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 - (b) Relevant sections of the reports of the Commission on Human Rights, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies, requested in General Assembly resolution 1313 A (XIII).
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12. Non-governmental organizations.
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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

Economic questions

706 (XXVII). Report of the International Monetary Fund

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the International Monetary Fund.¹

*1053rd plenary meeting,
9 April 1959.*

707 (XXVII). Reports of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and of the International Finance Corporation

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development² and of the report of the International Finance Corporation.³

*1055th plenary meeting,
10 April 1959.*

708 (XXVII). International commercial arbitration

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the value of arbitration as an instrument for settling disputes,

Considering that increased resort to arbitration in the settlement of private law disputes would facilitate the continued development of international trade and other private law transactions,

Considering further that substantial contributions have been made to this end by measures designed to strengthen and promote the recognition of the legal status of international private law arbitration,

Recognizing that measures to improve the legal status of arbitration should be accompanied by measures in the fields of arbitral organization and procedure, by educational activity and by technical assistance, if arbitration is to attain maximum usefulness in the development of international trade and other private law transactions,

Noting the resolution⁴ adopted by the United Nations Conference on International Commercial Arbitration on 10 June 1958, which recognizes the value of practical measures in these fields,

Believing that, in addition to the contributions of inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, much can be done directly and immediately through the initiative of Governments and of arbitration organizations to increase the effective use of arbitration,

1. Expresses the wish that arbitral associations, whether constituted along local, trade, national or international lines, give particular attention and emphasis to educational activities, especially among business and professional groups, to the establishment where necessary of new arbitration facilities or improvement of existing ones, and to facilitating international private law arbitrations;

2. Invites Governments to consider sympathetically any measures for improving their arbitral legislation and institutions, to encourage interested organizations in the development of arbitration facilities and related activities, and to avail themselves of appropriate opportunities to obtain or to furnish, as the case may be, technical advice and assistance;

3. Suggests that inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field of international private law arbitration co-operate with each other and with the United Nations organs concerned, especially in the diffusion of information on arbitration laws, practices and facilities, educational programmes, and studies and recommendations aiming at greater uniformity of arbitration laws and procedures;

4. Recommends that the regional economic commissions of the United Nations which have not as yet included such a project in their programme of work consider the desirability of undertaking a study of

¹ *International Monetary Fund, Annual Report of the Executive Directors for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 1958*, Washington, D.C. (E/3197), and documents E/3197/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

² *International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Thirteenth Annual Report, 1957-1958*, Washington, D.C. (E/3198), and document E/3198/Add.1.

³ *International Finance Corporation, Second Annual Report, 1957-1958*, Washington, D.C. (E/3199), and document E/3199/Add.1.

⁴ See United Nations publication, Sales No.: 58.V.6, p. 5.

measures for the more effective use of arbitration by member States in their regions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assist, within the limits of available staff and financial resources, Governments and organizations in their efforts to improve arbitral legislation, practice and institutions, in particular by helping them to obtain technical advice and assistance from appropriate sources available for this purpose and by providing guidance to Governments and organizations concerned in co-ordinating their efforts and promoting more effective use of arbitration in connexion with international trade and other private law transactions.

*1060th plenary meeting,
17 April 1959.*

709 (XXVII). Economic development of under-developed countries: industrialization

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 597 A (XXI) of 4 May 1956, 618 (XXII) of 6 August 1956, 649 A (XXIII) of 2 May 1957 and 674 A (XXV) of 1 May 1958, and General Assembly resolution 1033 B (XI) of 26 February 1957 regarding the programme of work in the field of industrialization and productivity,

Having considered the report presented by the Secretary-General under resolution 597 A (XXI),⁵ the report of the Advisory Committee on the Work Programme on Industrialization to the Secretary-General, prepared in pursuance of resolution 674 A (XXV),⁶ the report entitled *Management of Industrial Enterprises in Under-developed Countries*⁷ and other related material,

Recognizing that instability in the foreign exchange earnings of the less developed countries, due to fluctuations in world commodity prices and in general economic activity in the more advanced countries, makes it particularly important to encourage industrialization as an essential part of development programmes or plans,

Emphasizing the need of the less developed countries, large and small, for practical guidance on industrial development,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General on the work carried out so far on the industrialization programme;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the report and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the Work Programme on Industrialization, convened by the Secretary-General, with regard to further development of the work programme and its implementation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in the light of the five-year programmes to be discussed at the

⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document E/3219.*

⁶ *Ibid.*, documents E/3213 and Add.1 and 2.

⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 58.II.B.5.

twenty-eighth session of the Council, proposals for future work on industrialization for consideration by the Council at its twenty-ninth session, with a view to further discussion by the Council of priorities in the work programme;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give due emphasis in this programme to studies relating to methods of programming or planning of industrialization, bearing in mind that such studies would provide a basis for technical assistance given to Governments in this field, and having regard to the work undertaken by the regional economic commissions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, meanwhile, to lay particular emphasis on projects of direct practical value to economic development—e.g., projects concerning small industries, industrial zones and estates, management techniques, and technological research institutes;

6. *Welcomes* the action of the Secretary-General in raising the status of the Secretariat's Industry Section to that of a Branch of the Bureau of Economic Affairs and urges him to consider strengthening further the organization and the work programme of the United Nations in the field of industrialization, and also supports the use of consultants either individually or as an advisory group;

7. *Emphasizes* the desirability of encouraging, nationally and regionally, the organization of seminars, consultations and training centres for the practical implementation of the results of research and studies already carried out under the programme and to be carried out in the future;

8. *Invites* the regional economic commissions to consider the inclusion in their work programmes of seminars and symposia on specific topics designed to further the purposes of the industrialization programme of the United Nations;

9. *Recommends* that a closer relationship should be established between the industrialization programme and the activities of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund;

10. *Expresses* the desirability of continuing, and where necessary further extending, co-operation between the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies in the field of industrialization;

11. *Urges* the Secretary-General to adopt appropriate measures for the widest possible dissemination of studies and reports carried out under the industrialization programme, including the *Bulletin on Industrialization and Productivity*.

*1060th plenary meeting,
17 April 1959.*

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering :

(a) That joint action by groups of countries united by geographic, historical and cultural bonds and striving

for their gradual economic integration is an important factor in the development of under-developed areas, in that it permits of more rational exploitation of their resources and the formation of markets adequate for the needs of their own development,

(b) That in every effort of economic development, whether at the national or at the regional level, it is important to maintain a high import capacity; and that many of the under-developed countries now encounter or will in the near future encounter serious difficulties in maintaining that capacity by reason of the saturation of their traditional export markets,

(c) That those countries should seize every opportunity to diversify their exports, as a means of continuing and intensifying their economic development on the basis of regional co-operation,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts which certain groups of under-developed countries are making to bring about their progressive economic integration and the gradual diversification of their economic activities;

2. *Recognizes* the valuable co-operation which the United Nations, through the Council's regional economic commissions, and the specialized agencies are lending to the countries seeking these objectives;

3. *Recommends* to the afore-mentioned organizations that they assign a high priority, in the elaboration of their programmes of work, to the assistance needed by countries seeking to diversify their exports, especially where efforts to that end are undertaken jointly by the public and private sectors of industry.

*1060th plenary meeting,
17 April 1959.*

710 (XXVII). Economic development of under-developed countries: sources of energy

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Recent developments relating to new sources of energy and recommendations regarding the agenda for an international conference",⁸

Reaffirming the importance which it attaches to non-conventional energy sources, as a useful factor for the economic development of many under-developed countries,

Noting the progress made in the field of practical application of solar energy, wind power and geothermic energy,

Considering that the development of research in the field of utilization of these sources of energy has reached a stage at which the pooling of the results achieved can,

through the international conference referred to in Council resolution 653 (XXIV) of 26 July 1957, yield especially interesting results for areas which have a shortage of so-called conventional energy sources,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his report;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures for the holding of a United Nations conference on solar energy, wind power and geothermic energy, considered particularly from the point of view of their application, to be held within the programme of the United Nations, if possible in 1961 but not later than 1962, on the basis of the agenda suggested in the report,⁹ taking into account any clarifications or modifications which the Governments of Member States and the specialized agencies concerned may wish to bring to the Secretary-General's attention, or such modifications as may seem advisable after the meeting of experts mentioned in paragraph 3 below;

3. *Requests in particular* the Secretary-General to convene, in consultation with the interested Governments and the specialized agencies concerned, not later than the last quarter of 1960, preliminary meetings of experts for the purpose of exchanging information on research undertaken and results obtained in the application of these new energy sources, in particular geothermic energy and solar energy, the reports of which would be transmitted to the conference;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the Council, not later than at its thirtieth session, on the action taken under this resolution.

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17 April 1959.*

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Work done and recommendations concerning energy development",¹⁰

Taking into account the experience gained in this field through the different technical assistance activities and the works so far published on the different sources of energy and their utilization,

Reaffirming the importance it attaches to energy resources in all forms, both conventional and non-conventional, as an essential factor of economic development, especially in the under-developed countries,

Considering that the economic aspects of energy problems have sometimes not been sufficiently taken into account in research and other work undertaken in this field and that, as a result, certain gaps exist, especially with regard to the evaluation of energy resources and the cost of their exploitation,

⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document E/3218.*

⁹ *Ibid.*, part I.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, documents E/3212 and Add.1.

Recognizing that the appraisal of economically available energy resources in an under-developed country is a very important factor in its economic development,

Taking into account its resolution 711 A (XXVII) of 17 April 1959,

1. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's report, which represents a useful inventory of the activities of the United Nations and other international organizations in the field of energy;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop a methodology for the appraisal of energy resources on a usefully comparable basis at the national, regional or other appropriate level;

3. *Invites* the Governments of Member States to provide the Secretary-General, at his request, with such information as may be required for developing this methodology;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to arrange, at the request of the Governments of interested Member States, for the preparation of seminars at the regional or other appropriate level to be held in order to promote better understanding of the economic problems connected with the development of energy resources in under-developed countries, taking into account the work done by governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions;

5. *Decides* that experts from scientific institutions and interested sectors of industry in participating countries may, at the request of their Governments, take part in such seminars.

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17 April 1959.*

**711 (XXVII). Economic development
of under-developed countries: industrialization and energy**

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Work done and recommendations concerning energy development",¹⁰ the report of the Advisory Committee on the Work Programme on Industrialization⁶ and the progress report by the Secretary-General on implementation of the work programme on industrialization,⁵

Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-eighth session on the feasibility and potential usefulness of collecting, analysing and disseminating the experience obtained in multilateral, regional, bilateral and national technical assistance projects and related activities in the field of industrialization and energy resources.

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B

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1319 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

Taking note of the report of the Symposium on the Development of Petroleum Resources of Asia and the Far East¹¹ referred to therein,

Believing that the Symposium has shown the value to Governments of exchanging information at the technical level concerning the development of their petroleum resources,

Believing further that the United Nations, certain specialized agencies and their technical assistance programmes should continue to take concrete measures to assist Governments interested in obtaining advice concerning the effective and rational development of their petroleum resources,

Considering that the problems discussed and the conclusions arrived at during the above-mentioned Symposium have underlined the need for increased study of petroleum questions as an important factor in the economic development of the under-developed countries,

Bearing in mind that many under-developed countries are interested in the prospecting for and exploitation of petroleum and in obtaining and manufacturing the necessary equipment,

Noting that, while the specific studies and recommendations of the report of the Symposium are of interest primarily to countries in the area of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the method of preparing and conducting the Symposium is of more general interest,

Transmits the report of the Symposium on the Development of Petroleum Resources of Asia and the Far East and the relevant records of the twenty-seventh session to the regional economic commissions.

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17 April 1959.*

**712 (XXVII). Economic development
of under-developed countries: land reform**

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the progress report on work undertaken for the advancement of land reform¹² and the prospectus of a report for submission to the Council in 1962 as contained therein, prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 649 B (XXIII) of 2 May 1957,

¹¹ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 59.II.F.3, part one.

¹² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 5, document E/3208.

Recalling its resolutions 370 (XIII) of 7 September 1951, 512 C I (XVII) of 30 April 1954 and 649 B (XXIII) of 2 May 1957, and General Assembly resolutions 401 (V) of 20 November 1950, 524 (VI) of 12 January 1952, 625 A (VII) of 21 December 1952 and 826 (IX) of 11 December 1954 on land reform,

Noting with satisfaction the progress that has been made in the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions in a number of countries,

Recognizing the importance of continuous study of land tenure and use,

1. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to continue to implement, as appropriate, Council and General Assembly resolutions on land reform;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned for activities undertaken for the advancement of land reform as summarized in the above-mentioned report;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, especially the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

to prepare the report on the progress of land reform for the Council in 1962 along the lines of the prospectus contained in paragraph 57 of the report submitted at the present session,¹² taking into consideration the sources of information listed in paragraphs 59 and 60 of the report and the views which Members may express in the Council and the General Assembly;

4. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to supply the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned, at their request, with material which may be needed in the preparation of the report;

5. *Recommends* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to consider the establishment, where appropriate, of regional research and training centres to assist with the continuous study of land tenure and use;

6. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other competent international agencies to co-operate with such members in the work of those centres.

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17 April 1959.*

Social questions

716 (XXVII). United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the sessions which it held in New York in September 1958¹³ and at Geneva in March 1959;¹⁴

2. *Congratulates* the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Directors-General of the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the close co-operation between the Fund and the specialized agencies which was confirmed at the Executive Board's Geneva session;

3. *Takes note* of the recommendations¹⁵ made in the Executive Board's report of March 1959 for the submission to it, at the September 1959 session, of two reports on the situation of the malaria eradication pro-

grammes: a technical report by the World Health Organization on the results of the malaria control campaign and the real possibilities of eradicating that disease, and an administrative report by the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund giving a financial balance-sheet of the work in hand and making precise recommendations regarding the amount of the Fund's contribution to the anti-malaria campaigns of the World Health Organization for the next five years;

4. *Expresses the hope* that the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund will communicate those reports to Governments as soon as possible;

5. *Urges* Governments of Member States to continue to give their own malaria eradication programmes the greatest possible support and to communicate to the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund, for the benefit of other Governments, their views on the most suitable methods of organizing such campaigns within the framework of governmental administrations, taking into account the above-mentioned reports.

*1065th plenary meeting,
23 April 1959.*

¹³ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2* (E/3136 and Corr.1).

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 2 A* (E/3223).

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 48.

721 (XXVII). Report of the Population Commission

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Population Commission (tenth session)¹⁶ and endorses the work programme and priorities contained therein.

*1066th plenary meeting,
24 April 1959.*

B

DEMOGRAPHIC PILOT STUDIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the section of the report of the Population Commission (tenth session) on demographic pilot studies,¹⁷

Reaffirming that it is essential to take demographic factors into account in planning economic and social development programmes, particularly in under-developed countries,

Recalling the importance attached by the Council to surveys of human and material resources and needs, with a view to facilitating the planning of economic development programmes for the under-developed countries, in accordance with its resolution 614 C (XXII) of 9 August 1956,

Bearing in mind the fact that many countries will be carrying out population censuses during 1960 and 1961, and the importance of utilizing the results of these censuses to facilitate the planning of development programmes for the under-developed countries, as well as for other purposes,

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To take the necessary steps, as soon as possible, to publish a report on the demographic pilot study carried out in co-operation with the Government of the Philippines;

(b) To put at the disposal of the Governments of under-developed countries which may request it the co-operation of the United Nations in carrying out, over the next few years, a limited number of demographic pilot studies or other projects calculated to demonstrate the value of utilizing demographic data, and especially the results of censuses, in preparing and implementing development programmes; such studies, carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Population Commission, would also enable the methods of obtaining the data to be made known and perfected;

(c) To obtain, in so far as this is desirable and feasible, the collaboration in such projects of the specialized agencies and other bodies concerned;

¹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/3207/Rev.1).*

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, paras. 33-36.

(d) To report regularly to the Population Commission the progress made in these studies.

*1066th plenary meeting,
24 April 1959.*

C

DEMOGRAPHIC ASPECTS OF URBANIZATION AND INDUSTRIALIZATION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE STUDY OF INTERNAL MIGRATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the section of the report of the Population Commission (tenth session) on possibilities of international co-operation in studies of internal migration in the less developed countries in the process of industrialization,¹⁸

Recognizing the importance of studies of internal migration in relation to economic and social development, especially in the countries in the process of industrialization,

Recalling that, in its resolution 618 (XXII) of 6 August 1956 and 694 C (XXVI) of 31 July 1958, it had requested the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities of concerting international action in connexion with problems of urbanization which should complement the programmes of industrialization,

Considering the lack of knowledge and the inadequacy of reliable data with which to measure the phenomena of rural to urban migration and the contrary movement,

Requests the Secretary-General to develop studies of internal migration in relation to economic and social development, along the following lines:

(a) To offer the co-operation of the United Nations to less developed countries in the process of industrialization which are desirous of undertaking studies of the magnitude and characteristics of internal migration, especially between rural and urban areas, as a part of the programme of demographic studies recommended by the Population Commission;

(b) In the development of these studies to take account of relevant social and economic changes associated with the processes of urbanization and industrialization, by observing conditions at first hand and with the co-operation of local organizations;

(c) To invite the co-operation of the interested specialized agencies in this work as a part of the proposed programmes of concerted action in the fields of urbanization and industrialization;

(d) To report to the Population Commission at its eleventh session on the progress made in implementing these requests.

*1066th plenary meeting,
24 April 1959.*

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, paras. 37-42.

Questions relating to human rights

718 (XXVII). Freedom of information

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1189 B (XII) of 11 December 1957 and 1313 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 and Council resolution 683 C (XXVI) of 21 July 1958, and the desire manifested in the United Nations to ensure greater freedom of information, particularly in under-developed countries,

Noting the recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights with regard to freedom of information,

I

Media of information in under-developed countries

1. *Notes with approval* the suggestions contained in paragraph 9 and the conclusions in paragraph 12 of the report of the Committee on Freedom of Information¹⁹ concerning the development of media of information in under-developed countries;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in consultation with other specialized agencies concerned, Governments of member States and organizations actively engaged in the field of information to undertake, within the scope of its programme, a survey of the problems of providing technical assistance to under-developed countries in that field, bearing in mind the conclusions and suggestions in the report of the Committee on Freedom of Information concerning the development of media of information in under-developed countries, and General Assembly resolution 1313 (XIII), and to forward its report and recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights and to the Economic and Social Council before the summer of 1961 to enable the Council to make an evaluation of the material, financial and professional requirements and resources for implementation of the programme envisaged in that resolution, including expert advice, fellowship awards, seminars and the provision of equipment and other facilities;

II

Reports on developments in freedom of information

1. *Notes with approval* the decision of the Commission on Human Rights²⁰ to review developments affecting freedom of information, including the problems of pro-

¹⁹ E/CN.4/762 and Corr. 1.

²⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8*, para. 49, resolution 1 (XV).

viding technical assistance to under-developed countries in the field of information, as a regular item on its agenda;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To facilitate the Commission's regular reviews of this subject by providing an annual report on developments affecting freedom of information, including the problems of providing technical assistance to under-developed countries in the field of information, on the basis of material furnished by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other interested specialized agencies, as well as any other information available;

(b) To prepare in co-operation with the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, and the professional organizations concerned, both national and international, a substantive report for submission to the Council in 1961 on developments in the field of freedom of information since 1954, including in particular:

- (i) The news sources to which peoples have access;
- (ii) The extent to which they receive news of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and their work for peace;
- (iii) Developments in the facilities for the free flow of accurate and undistorted information into and out of under-developed countries.

*1066th plenary meeting,
24 April 1959.*

719 (XXVII). Freedom of information: international press telegram rates

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the existence of generally high and divergent rates for international press messages is a serious impediment to the free flow of information and to the development of international understanding,

Noting with commendation the efforts of the International Telecommunication Union, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other bodies towards reduction of international press telegram rates,

Expresses the hope that such efforts will be continued at appropriate conferences of the International Telecom-

munication Union or through other arrangements to bring into effect reduced international press telegram rates, as expeditiously as possible.

*1066th plenary meeting,
24 April 1959.*

**720 (XXVII). Freedom of information:
draft Declaration on Freedom of Information**

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the purposes of the United Nations include, *inter alia*, the development of friendly relations among nations, and the promotion and encouragement of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

Recognizing that the promotion of freedom of information as a fundamental human right is essential to the fulfilment of these purposes,

Mindful of the significance which the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has acquired among the peoples of the United Nations,

Considering that a United Nations Declaration on Freedom of Information could be a further step towards the realization of the purposes set forth above,

Recalling that the General Assembly has decided, in its resolution 1313 C (XIII) of 12 December 1958, to proceed at its fourteenth session to a discussion of the text of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information,²¹ and without prejudice to the Assembly action in this respect,

Having received the text of a draft Declaration on Freedom of Information,

Decides to place the question of a draft Declaration on Freedom of Information on the agenda for its twenty-eighth session.

*1066th plenary meeting,
24 April 1959.*

²¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 29, document A/AC.42/7, annex.*

Other questions

713 (XXVII). Establishment by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of a list of national parks and equivalent reserves

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that national parks and equivalent reserves have been established in most countries which are Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, and that they contribute to the inspiration, culture and welfare of mankind,

Believing that these national parks are valuable for economic and scientific reasons and also as areas for the future preservation of fauna and flora and geologic structures in their natural state,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and other interested specialized agencies, a list of national parks and equivalent reserves, with a brief description of each, for consideration by the Council at its twenty-ninth session, together with his recommendations for maintaining and developing the list on a current basis and for its distribution;

2. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to transmit to the Secretary-General a description of the areas they desire to have internationally registered as national parks or equivalent reserves;

3. *Furthermore invites* the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and other interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council to assist the Secretary-General, upon his request, in the preparation of the proposed list.

*1063rd plenary meeting,
22 April 1959.*

714 (XXVII). International co-operation on cartography: question of convening a third United Nations regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East

The Economic and Social Council,

Commending the valuable work achieved by the Second United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East,

Recalling the recommendation of the Conference²² that a third United Nations regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East be convened not later than 1961,

Noting the increasing interest of Governments in participating in the work of such conferences,

Requests the Secretary-General to consult the Governments of the States Members of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned on the convening, not later than 1961, of the third United Nations regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East and on the date, place and agenda of the conference, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-ninth session.

*1064th plenary meeting,
23 April 1959.*

715 (XXVII). International co-operation on cartography

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning international co-operation on cartography,²³

Noting the draft programme for achieving international uniformity in the writing of geographical names,²⁴ which was transmitted by the Secretary-General to the Governments of Member States for comment,

Considering the comments on the draft programme that have been received from the Governments,

1. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To provide encouragement and guidance to those nations which have no national organization for the standardization and co-ordination of geographical names to establish such an organization and to produce national gazetteers at an early date;

(b) To take the necessary steps to ensure the following central clearing-house functions for geographical names:

(i) Collection of gazetteers and information concerning the technical procedures that each Member State has adopted for standardization of domestic names;

(ii) Collection of information on the techniques and systems used by each Member State in the transliteration of the geographical names of other countries;

²² United Nations publication, Sales No.: 59.1.9, p. 7, resolution 2.

²³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 6, documents E/3209 and Add.1 to 4.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, document E/3209, para. 11.

(iii) Dissemination to Member States and, upon request, to any working groups established on a common linguistic basis, of all documents and information collected, utilizing existing United Nations periodicals wherever feasible;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To set up a small group of consultants chosen, with due regard to equitable geographic distribution and to the different linguistic systems of the world, from those countries having widest experience of the problems of geographical names:

(i) To consider the technical problems of domestic standardization of geographical names, including the preparation of a statement of the general and regional problems involved, and to prepare draft recommendations for the procedures, principally linguistic, that might be followed in the standardization of their own names by individual countries;

(ii) To report to the Council at an appropriate session, in the light of its discussion on the above points, on the desirability of holding an international conference on this subject and of the sponsoring of working groups based on common linguistic systems;

(b) To invite Governments of countries interested and experienced in the question to make available, at his request and at their own expense, consultants to serve on the above group.

*1064th plenary meeting,
23 April 1959.*

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning international co-operation on cartography,²³

Noting the draft proposal for amendments to the existing specifications for the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale,²⁵ which was transmitted by the Secretary-General to the Governments concerned for comment,

Recognizing the increasing need for the sheets of the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale and the urgency for completing these maps at an early date,

Requests the Secretary-General to urge Governments to furnish their views on the draft proposal for amendments to the existing specifications for the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale and, after considering the replies and in consultation with appropriate experts, to suggest specific recommendations for such amendments to the Council at its twenty-ninth session.

*1064th plenary meeting,
23 April 1959.*

²⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 21.

C

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning international co-operation on cartography,²³

Considering :

(a) That one of the purposes of the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale is to permit planning with greater facility and exactness the economic and social development of all countries through the rational utilization of their natural resources,

(b) That modern cartography, based on aerial photography, can contribute effectively to that end by the exactness of the information which it provides,

(c) That a knowledge of the renewable natural resources of a country is the indispensable basis for planning the development and better utilization of such resources,

(d) That it would be helpful if Member States received at regular intervals the most recent information on the progress made with the map,

Requests the Secretary-General to consult technical organizations in that field with a view to studying the possibility of providing that future editions of the sheets of the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale should, as far as possible, show the existing plant cover, by means of suitable symbols, and in accordance with a simple classification distinguishing such features as woods, arable areas, scrub, pasture land, areas of special cultivation, etc., and to report to the Council at an appropriate session on the results of his consultations.

*1064th plenary meeting,
23 April 1959.*

**717 (XXVII). Non-governmental organizations:
applications and re-applications for consultative status**

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,²⁶

1. *Decides* to grant the requests of the following organizations for category B consultative status:

Inter-American Planning Society;
International Association for Social Progress;
International Federation of Social Workers;
Women's International Zionist Organization;

2. *Decides* to grant the request of the following organization for reclassification from the Register to category B:

World Federation of the Deaf;

3. *Decides* not to grant the requests of the following organizations for category B consultative status:

International Association of Democratic Lawyers;
International Confederation of Senior Public Servants.

*1065th plenary meeting,
23 April 1959.*

²⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, document E/3217.*

OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

Election of officers of the Council for 1959

At its 1048th meeting, on 7 April 1959, the Council elected Mr. Daniel Cosío Villegas (Mexico) President of the Council for 1959, Mr. Jerzy Michałowski (Poland) First Vice-President and Mr. Zahiruddin Ahmed (Pakistan) Second Vice-President.

Elections of members of the functional commissions of the Council

At its 1065th meeting, on 23 April 1959, the Council elected one-third of the membership of the Statistical Commission, the Population Commission, the Social Commission, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on International Commodity Trade. The composition of these functional commissions for 1960 will therefore be as follows:

POPULATION COMMISSION

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1960
Belgium	1960
Brazil	1960
Canada	1960
China	1963
El Salvador	1961
France	1963
Italy	1963
Japan	1961
Norway	1963
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1963
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1961
United Arab Republic	1960
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1961
United States of America	1961

SOCIAL COMMISSION

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Australia	1963
Brazil	1963
China	1961
Cuba	1960
Denmark	1960
France	1960
India	1963
Ireland	1961
Netherlands	1961
New Zealand	1963
Romania	1960
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1963
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1961
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1960
United States of America	1961

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Australia	1961
Brazil	1963
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1960
China	1960
Ecuador	1960
Finland	1963
France	1961
Indonesia	1961
Italy	1961
Netherlands	1960
New Zealand	1960
Spain	1960
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1961
United Arab Republic	1963
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1963
United States of America	1961
Uruguay	1963
Yugoslavia	1963

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1962
Austria	1962
Belgium	1960
China	1960
Denmark	1962
France	1961
India	1961
Iraq	1961
Lebanon	1960
Mexico	1960
Pakistan	1962
Philippines	1961
Poland	1960
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1961
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1961
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1960
United States of America	1962
Venezuela	1962

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1960
Canada	1960
China	1960
Colombia	1962
Cuba	1962
Czechoslovakia	1960
Finland	1962
France	1962
Greece	1961
Israel	1961
Japan	1960
Mexico	1962
Netherlands	1961
Pakistan	1960
Poland	1962
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1961
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1961
United States of America	1961

COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

Canada *	Peru *
China *	Turkey *
France *	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics *
Hungary **	United Arab Republic **
India *	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland *
Iran **	United States of America *
Mexico **	Yugoslavia *
Netherlands **	

* Elected at the ninth session for an indefinite term, in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 199 (VIII).

** Elected at the twenty-seventh session for a term of office of three years beginning on the day of the first meeting of the Commission to be held in 1960.

COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY TRADE

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1962
Australia	1960
Belgium	1961
Brazil	1962
Canada	1961
Chile	1961
Czechoslovakia	1962
France	1961
Greece	1960
India	1961
Indonesia	1960
Pakistan	1962
Sudan	1960
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1962
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1962
United States of America	1960
Uruguay	1961
Yugoslavia	1960

**Election of members of the Executive Board
of the United Nations Children's Fund**

At its 1065th meeting, on 23 April 1959, the Council elected twelve members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, two of them (BULGARIA and DOMINICAN REPUBLIC) to serve for two years and ten (ECUADOR, GREECE, INDONESIA, IRAN, MEXICO, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and VIET-NAM) for three years. As a result of those elections, the composition of the Executive Board for 1960 is as follows:

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Australia	1961
Belgium	1961
Brazil	1960
Bulgaria	1961
Chile	1961
China	1960
Dominican Republic	1961
Ecuador	1962
El Salvador	1960
France	1960
Germany (Federal Republic of)	1961
Greece	1962
India	1960
Indonesia	1962
Iran	1962
Italy	1961
Mexico	1962
New Zealand	1961
Pakistan	1961
Philippines	1960
Poland	1960
Sweden	1962
Switzerland	1962
Tunisia	1960
Turkey	1962
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1960
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1962
United States of America	1960
Viet-Nam	1962
Yugoslavia	1961

**Confirmation of members of the functional commissions
of the Council**

At its 1066th meeting, on 24 April 1959, the Council confirmed the following representatives of members of the functional commissions nominated by their Governments:

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Mr. Donald V. Lowe (United States of America)

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Chung-sieu Chen (China)

POPULATION COMMISSION

Mr. Pao-yi Tsao (China)

Mr. Francisco Antonio Carrillo (El Salvador)

Mr. Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid (United Arab Republic)

SOCIAL COMMISSION

Mr. Zdeněk Černík (Czechoslovakia)

Mr. Lewis George Anderson (New Zealand)

Date of meeting of the Technical Assistance Committee

At its 1066th meeting, on 24 April 1959, the Council decided that the Technical Assistance Committee should convene on 29 June 1959.

Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session

At its 1066th meeting, on 24 April 1959, the Council decided to include in the provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session:

1. The items contained in the list of items for the twenty-eighth session, drawn up by the Council at its 1046th and 1047th meetings on 10 and 11 December 1958;²⁷

2. The additional item entitled:

“ Question of a draft Declaration on Freedom of Information ”.

²⁷ E/3210.

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