assistance by international organizations to Governments in the field of community development should be organized on a long-term basis, and endorses the proposals contained in the Secretary-General's report to this end;

4. *Recommends* to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, so far as may be practicable, the following steps for improving community development and for strengthening international action for that purpose :

(a) The co-ordinated operation, with special emphasis on their bearing upon community development plans in each country, of the relevant parts of the programmes of the specialized agencies and of the organizations functioning under the guidance of the United Nations, such as the United Nations Children's Fund and other bodies responsible for measures of relief and rehabilitation;

(b) More effective co-ordination, at the country level, of the international agencies assisting Governments in general or particular aspects of their community development programmes, taking into account for this purpose the activities under bilateral assistance programmes and the activities of non-governmental organizations;

(c) Further study of the essential elements of the community development process and of the prerequisites of a well balanced community development programme, particularly with regard to the training and supervision of personnel;

(d) Further exploration of the possibilities of extending the application of the principles and programmes of community development to urban areas;

(e) Initiation and assistance in the organization of conferences, seminars, workshops and study tours at the international, regional and national levels, for the promotion of better understanding of community development processes and techniques, both in their general and technical aspects, as well as for the establishment and improvement of training facilities for all personnel, both paid and voluntary, concerned with the planning and execution of community development programmes;

(f) Initiation and assistance of programmes of research and publication on particular aspects of community development, as suggested in paragraph 5 of Council resolution 585 C (XX) of 23 July 1955 and in the work programme of the Social Commission for 1957-1959,⁴³ taking into account the resources of international, regional

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/2931.

⁴² E/CN.5/325.

⁴³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3008)*.

and national bodies that are available at the present time and utilizing these to the maximum extent for this purpose;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, to prepare for the next session of the Social Commission and for the next session thereafter of the Council, a report on the progress of all significant measures in the field of community development, the report to include recommendations for further action as necessary.

*994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.*

E

ORGANIZATION OF REPORTS ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to publish, at least four months in advance of each session of the Social Commission, a report under the heading "World social situation", and specifically:

(a) To prepare, for the Commission at its twelfth session and for the Council at its twenty-eighth session (1959), a survey of programmes of social development, and to circulate a questionnaire to Governments and to appropriate non-governmental organizations as one means of obtaining information for this report;

(b) To prepare, for the Social Commission at its thirteenth session and for the Council at its thirty-second session (1961), a report including, in part I, a brief survey of major trends in the social situation and, in part II, a study of balanced economic and social development;

(c) To prepare, for the Social Commission at its fourteenth session and for the Council at its thirty-sixth session (1963), a report on the world social situation including a comprehensive review of changes in levels of living throughout the world and analyses of such special problems as the situation demands;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the specialized agencies, to explore ways and means of improving the quality of the data available for analysis of the world social situation and, in this connexion:

(a) To establish contacts, through the Governments concerned, with centres engaged in research on social problems of economically under-developed areas, and, through technical assistance and other means, to assist Governments in strengthening research on problems of social policy;

(b) To study the major gaps in the information needed for an evaluation of the world social situation, and the most effective action to improve knowledge in this field;

(c) To undertake a review of the scope and organization of the report on the world social situation, the major types of data and analyses that should be included in successive reports and the possibility of issuing future

reports on the world social situation at more frequent intervals, and to present recommendations to the Social Commission at its thirteenth session;

3. *Invites* the co-operation of the specialized agencies concerned in these efforts.

*994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.*

F

SOCIAL DEFENCE

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered resolution E adopted by the Social Commission at its eleventh session, concerning implementation of the work programme of the United Nations in the field of social defence,⁴⁴

Approves the action called for in that resolution.

*994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.*

G

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the part of the report of the Social Commission concerning its work programme for 1957-1959,⁴⁵

Having noted also the views expressed during the eleventh session of the Social Commission that the "Report on a Co-ordinated Policy regarding Family Levels of Living"⁴⁶ needed to be followed by more detailed examination of the relationship of social services to other services and measures aimed at improving the family levels of living.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene, as early as practicable, a group of experts highly qualified in the field of social services and representative of countries at varying stages of economic development, to advise on:

(a) The scope and contents of national social service programmes and the establishment of priorities in the implementation of such programmes, taking into account economic, cultural and other variations;

(b) The specific contribution of social services, particularly family and child welfare services, to programmes relating to community development, urbanization and the improvement of family levels of living;

2. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned to co-operate in the work of the group of experts in items of special interest to them;

3. *Calls upon* the Social Commission to examine the report of the group of experts, together with the comments of the Secretary-General, in connexion with consideration of the work programme of the United Nations in the social field.

*994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.*

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, annex III, resolution E.

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, chap. VII and annex II.

⁴⁶ E/CN.5/321, appendix I.

H

REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION

The Economic and Social Council,

*Having examined the Report on the World Social Situation,*⁴⁷

1. *Endorses* the opinion of the Social Commission regarding the importance and value of the reports on the world social situation;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned on the high quality of the present report;

3. *Expresses its gratification* with the social progress noted in the present report;

4. *Expresses concern* over the uneven development in various sectors within countries as well as between different countries;

5. *Considers of special importance* the problems of balance among the factors of development, having regard especially to the interaction between developments in the economic and in the social fields;

6. *Attaches special importance also* to the question of urbanization and *urges* the Secretary-General and *invites* the specialized agencies concerned to continue their work in this field, looking towards the evolution of integrated policies in the field of urbanization to be developed with due regard to both rural and urban aspects of the problem.

*994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.*

I

DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN SPECIALISTS IN SOCIAL MATTERS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the *Report on the World Social Situation*⁴⁸ contains useful information on the exchange of experience between States in the matter of raising and improving the social conditions of broad sectors of the population in many countries of the world;

Considering that international co-operation and personal contacts in the social field will facilitate the development of mutual understanding between peoples;

Recommends that Governments extend international co-operation in the social field and, in particular, promote and encourage the development of personal contacts and the exchange of experience among experts in the social field.

*994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.*

⁴⁷ E/CN.5/324/Rev.1. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1957.IV.3.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*

667 (XXIV). International control of narcotic drugs

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (TWELFTH SESSION)

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (twelfth session).⁴⁹

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

B

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Permanent Central Opium Board on the work of the Board in 1956.⁵⁰

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

C

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON OPIUM

The Economic and Social Council

Requests the Secretary-General to increase the staff and facilities of the United Nations Laboratory so as to permit an increased number of analyses of opium samples to be carried out and research on methods of determining the geographical origin of opium by physical and chemical means to be expedited.

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

D

THE QUESTION OF KHAT

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted that the habitual chewing of the leaves of khat (*catha edulis*) has become widespread in several countries,

Recognizing that this habit gives rise to a grave social problem in the countries affected,

Invites the World Health Organization to study the medical aspects of the problem and to report thereon to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/3010 and Add.1).*

⁵⁰ E/OB/12 and Add., United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.XI.4 and Addendum.

E

DRAFT SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its twelfth session concerning the progress made in codifying the international instruments on narcotic drugs,⁵¹

Recalling resolution 626 F (XXII) of 2 August 1956, in which it requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to devote the maximum time at its twelfth session to the completion of a draft single convention on narcotic drugs,

Commending the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for the progress made in this connexion,

1. *Reiterates* its desire to see the draft single convention completed in as short a time as possible;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to give priority to this work;

3. *Authorizes* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to sit for an additional week at its thirteenth session for this purpose.

995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.

F

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIA AND MOROCCO

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 626 D (XXII) of 2 August 1956, by which it invited Governments to consider the possibility of applying, under existing arrangements concerned with technical assistance, for the advisory services of experts, fellowships and scholarships, and seminars, in the field of narcotics control;

Recalling also that under the terms of that resolution the United Nations and the specialized agencies were recommended to give due consideration to any requests which the countries concerned might make for technical assistance in developing appropriate administrative, social or economic measures in order to deal effectively with problems raised by the illicit production of, or traffic in, narcotic drugs or by drug addiction,

Noting that, at the twelfth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the representative of India⁵² drew attention to this country's need for technical assistance on matters connected with the treatment of addicts and also in eradicating the wild growth of cannabis plants, and that the observer of Morocco⁵³ referred to his country's need for help in carrying out its plan to substitute other crops for the cannabis crop in northern Morocco, and also in the treatment of addicts using cannabis,

⁵¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/3010 and Add.1), chap. XII.*

⁵² *Ibid.*, para. 424.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, para. 426.

1. *Draws attention* to the importance of the measures being taken, and to be taken, in India and Morocco to deal with the problem of cannabis;

2. *Invites* the technical assistance authorities of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies to give due consideration to any requests for assistance, within the framework of the existing administrative and financial arrangements, which they may receive from the Governments of those countries in this connexion.

995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.

G

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IRAN

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that, in its resolution 626 E (XXII) of 2 August 1956 concerning technical assistance to Iran, it affirmed that "Iran is an important opium-producing country and, in order to ensure the execution of the law banning cultivation of the opium poppy, requires increased technical assistance in enabling its cultivators to introduce other agricultural crops to replace opium poppy plantation and also in respect of the treatment of addicts",

Recalling that at its twelfth session the Commission on Narcotic Drugs expressed its appreciation of the considerable progress that had been made in Iran in this regard,⁵⁴

Further considering the importance of the subject and the need for the continuance of technical assistance to Iran by the United Nations and its specialized agencies,

1. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations concerned to continue to give due consideration to requests by the Government of Iran for technical assistance in this field;

2. *Requests further* that the Secretary-General, after consultation with the participating organizations concerned, report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and to the Council on the extent to which it has been possible to meet the request of Iran for technical assistance in this regard.

995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.

H

QUESTION OF INVITING THE AUTHORITIES ENTITLED TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE DRUG SUPERVISORY BODY TO APPOINT PERSONS WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its discussion at its sixth session,⁵⁵ the resolution adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its third session,⁵⁶ and the statement contained in the report of the Permanent Central Opium Board

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, para. 423.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, 151st meeting.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/799), section 19.

on the work of the Board in 1956,⁵⁷ relating to the question of close liaison and the possibility of a personal union between the Permanent Central Opium Board and the Drug Supervisory Body,

Taking note with satisfaction of the results already achieved in these respects,

Taking note also with satisfaction of the willingness of the World Health Organization to co-operate in further steps in this regard,

Having regard to the interlocking character of the functions of the two bodies, and to the provisions contained in the second draft⁵⁸ of the single convention on narcotic drugs for the replacement of the two bodies by a single organ,

Recalling also its resolutions 590 A I (XX) of 5 August 1955, and 630 A I (XXII) of 9 August 1956, and the de-

sirability of further streamlining the work of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields,

1. *Expresses its agreement* with the desirability of ensuring to the greatest possible extent close liaison and a personal union between the two bodies, pending the establishment and coming into effect of a single convention;

2. *Invites* the World Health Organization, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and the Permanent Central Opium Board, in the furtherance of these objects, to consider appointing to the Drug Supervisory Body, for a five-year period corresponding to the term of office of members of the Board provided for in the 1925 Convention, persons who are members of the Board.

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

Questions relating to human rights

651 (XXIV). Human rights

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (THIRTEENTH SESSION)

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights (thirteenth session).⁵⁹

*989th plenary meeting,
24 July 1957.*

B

OBSERVANCE OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 624 C (XXII) of 1 August 1956, in which it noted the resolution of the Commission on Human Rights⁶⁰ on plans for the widest possible celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and invited the collaboration in that undertaking of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 423 (V) of 4 December 1950 inviting all States to adopt 10 Decem-

ber of each year as Human Rights Day and to celebrate on that day the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly on 10 December 1948, to exert increasing efforts in that field of human progress, and to report annually through the Secretary-General concerning the observance of Human Rights Day,

Recognizing the significance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in promoting an understanding of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Deeply convinced that devotion to the lofty principles set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights would be manifested in the best way by further concrete steps with a view to the protection of human rights and especially by completion of work on the draft International Covenants on Human Rights, including the measures of implementation,

1. *Urges* all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to join in observing the tenth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which will fall on 10 December 1958, making such use as they may consider appropriate of the plans annexed to the present resolution, and *invites* them to include information on the observance of this anniversary in the report which they submit regularly under General Assembly resolution 423 (V);

2. *Recommends* all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to consider the desirability of setting up national committees for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the present resolution;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies to co-operate in the observance of this anniversary, taking into account

⁵⁷ E/OB/12, page 5. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.XI.4.

⁵⁸ E/CN.7/AC.3/7 and Corr.1.

⁵⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/2970).*

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/2844), para. 113.*

the plans annexed to the present resolution, with a view to strengthening support for their objectives through wider understanding of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the relation of the Declaration to their programmes and activities;

4. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status to promote the observance of this anniversary in co-operation with their national and local affiliates;

5. *Expresses the hope* that regional intergovernmental organizations concerned will also join in the observance;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with a committee consisting of representatives of Chile, France, Egypt, Pakistan, the Philippines and Sweden, and in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the executive heads of the other specialized agencies, to make the necessary arrangements to give effect to the recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights;

7. *Expresses the desire* that the General Assembly should take appropriate measures in order that the decision contained in its resolution 1041 (XI) of 20 February 1957, concerning the completion of the work on the draft International Covenants on Human Rights, including measures of implementation, may be carried out by 10 December 1958, as the most fitting homage to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

8. *Appeals* to all States Members of the United Nations to co-operate closely to this end.

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Annex

PLANS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT ITS THIRTEENTH SESSION ⁶¹

" I. General

" The Commission judged that two main considerations should be borne in mind in planning the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

" (a) The celebration should demonstrate to the world the great step which the adoption of the Declaration on 10 December 1948 represents, and its unique character as an international document. It would therefore be fitting that the celebration should, wherever possible, serve as a vivid illustration of the work accomplished by the United Nations in defining the rights proclaimed and ensuring respect for them. At the same time, in order to stimulate greater efforts in the field of human rights, the celebration should emphasize the considerable amount of work which yet remains to be done, in particular the importance of the adoption and ratification of the draft covenants on civil and political rights and on economic, social and cultural rights;

" (b) The celebration should also afford an opportunity for making better known the rights and freedoms set forth in the

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/2970), para. 107.

Declaration, for awakening renewed interest in, and greater understanding of, these rights and freedoms, and thus encouraging increasing respect for them.

" II. Recommendations

" The recommendations submitted by the Commission are as follows:

" A. Distribution of the text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

" The Commission considers that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights should be widely disseminated, studied and discussed. To this end the Commission recommends that the Secretary-General, with the co-operation of Governments, non-governmental organizations, schools, and local authorities, initiate a new worldwide distribution of the text of the Declaration in 1958 in as many languages as possible and presented in an attractive manner. The Commission hopes that a copy of the Declaration may be made available to the greatest possible number of people in a language they can understand

" B. Publications on human rights

" The Commission considers that as many publications on human rights as possible should be issued during 1958. These should include books, pamphlets, periodicals and special articles. The co-operation of writers, publishers and non-governmental organizations will be most welcome in this respect.

" The Commission recommends that all specialized agencies should be invited to introduce, in their public information activities in 1957 and 1958, the theme of human rights, particularly when this is appropriate to the work of the agency.

" The Commission considers it important that the work of the United Nations in the field of human rights should be given publicity in 1958. It recommends that the Secretary-General should prepare a commentary on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, giving its legislative history. Popular essays based on this commentary, and explaining the Declaration to the general public, would also be desirable. The Commission recommends that the Secretary-General issue a new pamphlet on the impact of the Declaration. The work of the Commission on Human Rights and its Sub-commission, and the work of the Commission on the Status of Women, should also be included in publications issued.

" C. Conference of non-governmental organizations on human rights

" The Commission recommends that non-governmental organizations emphasize human rights at their annual conferences in 1958.

" The Commission suggests also that non-governmental organizations, individually or in groups, should draw up and adopt resolutions reaffirming their support for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

" D. Other conferences and meetings on human rights

" The Commission recommends that Governments encourage national organizations and institutions to hold national, and, whenever possible, regional, conferences and other meetings on human rights in 1958. The organization of these conferences should be left to the initiative of leading civic or social organizations, but the Commission believes that the conferences should be on a large scale and the representatives drawn from as many different walks of life as possible.

" The Commission also recommends that as many societies and other local groups as possible should hold meetings and discussions on human rights during the year.

" E. Studies of human rights subjects

The Commission recommends that schools and universities, wherever possible, should incorporate special studies on human rights in their curricula for 1958.

" The Commission suggests that in the schools, the meaning of the Articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights might be taught against the background of the national history of the country concerned and of the country's own efforts in promoting the rights and freedoms which the Declaration proclaims.

" The Committee suggests that universities in various parts of the world should hold seminars on human rights, or meetings timed to coincide with the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

" F. Honours and awards

" The Commission suggests that Governments, universities and other institutions might offer special honours or awards in 1958 to persons who have distinguished themselves by their work or studies on human rights.

" G. Art competitions

" The Commission submits the following suggestions :

" 1. That national competitions in literature, music and the plastic arts might be held. Artists, in whatever forms of art may be most representative of the particular national genius, might well be attracted by the idea of producing a work on the theme of human rights and submitting it to a jury.

" 2. That an international competition in children's art might be arranged by the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Children of all countries might be asked to make drawings and paintings illustrating one or more of the rights in the Declaration, which they themselves would choose. Their contributions would first be judged by a national committee. The contributions then submitted should be limited in number and of identical size. The number of awards to be made will have to be decided, but they would be offered by an international jury and the drawings and paintings selected would be exhibited at the United Nations;

" 3. That similar national competitions might be held in which children would write essays or short stories with human rights as their theme.

" H. Radio, television and film programmes

" The Commission recommends that the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, promote national and international radio, television and film programmes in honour of the tenth anniversary, and that he explore the possibility of arranging an international radio link-up in which outstanding personalities, who have been concerned with human rights at the national or international level, would participate.

" The Commission suggests that the possibility be explored of special awards being made for films connected with human rights at the international film festivals. Similarly, a special television award might be offered for a Human Rights Day programme in 1958.

" I. Human rights stamps

" The Commission recommends that every Government issue national human rights stamps, first-day covers, or special cancellations on 10 December 1958.

" The Commission also recommends that United Nations human rights stamps, first-day covers, and special cancellations honouring the tenth anniversary, should be issued.

" J. Greeting cards of the United Nations Children's Fund

" The Commission suggests that UNICEF greeting cards might illustrate human rights in 1958. It notes that UNICEF has agreed to a request that it study the possibility of using one or more of the children's drawings or paintings which win the international competition (see G (2) above) on the greeting cards which will be issued in 1959 or 1960.

" K. Observances of Human Rights Day 1958

" The Commission considers it important that the widest possible national and international observances of Human Rights Day in 1958 should be held.

" The Commission recommends that all Governments should make arrangements to hold celebrations on 10 December 1958 in their capitals and principal cities.

" The Commission suggests that parliaments of Member States might hold solemn sessions on 10 December 1958 to celebrate the anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

" The Commission suggests also that Heads of State or of Governments might, on that day, address special messages to the nation, calling, where appropriate, on government agencies and services, and public and private organizations and enterprises, to make new efforts to achieve fuller enjoyment of the rights and freedoms recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

" The Commission recommends that the Secretary-General organize an appropriate ceremony at United Nations Headquarters on 10 December 1958. As the General Assembly will be in session on that date, a special plenary meeting might be held at which the General Assembly would reaffirm its faith in, and pledge its renewed support for, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in a resolution.

" The Commission recommends also that the Secretary-General organize appropriate observances at the European and other Offices of the United Nations.

" The Commission recommends further that the executive heads of the specialized agencies be asked to organize observances of 10 December 1958 at their respective headquarters. The Commission notes that the eleventh General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will probably be in session on 10 December 1958; arrangements for special sessions of that body might also be made."

C

ADVISORY SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS :
APPLICATION TO THE PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION
AND THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 926(X) of 14 December 1955 on advisory services in the field of human rights,

Recalling also resolution F adopted by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its eighth session⁶² and the resolution adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its twelfth session,⁶³ on the same subject,

Recalling also its resolution 605 (XXI) of 3 May 1956 on this subject,

1. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the important role which the exchange of views and information by means of seminars can play in combating discrimination;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, on the basis of requests received from Governments, to consider the

⁶² I/CN.4/721, para. 173

⁶³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/2844), para. 87.*

advisability of convening working parties with a view to planning and organizing such seminars;

3. *Expresses the hope* that all Governments will cooperate in achieving the purpose of the present resolution.

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D

PROPOSED SECOND CONFERENCE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN THE ERADICATION OF PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the resolution of the Commission on Human Rights regarding the convening of a second conference of non-governmental organizations interested in the eradication of prejudice and discrimination,⁶⁴

Having been informed, however, that the Seventh General Conference of Consultative Non-Governmental Organizations at its 1957 session recommended that such a conference be called,

Noting that the Conference decided to instruct its Bureau to negotiate with the appropriate organ of the United Nations on such procedural matters as the agenda, facilities, working methods, date and duration of such a conference,

Bearing in mind the desirability of convening such a conference as soon as possible.

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To consult non-governmental organizations in consultative status concerned, especially those in Africa, Asia and Latin America, the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities, and the Commission on Human Rights regarding the convening of a second conference of non-governmental organizations interested in the eradication of prejudice and discrimination;

(b) To report to the Council at its twenty-sixth session on these consultations and, in the light of them and having regard to the views expressed in the Council,⁶⁵ to make appropriate recommendations.

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E

DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the resolution on the draft Declaration on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirteenth session,⁶⁶

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/2970), para. 145.

⁶⁵ E/AC.7/SR.362 and 363.

⁶⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/2970), para. 116.*

Noting the Commission's request for comments from Governments on the draft Declaration,⁶⁷ on various observations and statements presented to the Commission⁶⁸ and on records of discussions held at the eleventh session of the Council,⁶⁹ and its request to the Secretary-General to circulate those comments to the members of the Commission by 31 December 1957,

1. *Considers* that the purposes of the Commission would be fully served if Governments were given more time to prepare their comments;

2. *Resolves* that the comments of Governments on the draft Declaration, the observations, statements, and records of discussions, referred to in the above-mentioned resolution may be transmitted until 1 December 1958 in order that the Secretary-General may circulate them to the members of the Commission by 31 December 1958 for consideration by the Commission at its next session thereafter.

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24 July 1957.

F

RIGHT OF ASYLUM

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the resolution on the right of asylum adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirteenth session,⁷⁰

Noting the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to communicate the preliminary draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum submitted by France,⁷¹ the proposed amendments thereto,⁷² the memoranda by the Secretary-General,⁷³ and the summary records of the Commission's discussions,⁷⁴ to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, with the request that they send him their comments thereon by 31 December 1957,

1. *Considers* that the purpose of the Commission would be fully served if Governments were given more time to prepare their comments;

2. *Resolves* that the governmental comments and those of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees referred to above may be transmitted to the Secretary-General until 31 December 1958 with a view to their consideration by the Human Rights Commission at its next session thereafter.

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⁶⁷ E/CN.4/512.

⁶⁸ See E/CN.4/SR.555 to 558 and E/CN.4/NGO/70/Corr.1 and 2 and E/CN.4/NGO/71 to 74.

⁶⁹ See E/AC.7/SR.125 to 128.

⁷⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/2970), para. 214.*

⁷¹ E/CN.4/L.454/Rev.1.

⁷² E/CN.4/L.459.

⁷³ E/CN.4/713 and 738.

⁷⁴ E/CN.4/SR.564 and 572 to 575.

G

STUDY ON DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the resolution adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirteenth session,⁷⁵ concerning proposals submitted by the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities relating to the study on discrimination in education prepared by the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission,⁷⁶

Considering that in submitting these proposals the Sub-Commission has completed its consideration of this study,

Considering further that, as the Sub-Commission's proposals have been referred to Governments for comments and suggestions before 1 December 1957 and as the Sub-Commission ordinarily meets very early in the year, there is little time for these comments and suggestions to be circulated and considered by the Sub-Commission at its next session,

Requests the Secretary-General to submit the comments and suggestions of Governments direct to the Commission on Human Rights for consideration by the Commission at its fourteenth session.

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24 July 1957.*

H

PLACE OF MEETING OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the resolution contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights (thirteenth session),⁷⁷

Decides that the fourteenth session of the Commission on Human Rights shall be held at Paris to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in that city on 10 December 1948.

*996th plenary meeting,
2 August 1957.*

652 (XXIV). Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (eleventh session)

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women (eleventh session).⁷⁸

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24 July 1957.*

⁷⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/2970)*, para. 189, resolution VIII B.

⁷⁶ E/CN.4/Sub.2/181 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

⁷⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/2970)*, para. 244.

⁷⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (E/2968).

B

POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the importance of recognizing political rights of women,

Believing it important to increase the participation of women in public life,

Observing the significant role of non-governmental organizations in furthering the political rights of women,

Recalling its resolutions 504 E (XVI) of 23 July 1953 and 547 B (XVIII) of 12 July 1954, in which it appealed to States Members of the United Nations, and recommended to non-member States which had been so invited by the General Assembly, to sign, ratify or accede to the Convention on the Political Rights of Women,⁷⁹

1. *Recommends* all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies which have not yet done so to recognize the political rights of women;

2. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to continue their activities in support of political rights for women, and to apply their efforts towards increasing public support in the various countries for the signature and ratification of, or accession to, the Convention on the Political Rights of Women;

3. *Recommends* those States which have been invited to sign and ratify or accede to the Convention on the Political Rights of Women and which have not already done so, to sign and ratify or accede to this Convention.

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24 July 1957.*

C

ACCESS OF WOMEN TO EDUCATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that it appears from the analytical summary of information on discrimination in education based on sex prepared by the Secretary-General⁸⁰ and from the documents prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization⁸¹ for the eleventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women that, in parts of the world where the general development of education has not reached an advanced stage, illiteracy is particularly widespread among women and school attendance by girls falls considerably below that by boys,

Recalling its resolutions 547 K (XVIII) of 12 July 1954 and 587 G (XX) of 3 August 1955 in which it recognized that, in such areas, special measures were needed to encourage increased school attendance by girls and

⁷⁹ General Assembly resolution 640 (VII) of 20 December 1952, annex.

⁸⁰ E/CN.6/287.

⁸¹ E/CN.6/291 and 301.

also to provide more extensive opportunities for fundamental education of women, and recommended that Governments take legislative and other measures to improve the position of women in the field of education,

Considering that in its resolution 547 K (XVIII) it recommended, *inter alia*, that Governments take the necessary measures to institute free and compulsory primary education,

Considering that many States are prepared to proceed, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, with a programme directly benefiting women and facilitating their access to education and to all levels of the teaching profession without discrimination,

1. *Recommends* that States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies should in their programmes of educational advancement:

(a) Make provision for equal participation in fundamental education programmes by all who have not received primary education, and for an intensified campaign against illiteracy among the female population of areas where the general development of education is not advanced;

(b) Make the necessary provision for increased attendance by girls at primary schools by:

(i) Instituting or extending universal, free and compulsory primary education for all;

(ii) Providing a sufficient number of schools, teachers and general education facilities;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its studies concerning the access of women to education and, in particular:

(a) To prepare a report on the access of women to higher education, containing a chapter on the distribution, among students of both sexes, of scholarships and other material aids to higher education;

(b) To bring up to date for the twelfth session of the Commission on the Status of Women statistical data contained in its report on the access of women to secondary education which was prepared for the ninth session;⁸²

(c) To supplement, for the Commission at its thirteenth session, the documentation relating to the access of women to the teaching profession.

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24 July 1957.*

D

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the implementation by legislation, collective bargaining or other measures, of the principle of equal remuneration for workers of both sexes is of primary importance in securing respect for women's rights in the economic field,

⁸² E/CN.6/266.

Considering that non-governmental organizations expressing the wishes of millions of women have repeatedly called for constructive action in this field, in international conferences as well as in meetings at the national and local levels,

1. *Urges* all Member States of the United Nations to expedite the signing and ratification of the International Labour Convention (No.100) on Equal Remuneration for Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value, or otherwise to carry out their responsibilities with respect to the Convention;

2. *Recommends* that Governments of Member States implement the principle of equal pay for men and women for equal work, by legislation, by collective bargaining or by other measures;

3. *Invites* the International Labour Office to continue to provide current information to the Commission on the results of the efforts undertaken by Member States to eliminate wage discrimination against women and to ensure the practical application of the principle of equal pay for equal work.

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24 July 1957.*

E

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Decides* to undertake a global study of the access of women to training and employment in the principal professional and technical fields;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as a first step in this study, to collect information and prepare, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, a report on the availability of opportunities for women as jurists, architects and engineers, and to that end:

(a) To circulate, to States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and to non-governmental organizations in consultative status, the questionnaire annexed to the present resolution, together with a list of the above-mentioned professional and technical occupations as they are described and defined in the International Classification of Occupations for Migration and Employment Placement (Volume I) published by the International Labour Office, June 1952;

(b) To invite such States and non-governmental organizations to transmit their replies to the Secretary-General, if possible before 1 September 1958, or, if such information has already been transmitted to the United Nations or to a specialized agency, to give a precise reference to the information previously furnished;

(c) To prepare, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, a report on this subject for the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirteenth session, on the basis of information received from Member States, specialized agencies, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

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Annex

QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTE: The International Classification of Occupations for Migration and Employment Placement (Volume I), published by the International Labour Office, June 1952, should be used as a general guide in replying to the following questions. The relevant extracts are given below.

I. *Legal profession*

1. State whether women have access to positions in this profession at all levels on equal terms with men:

(i) in law — state restrictions, if any, in
recruitment and appointments;
salaries at all levels;
advancement.

(ii) in fact — differences in attitude, if any, in
recruitment and appointments;
salaries at all levels;
advancement.

— statistics showing proportion of men and women in the profession, and effect of marital and/or maternal status.

2. State whether women have access to training on equal terms with men

(i) in law — state restrictions, if any.

(ii) in fact — differences in attitude, if any, in vocational guidance.

— statistics
number of schools open to women;
enrolment.

II. *Architecture*

Answer the same questions as in I above.

III. *Engineering*

Answer the same questions as in I above.

F

CONVENTION ON THE NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Convention on the Nationality of Married Women, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 1040 (XI) of 29 January 1957, was opened on 20 February 1957 for signature and ratification, or accession, to States Members of the United Nations and any other State which is or hereafter becomes a member of any specialized agency of the United Nations, or which is or hereafter becomes a Party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice,

1. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations which have not yet done so to sign and ratify, or accede to, the Convention on the Nationality of Married Women;

2. *Recommends* that States members of the specialized agencies and States Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice which have not yet done so sign and ratify, or accede to, the Convention.

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24 July 1957.*

G

STATUS OF WOMEN IN PRIVATE LAW

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 843 (IX) of 17 December 1954,

Observing that the time is appropriate for the introduction of a system of compulsory registration of marriage as a significant safeguard in achieving the free and full consent of intending spouses to marriage, and *considering* that such registration should also relate to divorce,

Recommends to States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies that they encourage a system whereby prospective spouses in a marriage themselves express their consent freely in the presence of a competent civil or religious authority, and whereby there is compulsory registration of marriage, and *further* that they encourage a system of compulsory registration of divorce.

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24 July 1957.*

H

TAX LEGISLATION APPLICABLE TO WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the importance of having the Commission on the Status of Women study tax legislation applicable to women,

Noting further the insufficiency of available information on this subject,

Requests the Secretary-General:

1. To invite Governments of States Members of the United Nations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to provide precise information on tax legislation applicable to women and especially to married women employed gainfully;

2. To prepare for the Commission at its thirteenth session a report on this subject, on the basis of information made available by governments of States Members of the United Nations and of additional information supplied by non-governmental organizations in consultative status.

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I

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES AND INCREASED PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered resolution 2 (XI) adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its eleventh session,⁸³

⁸³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/2968), para. 62.*

Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission on the Status of Women the records of the discussion of this resolution at the twenty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council,⁸⁴ in order that the Commission may give further consideration to it at its twelfth session in the light of the discussion in the Council.

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J

PERIODICITY OF THE SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Co-ordination Committee⁸⁵ that the Council establish the principle

that the Commission on the Status of Women should in future meet biennially,

Recalling that, by its resolution 445 I (XIV) of 26 May 1952, the Council resolved to continue to convene the Commission for one session every year,

1. *Draws* the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women to the recommendation of the Co-ordination Committee;

2. *Invites* the Commission to express its views on this recommendation;

3. *Decides* not to modify for the present the periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

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Other questions

664 (XXIV). Concentration of activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the reports of the specialized agencies presented to the Council,⁸⁶ and in particular

⁸⁴ See E/AC.7/SR.365 and 367.

⁸⁵ See Council resolution 664 (XXIV) of 1 August 1957, annex, para. 3 (e).

⁸⁶ International Labour Organisation, *Activities of the ILO 1956-1957: Report of the Director-General (Part II) to the Fortieth Session of the International Labour Conference: Eleventh Report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations*, Geneva, 1957: (E/2975) (see in particular appendix II). Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its Twenty-fourth Session*: (E/2973) (see in particular paras. 1 to 10); *Report of the Council of FAO, Twenty-fourth Session, 18-19 June 1956, Twenty-fifth Session, 3-19 September 1956, Rome*: (E/2973/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1); *The World Food and Agricultural Situation and its Implications for the Work of the Organization*: (E/2973/Add.2). United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Report to the United Nations 1956-1957*: (E/2974 and Add.1) (see in particular paras. 16 to 19). World Health Organization, *The Work of WHO in 1956, Annual Report of the Director-General to the World Health Assembly and to the United Nations: Official Records of the World Health Organization No. 75*, Geneva, March 1957: (E/2980) and *Supplementary Report to the Economic and Social Council*, June 1957: (E/2980/Add.1) (see in particular paras. 47 to 52). International Civil Aviation Organization, *Annual Report of the Council to the Assembly for 1956*, Montreal: (E/3007) (see in particular page 55) and *Supplement to the Annual Report of the Council to the Assembly on the Activities of the Organization for 1956: Brief Summary of Major Activities January-April 1957*: (E/3007/Add.1). Universal Postal Union, *Report on the Work of the Union 1956*, Berne: (E/2953) (see in particular p. 18, last two paras. and p. 19, first two paras.). International Telecommunication Union, *Annual Report by the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union 1956*, Geneva, 1957: (E/2994) (see in particular p. 27, last two paras.; p. 28, last three paras., and p. 29, first para.). World Meteorological Organization, *Annual Report of the World Meteorological Organization 1956*, Geneva, 1957: (E/2967) (see in particular paras. 1.5.16 and 1.5.17).

those sections included in response to paragraph 8 of Council resolution 630 A I (XXII) of 9 August 1956 concerning the co-ordination and concentration of their activities.⁸⁷

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts being made by the specialized agencies to improve the co-ordination of their programmes, both within each agency and in relation to the programmes of other agencies;

2. *Invites* the specialized agencies:

(a) To continue to provide information in their annual reports concerning the co-ordination of activities, both within each agency and between the specialized agencies and other international organizations where appropriate;

(b) To include in their reports in 1958 passages dealing specifically with the further concentration of their programmes in the light of the discussions which have taken place in the Council, and to cite examples of concentration achieved during the preceding year;

(c) To consider the extent to which they may be able to apply the general guiding principles in the field of co-operation and concentration of activities, as contained in sub-paragraph 1 (c) of the annex to the report of the Co-ordination Committee⁸⁸ and approved by the Council at its twenty-fourth session as guides to the future work of the United Nations and its subsidiary organs in the field of co-ordination.

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⁸⁷ See in particular the passages indicated in footnote ⁸⁶.

⁸⁸ See annex below.

B

The Economic and Social Council.

Having noted with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Observations on the Work Programme of the Council and on the Financial Implications of the Council's Actions",⁸⁹

Having noted also the proposal of the Secretary-General to prepare a further report on similar lines including the subjects not covered in the above-mentioned report,

Bearing in mind that the further measures contemplated by the Council on concentration and co-ordination will require appropriate preparatory work by the Council,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a further report as proposed, for consideration by the Council at its twenty-sixth session;

2. Decides that its Co-ordination Committee shall meet one week before the opening of its twenty-sixth session.

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1 August 1957.

Annex

TEXT OF THE ANNEX TO THE REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE⁹⁰ ON CONCENTRATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS

A

INTRODUCTION

"1. As a result of its consideration of the observations made by the Secretary-General in the introduction to his report,⁹¹ the Committee recommends that the Council:

"(a) Express its appreciation of the work of the Secretary-General in the preparation of his report.

"(b) Affirm its general approval of the views and suggestions set forth therein subject to the further detailed comments of the Committee contained in the present report;

"(c) Re-affirm the following general principles as guides to future work in the field of co-ordination:

"(i) All efforts to achieve greater effectiveness in the work of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields should be regarded as a continuing process and to this end programmes of work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies should continue to be reviewed at periodic intervals by the Council on the basis of reports submitted by the Secretary-General;

"(ii) The promotion of economic and social development of under-developed countries should continue to be the overriding objective of all activities in this field as established by the Council at its fourteenth session;

"(iii) The achievement of optimum results, within the limits of whatever resources may be available at any given time, can

⁸⁹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, documents E/3011 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, document E/3034, annex.

⁹¹ *Ibid.*, documents E/3011 and Corr.1.

best be assured by concentration of efforts on a limited number of major areas of activity, by giving preference to those projects which promise practical results, by grouping together and inter-relating, where appropriate, individual items of demonstrable urgency or importance, or by eliminating or deferring projects of relatively low priority;

"(iv) Continued attention should be paid to the closer co-ordination of the economic and social aspects of international development work, to the elimination of unrelated and isolated activities which are not of demonstrable urgency or practical value, and to the most effective co-ordination of the work of the Secretariat at Headquarters and in the regional economic commissions.

"2. The Committee devoted special attention to the problems connected with the preparation and distribution of documents and frequency of meetings. In its view, adequate preparation of meetings and the distribution of documents in good time are indispensable prerequisites if the discussions are to contribute to the best results. Moreover, the work of the Secretariat can be most fruitful if it is concentrated on a relatively limited number of tasks of major importance, which will also ensure a more effective participation of Governments in the work of the United Nations.

"3. With these considerations in mind, the Committee further recommends that the Council:

"(a) Impress on its subsidiary bodies the desirability of limiting their requests for reports to matters of major importance;

"(b) Request the regional and functional commissions, whenever they deem it appropriate, to leave to the Secretary-General decisions on the timing of reports requested by them;

"(c) Request the Secretary-General to present reports in the briefest and most concise form compatible with the thorough treatment of the subjects under consideration, and to ensure that such reports are distributed in all the working languages as punctually as possible and in accordance with the applicable rules of procedure;

"(d) Request the regional commissions and functional commissions, with a view to obtaining the best possible results, to keep under constant review their calendars of conferences and meetings, particularly those of working parties, *ad hoc* bodies, and subsidiary organs, with the aim of reducing, whenever possible, the number and the length of these meetings;

"(e) Establish the principle that the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women should in future, in line with the practice of other functional commissions, meet biennially, and request them not later than in the course of their sessions in 1959 to arrange their work programmes accordingly.

I

Social activities

"4. The Committee noted the great importance attached by many Governments to the reports on the world social situation and the desire expressed in many quarters that they be produced as frequently as practicable. Recognizing the difficulties in producing these reports at very frequent intervals, the Committee concurred in the solution, proposed by the Social Commission and accepted by the Secretary-General in the addendum to his report,⁹² concerning the publication of a series of reports on various social questions in 1959, 1961 and 1963. It was understood that the 1959 *International Survey of Programmes of Social Development* would cover international as well as national measures. While the detailed arrangements for the preparation of the report called for in 1961 have yet to be worked out, it was understood that Part I of the 1961 report would consist essentially of a brief survey of trends and would be

⁹² *Ibid.*, document E/3011/Add.1.

closely related to the subject of Part II, the study of balanced economic and social developments. The next full report on the world social situation would be scheduled for 1963.

" 5. With regard to housing, building and planning, the Committee agreed that the Council should request the Social Commission to concentrate its efforts in this field on work relating to the social aspects of housing, including efforts to mobilize self-help in improving both rural and urban housing.

" 6. The Committee also concurred in the desirability of encouraging exchanges of information on housing research, building techniques and related matters between the various regional economic commissions.

II

Activities in the field of human rights

" 7. The Committee endorses the proposals made by the Secretary-General in this section of his report⁸³ and recommends that the Council decide :

" (a) That the 1955 *Yearbook on Human Rights* be issued without a separate section on arbitrary arrest, detention and exile, and that the inclusion of a section in the *Yearbook* on a specific project be not initiated until the Commission on Human Rights has completed its review of the scope and content of the *Yearbook*;

" (b) That with regard to the programme of studies of discrimination on which the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities is engaged, the country reports utilized in the preparation of these studies be not normally issued as documents;

" (c) That the Commission on the Status of Women be requested to continue the efforts which it has already commenced to : (i) space out the reports called for by its continuing projects and (ii) reduce the number of its *ad hoc* projects;

" (d) That the programme on advisory services in the field of human rights provide the possibility of holding seminars to be arranged on a regional rather than on a world-wide basis and that the topics discussed in the seminars should relate to selected aspects of the work programmes of the commission concerned. The use of working parties in the preparation of such seminars is acceptable although it may not be necessary to utilize this technique for every session.

" 8. As regards the questionnaire drawn up by the Commission on the Status of Women as part of the *ad hoc* project on the occupational outlook for women, the Committee, while not competent to deal with the substance of the proposed questionnaire, notes the concern of the Secretary-General regarding its broad and diffuse scope and recommends that this aspect of the problem be given further consideration by the Council or its appropriate substantive committee.

III

Economic activities

" 9. With reference to section III of the Secretary-General's report relating to economic activities, the Committee endorses in general the proposals and suggestions made therein, as supplemented by the additional observations made by the Secretary-General in the course of the debate. The only matter which the Committee considers it necessary to bring to the special attention of the Council concerns the frequency of meetings of the Commission on International Commodity Trade. Here, the Committee notes that the Commission itself has already decided to meet annually, instead of at intervals of six months. After considering the views expressed by the various representatives, the Committee agreed that, for the present at least, the Commission should meet once a year.

⁸³ *Ibid.*, documents E/3011 and Corr.1, section II.

IV

Regional economic activities

" 10. The Committee has noted with satisfaction the efforts made by each of the Regional Economic Commissions for Europe, Latin America, and Asia and the Far East, to co-ordinate its activities and to streamline its work programme in accordance with Council resolution 630 A 1 (XXII) of 9 August 1956.

" 11. The Committee notes the helpful proposals made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe as contained in the Secretary-General's report,⁸⁴ and the criteria proposed by the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,⁸⁵ and the Economic Commission for Latin America⁸⁶ for application to the work of their respective Commissions.

" 12. The Committee wishes to draw to the Council's attention the desirability of encouraging exchanges of information and experience between the secretariats of the regional commissions on matters of mutual interest.

" 13. The Committee devoted a considerable portion of its time during the debate on Section IV of the Secretary-General's report to the three following matters :

" (a) The relationship between the work of the regional economic commissions and the work done under the Technical Assistance Programme;

" (b) The balance between projects which are primarily in the economic field and those which are technological in character :

" (c) The relationship between the work of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations programmes in the social field.

" 14. The Committee came to no final or agreed conclusions with regard to these matters, partly because the nature of the documentation available at this session of the Council did not make it possible to enter into a detailed consideration of the problems involved under these headings. The Committee considers that these questions should be the subject of further study at a subsequent session of the Council, and to this end recommends that the Council request the Secretary-General to study and report upon these questions at an appropriate⁸⁷ session of the Council.

V

Final implications of actions of the Council

" 15. The Committee endorses the proposals made by the Secretary-General in Section V of his report and approves his suggestion to present to the Council at the beginning of each summer session a statement showing :

" (a) The financial implications related to decisions taken at the Council's spring session;

" (b) Full particulars, on a provisional basis, of the financial implications related to decisions to be taken on documentation before the Council for the summer session;

" (c) Where appropriate, the extent to which, by the exercise of discretion in the timing of projects, the Secretary-General would expect to undertake the additional work within existing resources.

⁸⁴ *Ibid.*, para. 82.

⁸⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 87.

⁸⁶ *Ibid.*, document E/3011/Add.1, para. 6.

⁸⁷ The Co-ordination Committee having made no recommendation regarding the session of the Council at which the report should be presented, the Council, at its 995th meeting on 1 August 1957, decided to insert the words " an appropriate " in this sentence of the Committee's report.

" 16. The Committee considers that the proposals made by the Secretary-General with respect to the summer session should also be made applicable, where possible, to the work of the spring session of the Council.

B

" 17. The Committee gave consideration to those sections of the reports of the specialized agencies which were included in response to paragraph 8 of Council resolution 630 A I (XXII) of 9 August 1956 concerning the co-ordination and concentration of their activities.

" 18. While noting with satisfaction the efforts being made by the specialized agencies to improve the co-ordination of their programmes both within each agency and in relation to programmes of other agencies, the Committee will welcome more comprehensive information on the subject of concentration of activities undertaken by the specialized agencies to be included in their reports to the twenty-sixth session of the Council.

" 19. In the light of the discussion in the Committee, the Committee recommends that the Council should approve the following resolution :— [see resolution 664 A (XXIV).]"

665 (XXIV). Development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the twentieth⁹⁸ and twenty-first⁹⁹ reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and, in particular, paragraphs 27 to 31 of the twentieth report dealing with conditions of effective concerted action, and the corresponding sections of reports of specialized agencies,¹⁰⁰

1. *Reaffirms* its reliance on the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, under the leadership of the Secretary-General, to continue to develop and improve arrangements for the fullest consultations between the secretariats in all stages of planning and execution of programmes of common interest;

2. *Recognizes* the need for establishing, on a regular basis, consultations of the governing bodies of competent organizations in all cases of major programmes calling for the participation of several organizations within the framework of a plan of concerted action;

3. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in the light of the opinions expressed in the Council and of the positions taken by the govern-

⁹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/2931.*

⁹⁹ *Ibid.*, document E/2993.

¹⁰⁰ See United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Report to the United Nations 1956-1957* (E/2974 and Add.1). International Labour Organisation, *Activities of the I.L.O. 1956-1957: Report of the Director-General (Part II) to the Fortieth Session of the International Labour Conference: Eleventh Report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations, Geneva, 1957*: (E/2975). World Health Organization, *Annual Report of the Director-General to the World Health Assembly and the United Nations: Supplementary Report to the Economic and Social Council, June 1957* (E/2980/Add.1).

ing bodies of the specialized agencies, to formulate for the consideration of the Council at its twenty-sixth session :

(a) A preliminary list of specific fields of activity requiring concerted action among several organizations;

(b) Suggested procedures for the elaboration and execution of plans of concerted action in such fields, including steps to be taken by the governing bodies of the specialized agencies;

(c) Proposals concerning measures which might be taken to assist the Council in the exercise of its role of co-ordination as regards such plans.

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B

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report by the Secretary-General on the detailing of certain Headquarters social affairs personnel to regional offices,¹⁰¹ prepared in accordance with its resolution 630 B (XXII) of 9 August 1956 to enable the Council to transmit its views on this experiment to the General Assembly,

Taking note of the statement in paragraph 6 of the report that the Secretary-General believes that this extension of the social action of the United Nations Secretariat to the regions has proved itself, and that he has therefore included provision for the units, at their present level, in his budget estimates for 1958,

Decides to convey to the General Assembly its approval of the above-mentioned action taken by the Secretary-General in this matter.

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1 August 1957.*

C

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting General Assembly resolution 1094 (XI) of 27 February 1957,

Having considered, as requested in that resolution, paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Thirty-seventh Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁰²

Recalling the successive steps taken by it year by year since 1950 to ensure the concentration of efforts and resources of the United Nations and the specialized agencies with respect to their programmes in the economic, social and human rights fields, and to bring about a maximum return from international outlays for such programmes,

¹⁰¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/3013.*

¹⁰² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 49, document A/3489.*

1. *Calls the attention* of the General Assembly to the Council's continued interest in co-ordination, concentration and the orderly development of programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields, and to its intensified efforts to achieve these ends;

2. *Expresses* its belief that a general survey of the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields, and a forecast of the scope and trend of programmes and expenditures during the next five years, would contribute to the increased effectiveness of the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in these fields, separately and as a whole, and be of assistance to Governments in formulating policies towards these organizations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the principles set forth in the annex to its resolution 664 (XXIV) of 1 August 1957, to make an appraisal of the scope, trend and cost of the regular United Nations programmes in these fields for the period 1959-1964 for consideration by the Council at its twenty-eighth session;

4. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, and the World Meteorological Organization, to consider the most appropriate and practical methods of preparing similar appraisals of their own programmes for the same period, equally based on the principles contained in the annex;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and *invites* the executive heads of the specialized agencies concerned to consult together, as soon as possible, with a view to the preparation by the various organizations concerned of the appraisals referred to above in comparable form;

6. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to present to the Council at its twenty-sixth session a special report regarding the preparation of these appraisals, with particular reference to any major problems that may have been encountered;

7. *Decides* to consider at its twenty-sixth session the arrangements necessary for preparing on the basis of the above-mentioned appraisals a consolidated report with conclusions, to be submitted together with the appraisals to the Council at its thirtieth session.

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

D

The Economic and Social Council,

I

Having considered the reports of the Co-ordination Committee,¹⁰³

Approves the reports and the recommendations contained therein, with the exception of the recommendation contained in sub-paragraph 3 (e) of the annex to resolution 664 (XXIV) of 1 August 1957 relating to the periodicity of meetings of the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women;

II

Recalling its resolution 652 J (XXIV) of 24 July 1957 concerning the periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women,

1. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights to express its views on the recommendation of the Co-ordination Committee that the Council establish the principle that the Commission on Human Rights should in future meet biennially;

2. *Decides* not to modify for the present the periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights.

*996th plenary meeting,
2 August 1957.*

666 (XXIV). Financial implications of actions of the Council

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the statement on financial implications of actions of the Council,¹⁰⁴

2. *Transmits* the estimates contained therein, together with the report of the Co-ordination Committee¹⁰⁵ and the summary records containing the views expressed in the debate on this question¹⁰⁶ to the General Assembly for consideration at its twelfth session.

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

¹⁰³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 4, documents E/3034 and Add.1, and E/3039.

¹⁰⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 16, documents E/3044 and Corr. 1.

¹⁰⁵ *Ibid.*, documents E/3045 and Corr.1.

¹⁰⁶ E/AC.24/SR.166 and *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth session, 995th meeting.*

OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

Establishment of a world food reserve

At its 993rd meeting, on 30 July 1957, the Council decided:

(a) To accept the recommendation of the Secretary-General, in paragraph 2 of his note on the establishment of a world food reserve,¹⁰⁷ to the effect that the question of the world food reserve should be studied without the formal establishment of a working group at this time;

(b) To accept the Secretary-General's suggestion that the report on this subject, being prepared under Council resolution 621 (XXII) of 6 August 1956 and General Assembly resolution 1025 (XI) of 20 February 1957, should be considered by the Council at its twenty-sixth session.

Election of the members of the Permanent Central Opium Board

At its 996th meeting, on 2 August 1957, the Council elected the following eight persons members of the Permanent Central Opium Board for the five-year period beginning on 3 March 1958:

Mr. Ibrahim El Tersawi (Egypt)
 Sir Harry Greenfield (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
 Professor George Joachimoglu (Greece)
 Mr. Vladimir Kusević (Yugoslavia)
 Dr. Estefanus Looho (Indonesia)
 Mr. L. Herbert May (United States of America)
 Professor Décio Parreiras (Brazil)
 Professor Paul Reuter (France)

¹⁰⁷ E/2996.

Election of members of the Commission on International Commodity Trade

At its 996th meeting, on 2 August 1957, the Council elected one-third of the membership of the Commission on International Commodity Trade. The composition of the Commission for 1958 will therefore be as follows:

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1958
Australia	1958
Austria	1960
Belgium	1958
Brazil	1959
Canada	1959
Chile	1958
China	1958
Denmark	1958
Egypt	1960
France	1960
Greece	1959
India	1960
Indonesia	1959
Pakistan	1960
Poland	1959
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1960
Uruguay	1959

Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly

At its 996th meeting, on 2 August 1957, the Council agreed to the arrangements for the preparation of its report to the General Assembly described by the Secretary-General in document E/L.755.

Calendar of conferences for 1958

At its 996th meeting, on 2 August 1957, the Council approved the following calendar of conferences for 1958 :

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL PROGRAMME (to be held at the Headquarters of the United Nations unless otherwise stated)		CONFERENCES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ¹⁰⁸
13 January - (7 February) ¹⁰⁹	<i>Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities</i>	
January - March	(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL)	
3 March - (5 March)	Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations	
3 March - 14 March	Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund	
10 March - 4 April	<i>Commission on Human Rights</i> (Paris, France)	
17 March - (4 April)	<i>Commission on the Status of Women</i> (Geneva, Switzerland)	
19 March - (20 March)	<i>Economic Commission for Latin America</i> (Committee of the Whole) (Santiago de Chile)	
March - April ¹¹⁰	<i>Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East</i> (Kuala Lumpur, Federation of Malaya)	
9 April - (25 April)	<i>Economic Commission for Europe</i> (Geneva, Switzerland)	
15 April - (2 May)	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (twenty-fifth session)	
28 April - (16 May)	<i>Statistical Commission</i>	
28 April - (30 May)	<i>Commission on Narcotic Drugs</i> (Geneva, Switzerland)	
5 May - (16 May)	<i>Commission on International Commodity Trade</i>	
May		WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (Minneapolis, United States of America)
May		* UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION ¹¹¹ (Berne, Switzerland)
May - June		INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (Montreal, Canada)

¹⁰⁸ The major annual conferences of the specialized agencies, the dates of which are established by the appropriate organs of the agencies themselves, are also shown. Where the biennial, quadriennial or quinquennial conferences of the agencies concerned do not fall in 1958, the probable dates of the sessions of their governing bodies are indicated with an asterisk (*). The Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations is to be held in 1959; during 1958, the FAO Council will meet at dates which have not yet been determined.

¹⁰⁹ The dates shown in parentheses are target terminal dates based on the best estimates that can be made of the requirements. They do not preclude either the earlier termination of the conference concerned, where the work permits, or necessary extensions of the length of the session.

¹¹⁰ The precise dates of the session will be fixed later in consultation with the Government of the Federation of Malaya.

¹¹¹ Date not yet determined.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL PROGRAMME (*concluded*)

(to be held at the Headquarters of the United Nations
unless otherwise stated)

CONFERENCES OF SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES

June		INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (Geneva, Switzerland)
June - July	(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL)	
24 June -	Co-ordination Committee (Geneva, Switzerland)	
1 July - (2 August)	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (twenty-sixth session) (Geneva, Switzerland)	
July	Technical Assistance Committee (Geneva, Switzerland)	
2 September - (12 September)	Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund	
16 September -	GENERAL ASSEMBLY (thirteenth session)	
September		INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECON- STRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ¹¹²
September		INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND ¹¹²
September		INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION ¹¹²
September		* WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (Geneva, Switzerland)
15 September - (November)		INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (Geneva, Switzerland)
November	Technical Assistance Committee	
November		UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIEN- TIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (Paris, France)
December	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (twenty-sixth session resumed)	

¹¹² Place of meeting not yet determined.

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