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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with Rules 4 and 5 of the Rules of Procedure of Functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to state that the seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights will open at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, at 11 a.m. on Monday, 16 April 1951, and to communicate herewith the provisional agenda for that session. An annotated list of documents on each agenda item is annexed.

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Draft International Covenant on Human Rights and Measures of Implementation
(General Assembly resolutions 421 (V) and 422 (V); Economic and Social Council resolutions 303 I (XI))
 - (a) Revision of the substantive provisions of the Draft Covenant
(General Assembly resolution 421 (V), section B, concerning the general adequacy of the first eighteen articles)
 - (b) Inclusion in the Covenant of provisions concerning economic, social and cultural rights
(General Assembly resolution 421 (V), section E, on the desirability of including articles on economic, social and cultural rights)
 - (c) Consideration of provisions for the receipt and examination of petitions from individuals and organizations with respect to alleged violations of the Covenant - studies of questions relating to petitions and implementation
(General Assembly resolution 421 (V), section F, concerning the adequacy of the articles relating to implementation)
 - (d) Study of a federal state article
(General Assembly resolution 421 (V), section G, relating to the
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desirability of including a special article on the application of the Covenant to federal states)

(e) The territorial application of the Covenant
(General Assembly resolution 422 (V))

4. The Right of Peoples and Nations to Self-Determination
(General Assembly resolution 421 D (V))
5. Development of the Work of the United Nations for Wider Observance of and Respect for Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms Throughout the World
(General Assembly resolution 494 (V), A/1304, Point 8)
6. Annual Reports on Human Rights
(Economic and Social Council resolution 303 E (XI), E/1681, paragraph 47)
7. Draft Declaration on the Rights of the Child
(Economic and Social Council resolution 309.C (XI))
8. Old Age Rights
(item deferred to the seventh session of the Commission from the agenda of its sixth session, E/1681, paragraph 80; General Assembly resolution 213 (III); Economic and Social Council resolutions 198 (VIII) and 309 D (XI), E/1371, paragraph 34)
9. Right of Asylum
(item deferred to the seventh session of the Commission from the agenda of its sixth session, E/1681, paragraph 80, and see E/600, paragraph 48; E/1371, paragraph 33)
10. Resolution 154 D (VII) and Decision of 2 August 1949 of the Economic and Social Council dealing with the Freedom to Choose a Spouse, etc.
(item deferred to the seventh session of the Commission from the agenda of its sixth session, E/1681, paragraph 80)
11. Local Human Rights Committees
(item deferred to the seventh session of the Commission from the agenda of its sixth session, E/1681, paragraph 80 and Economic and Social Council resolution 9/2 of 21 June 1946; E/600, paragraph 48; E/800, paragraph 22; E/1371, paragraph 30)
12. International Court of Human Rights
(E/1681, paragraphs 46 and 81)
13. Continuing validity of Minorities Treaties and Declarations
(Economic and Social Council resolution 116 C (VII); E/1681, paragraph 76; E/1371, paragraph 28)

14. Yearbook on Human Rights
(Economic and Social Council resolution 303 H (XI))
15. Communications
 - (a) Lists of communications and replies from Member States
(Economic and Social Council resolutions 75 (V) as amended by 275 B (X) and 192 A (VIII));
 - (b) Procedure for handling of communications relating to human rights
(E/1681, paragraph 56, E/CN.4/165, E/CN.4/165/Corr.1 and E/CN.4/361)
16. Report of the Seventh Session of the Commission on Human Rights to the Economic and Social Council.

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Annotated list of documents on agenda items

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Economic and Social Council: Official Records
- Observations of Governments of Member States on the draft International Covenant on Human Rights and Measures of Implementation received in pursuance of resolutions 421 G (V) of the General Assembly and 303 I (XI) of the Economic and Social Council E/CN.4/515
and Addenda
- Memorandum by the Secretary-General on the action taken by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council since the sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights E/CN.4/513
- Subject analysis of the discussions on the draft International Covenant on Human Rights and measures of implementation at the eleventh session of the Economic and Social Council, prepared by the Secretary-General. This document was submitted to the fifth session of the General Assembly and it also includes a subject analysis of relevant documentation transmitted to the General Assembly by the Economic and Social Council A/C.3/535
- Subject analysis of the discussions on the draft International Covenant and measures of implementation at the fifth session of the General Assembly, prepared by the Secretary-General E/CN.4/514
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- Report submitted by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on regulations concerning economic and social rights in the International Covenant on Human Rights E/1752
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4. Memorandum by the Secretary-General, on section D of resolution 421 (V) of the General Assembly, concerning the right of peoples and nations to self-determination E/CN.4/516
5. The Secretary-General draws the attention of the Commission on Human Rights to a memorandum submitted by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council E/
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6. Memorandum by the Secretary-General which refers to the proposals, discussions and decisions of the eleventh session of the Economic and Social Council and the sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights concerning annual reports by Member States on the promotion of respect for and the progress of human rights E/CN.4/517
7. Memorandum by the Secretary-General which refers to the decision of the eleventh session of the Economic and Social Council, and contains the text of the draft Declaration on the Rights of the Child and certain other informations E/CN.4/512
8. Note by the Secretary-General containing background information on the problem of Old Age Rights E/CN.4/518
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11. Memorandum by the Secretary-General, which describes the information received from Member States since the adoption of Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II) and contains certain other information and observations. E/CN.4/513
12. Note by the Secretary-General on certain developments concerning the proposal for an International Court of Human Rights E/CN.4/521
13. Study by the Secretary-General of the Legal Validity of the Undertakings Concerning Minorities E/CN.4/367
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15. (a) Non-confidential list of communications dealing with the principles involved in the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights, prepared by the Secretary-General. E/CN.4/CR.20
- Confidential list of communications relating to human rights prepared by the Secretary-General. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 75 (V), this list will be presented to the Commission on Human Rights at its seventh session at a private meeting E/CN.4/CR.21
- Replies from Member States received in connection with paragraph (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 75 (V) as amended by resolution 275 B (XI) and resolution 192 A (VIII) H.R. Communications No. 1
15. (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the present situation with regard to communications concerning human rights, presented to the fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights in 1949 E/CN.4/165
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- Memorandum by the Secretary-General drawing attention, inter alia, to resolution 240 C (IX) of the Economic and Social Council relating to communications concerning freedom of information and of the press, and to draft resolution concerning the handling of petitions submitted by the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities E/CN.4/361