

volume and proportion of documentation produced at the request of each of the Council's subsidiary bodies;

5. *Decides* to issue its report to the General Assembly in separate fascicles and that the report on each agenda item should reflect the chronological sequence of consideration by the Council of the item concerned during the year, and that a single consolidated and bound report containing all the separate item reports should be prepared soon after the Council has concluded its work for the year, including the resumed second regular session;

6. *Further decides* to review the new format of both its own report to the General Assembly and the reports of its subsidiary bodies at its organizational session for 1980;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General systematically to bring to the attention of all subsidiary bodies, including expert bodies, the relevant provisions of resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Council regarding the control and limitation of documentation, and to ensure that the work of the Secretariat shall be organized so that documentation can be issued in due time in all working languages.

*15th plenary meeting
10 May 1979*

1979/42. Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) of 7 July 1959, 871 (XXXIII) of 10 April 1962, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963, 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966, 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970, 1744 (LIV) of 4 May 1973, 1973 (LIX) and 1974 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 and 2050 (LXII) of 5 May 1977,

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on the harmonization of codes and regulations relating to the transport of dangerous goods and on the question of an international convention on the transport of dangerous goods,

Noting the programme of work for the period 1979-1981 proposed by the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in paragraphs 111 to 113 of the report on its tenth session,⁶³

Noting also the report of the Secretary-General⁶⁴ bringing to the attention of the Council the report of the Committee of Experts,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;

2. *Takes note* of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its tenth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the contents of the report of the Committee of Experts:

(a) To incorporate in the revised recommendations prepared by the Committee of Experts⁶⁵ the

⁶³ ST/SG/AC.10/4 and Add.1-4.

⁶⁴ E/1979/12.

⁶⁵ *Transport of Dangerous Goods* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.VIII.1).

amendments set forth in the report of the Committee of Experts on its tenth session, together with the consequential changes necessary to eliminate inconsistencies;

(b) To publish the recommendations in the most cost-effective manner possible, preferably in a form permitting of easy reference and amendment;

(c) To circulate the recommendations as soon as possible to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other international organizations concerned;

4. *Invites* the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the amended recommendations;

5. *Urges* the Governments of Member States and international organizations concerned to take account of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods when developing both national and international codes and regulations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene meetings of the Committee of Experts and its subsidiary bodies, in accordance with the calendar of meetings proposed in paragraph 113 of the Committee's report, with a view to making satisfactory progress on the harmonization of codes and regulations relating to the transport of dangerous goods as well as on the studies on the possibility of drafting an international convention on the transport of dangerous goods.

*18th plenary meeting
11 May 1979*

1979/43. Methods of work of the Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the recommendations concerning methods of work made by the Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,⁶⁶

Approves the methods of work of the Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights set forth below:

METHODS OF WORK OF THE SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

1. The Working Group is composed of fifteen members appointed in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1978/10 of 3 May 1978.

2. The Working Group shall meet annually during the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council.

3. At the beginning of each session the Working Group shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen

⁶⁶ See E/1979/64.

and a Rapporteur, with due regard for equitable geographical representation.

4. The Working Group shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council in so far as they are applicable. However, the Working Group will endeavour to work on the basis of the principle of consensus.

5. The Working Group shall assist the Economic and Social Council in the consideration of the reports submitted by States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights⁶⁷ in conformity with article 16 of the Covenant.

6. The Working Group shall consider the reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant in accordance with the programme established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1988 (LX) of 11 May 1976, under which the States parties will furnish in biennial stages the reports referred to in article 16 of the Covenant.

7. The Working Group shall normally consider the reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Covenant in the order in which they have been received by the Secretary-General. Representatives of the reporting States are entitled to be present at the meetings of the Working Group when their reports are examined, to make statements on the reports submitted by their States and answer questions which may be put to them by the members of the Working Group.

8. The President of the Economic and Social Council shall notify, through the Secretary-General, the States parties as early as possible of the opening date and duration of the session of the Working Group at which their respective reports will be examined. For the meetings referred to in paragraph 7 above, representatives of the States parties concerned will be specially invited to attend.

9. The analytical summary of reports prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1978/9 of 3 May 1978 shall be made available to the Working Group in order to facilitate its work. The Working Group may express its views on the usefulness, form and content of the analytical summary.

10. The Working Group is also entrusted with the task of considering the reports of the specialized agencies, submitted to the Economic and Social Council in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant and the programme established under Council resolution 1988 (LX), on the progress made in achieving the observance of the provisions of the Covenant falling within the scope of their activities.

11. At the beginning of each session, the Working Group shall consider appropriate organizational matters, including the schedule of its meetings and the possibility of holding a general discussion on the measures adopted and the progress made in achieving the observance of the rights recognized in the Covenant.

12. The Working Group may submit to the Economic and Social Council proposals concerning the recommendations of a general nature referred to in article 21 of the Covenant. It may also make

suggestions for the consideration of the Council with reference to articles 19, 22 and 23 of the Covenant.

13. The general guidelines for reports on the respective articles of the Covenant, drawn up by the Secretary-General in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1988 (LX), may when necessary be considered by the Working Group with a view to making suggestions for their improvement.

14. The Working Group shall at each session consider the status of submission of reports under article 16 of the Covenant and may make appropriate recommendations in its report to the Economic and Social Council, including recommendations to the effect that the Secretary-General should send reminders to States parties from which reports have not been received.

15. Summary records of the meetings of the Working Group shall be drawn up and distributed in the working languages. The records of each session shall be transmitted by the Secretary-General to all States parties to the Covenant.

16. At the conclusion of each session the Working Group shall submit to the Economic and Social Council a report on its work.

*18th plenary meeting
11 May 1979*

1979/44. Establishment of an *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Economic and Social Council,

*Acting upon the recommendation of the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its fourth session concerning the establishment of an *ad hoc* intergovernmental working group of experts on international standards of accounting and reporting,*⁶⁸

Decides:

(a) To establish an *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting composed of thirty-four members;

(b) That, taking into account the different existing systems of accounting and reporting and without prejudice to the principle of equitable geographical distribution, the Group should be composed as follows:

Nine members from African States;

Seven members from Asian States;

Six members from Latin American States;

Nine members from Western European and other States;

Three members from Eastern European States;

(c) That the members of the Group shall be elected by the Council at its second regular session of 1979; each State elected shall appoint an expert with appropriate experience in the field of accounting and reporting;

⁶⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 12 (E/1978/52 and Corr.1-3), chap. I, sect. A.*

⁶⁷ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.