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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION AND RELATED ITEMS

Resolutions Adopted by the Economic and Social Council
on 28 March 1947

EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING NOTED WITH APPROVAL the instructions of the Economic and Employment Commission to its Sub-Commissions on Economic Development and on Employment and Economic Stability, and

HAVING NOTED the services required from the Secretary-General to facilitate the work of the Commission and its Sub-Commissions

REQUESTS the Economic and Employment Commission

- (a) to investigate and report, taking full account of the responsibilities of the specialized agencies and the inter-governmental organizations regarding the most appropriate forms of international action for facilitating the better utilization of world resources of manpower, materials, labour and capital in order to promote higher standards of living throughout the world, more particularly in undeveloped and under-developed areas;
- (b) to initiate regular reports to the Council on world economic conditions and trends, giving particular attention to any factors that are preventing or are likely to prevent in the near future the maintenance of full employment and economic stability, together with analyses indicating the causal factors involved and recommendations as to desirable action; and
- (c) to consider and report to the Council as early as practicable

regarding the most appropriate forms of international action to

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maintain world full employment and economic stability, taking full account of any views put forward by the International Labour Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements, the Preparatory Committee of the Trade and Employment Conference (particularly the draft resolution on international action relating to employment appearing in the report of the first session of this Committee), and by non-governmental organizations in Category A in regard to questions of particular concern to them, and bearing in mind that the action to promote full employment when unemployment or under-employment result from the lack of effective demand may differ from that which is appropriate when, as in devastated areas or undeveloped or under-developed countries, the obstacle is the deficiency of certain factors such as equipment, fuel and raw materials which are necessary to employ productively the available supply of labour; and

REQUESTS the Secretary-General

- (a) to make the necessary provisions for carrying out the services described in the report of the Economic and Employment Commission, Part V Section C, and Part VI Section B, and
- (b) to assume the responsibility, contemplated in paragraph 2 of Section B of Part VI of the report of that Commission, for drawing to the attention of the Commission and its Sub-Commission on Employment and Economic Stability any economic situations which should receive special consideration and, in particular, such developments as would, in the opinion of the Secretary-General, justify the calling of a session of the Economic and Employment Commission in accordance with its rules of procedure.

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TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING NOTED the recommendations of the Economic and Employment Commission relating to economic development

EXPRESSES THE VIEW that the Commission in carrying out its functions in regard to technical and other assistance to any country should be guided by the principle that such assistance should not be used for the purpose of exploitation or of obtaining political and other advantages exclusively for countries rendering such assistance.

BALANCES OF PAYMENTS

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING NOTED the recommendations on the question of balances of payments contained in the reports of the Economic and Employment Commission and the Statistical Commission*

REQUESTS the Secretary-General

- (a) to make the necessary arrangements for full and regular reports on and analyses of balances of payments in close co-operation with and using to the fullest extent possible the resources of the International Monetary Fund and other interested inter-governmental agencies in order to assist the Economic and Employment Commission and its Sub-Commissions in considering the economic problems related to or arising out of balances of payments; and
- (b) to consult with the International Monetary Fund and other interested inter-governmental agencies with the view to developing standards of reporting data in the field of balances of payments.

* Document E/264

ITO FUNCTIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING CONSIDERED the request of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment contained in Annexure 8 of the Report of its First Session

IS OF THE VIEW that it would be appropriate for the International Trade Organization to assume the functions relating to economic development as described in Article 11, paragraph 3 of the Draft Charter appended to the above-mentioned Report. The Council expects that careful consideration will be given by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment to the final formulation of this paragraph in the light of the agreed purposes and functions of the International Trade Organization, bearing in mind

- (a) the terms of reference established by the Council for the Economic and Employment Commission and its Sub-Commission on Economic Development, and
- (b) the responsibility in this field of inter-governmental organizations which are now, or are qualified to be, specialized agencies under Article 57 of the United Nations Charter.

INTERIM CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL
COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

NOTING that inter-governmental consultations are going forward actively with respect to certain internationally traded commodities, and

CONSIDERING the significant measure of agreement regarding commodity problems and the co-ordination of commodity consultations already reached both in the First Session of the Preparatory Committee on the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, and in the Preparatory Commission on World Food Proposals of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

RECOMMENDS that, pending the establishment of the International Trade Organization, Members of the United Nations adopt as a general guide in inter-governmental consultation or action with respect to commodity problems the principles laid down in Chapter VII as a whole, i.e. the chapter on Inter-Governmental Commodity Arrangements of the Draft Charter appended to the Report of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment*, although recognizing that discussions in future sessions of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference, as well as in the Conference itself, may result in modifications of the provisions relating to commodity problems, and

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to appoint an Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements to keep informed of and to facilitate by appropriate means such inter-governmental consultation or action with respect to commodity problems, the Committee to consist of a Chairman to represent the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, a person nominated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to be concerned in particular with agricultural primary commodities, and a person to be concerned in particular with non-agricultural primary commodities.

TIMBER CONFERENCE TO BE CONVENED BY THE FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECOGNIZING the seriousness of the present timber shortage which
is delaying reconstruction and threatening economic recovery in devastated
countries,

CONSIDERING the urgent need for international consultation with
regard to this problem,

CONSIDERING that in any immediate solutions which may be found,
full consideration must be given to the long-range requirements of a
sound forest policy,

WELCOMES the initiative taken by the Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations in calling an international timber conference to
meet in Czechoslovakia on 28 April 1947;

NOTES with satisfaction the decision taken by the FAO that other
conferences would be called in various parts of the world in 1947, in
order to consider this problem;

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to arrange for representation of
the United Nations at the conference in response to the invitation of
the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and

URGES the Members of the United Nations to whose economy Europe's
production, import or export of forest products is important, whether
immediately or from the point of view of longer-range development of
potential resources and consumption requirements, to participate in the
timber conference.
