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ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS AT THE RESUMED EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

Note by the Secretary-General

- I. The agenda for the resumed eighteenth session of the Council, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with Council resolution 557 BII (XVIII), paragraph 2 (c), is as follows:
 - 1. Election of members of the Commission on International Commodity Trade (Council resolution 557 (XVIII))
 - 2. Application from the Bulgarian People's Republic for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Council decision of 3 August 1954)
 - 3. Election of members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (rule 82 of the rules of procedure as revised at the eighteenth session)
 - 4. Appointment of a member of the Permanent Central Opium Board (Council decision of 30 July 1954)
 - 5. Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council
 - 6. Question of the terms of reference of the Economic, Employment and Development Commission: report by the Secretary-General under Council resolution 557 C I (XVIII)
 - 7. Disposition of questions arising out of the ninth regular session of the General Assembly
 - 8. Work of the Council in 1955
 - (a) Basic programme for 1955: allocation of items to sessions
 - (b) Establishment of dates for opening debate on items allocated to the March session

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- II. As regards item 1 above, the first session of the Commission on International Commodity Trade is scheduled to open on 17 January 1955. Council resolution 557 F (XVIII), paragraph 2 (e), states that "the original members of the Commission shall be the eighteen States elected by the Council as early as possible at its resumed eighteenth session".
- III. As regards item 2, the Council, at its 824th meeting, on 3 August 1954, decided to postpone consideration of the application from the Bulgarian People's Republic for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, until the resumed eighteenth session, on the understanding that it would be discussed before 1 December 1954.
- IV. In the light of the considerations set out in paragraphs II and III above, the President, in consultation with the Secretary-General, proposes that the eighteenth session of the Council should be resumed in the first week of November 1954 to consider items 1 and 2 of the agenda. Items 3 and 4 could also be taken up at that time.
- V. The Secretary-General calls to the attention of the Council the communication dated 12 October 1954 (E/2657) which he received from the Director-General of UNESCO regarding the application of the Albanian People's Republic for membership in UNESCO. It is for the Council to decide if it wishes to include this question in the agenda and to discuss it at the same time as the application of the Bulgarian People's Republic.
- VI. It is proposed that further meetings of the Council to consider the remainder of the items on the agenda of the resumed eighteenth session should be held towards the end of November or early in December by which time it is anticipated that the General Assembly will have progressed sufficiently far in its work to enable the Council, in considering its programme for 1955, to take into account questions arising out of the Assembly.
