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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its second meeting of 29 January 1946, appointed a Committee on the Organization of the Council composed of representatives of all the members of the Council to consider and report to the Council on the establishment of the Commissions enumerated in Chapter III, Section 4, of the Report of the Preparatory Commission.
2. With regard to the composition of the Commissions to be established at the First Session of the Council, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council that for each of these Commissions, with the exception of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, a nucleus of members should be appointed in their individual capacity for a term of one year.
3. With regard to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs the Committee decided to recommend to the Council that this Commission should be composed of fifteen members of the United Nations which are important producing or manufacturing countries or countries in which illicit traffic in narcotic drugs constitutes a serious social problem.
4. The Committee further considered the desirability of establishing, at the First Session of the Council, the following Commissions which were suggested in the Report of the Preparatory Commission:
  - (a) Demographic Commission;
  - (b) Temporary Transport and Communications Commission;
  - (c) Fiscal Commission;
  - (d) Co-ordination Commission.

The Committee recommends that these four Commissions be

established at the Second Session of the Council.

5. The Committee decided, in the course of its discussions, to appoint a Drafting Sub-committee, composed of the representatives of Canada, France, Greece, Peru, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom, United States and Yugoslavia, to consider and report on the proposals of the Committee concerning the terms of reference and the composition of the Commissions to be established at the First Session of the Council (Document E/ORG/1).

6. In addition to the recommendations contained in Chapter III, Section 4, paragraphs 15-30 of the Report of the Preparatory Commission, the Drafting Sub-committee considered and reported to the Committee on the establishment of a sub-commission of the Commission on Human Rights dealing with the status of women, and on the establishment of a sub-commission of the Economic and Employment Commission dealing with the economic reconstruction of devastated areas.

7. The Committee presents for consideration and approval by the Council the following resolutions on the establishment of:

- (a) A Commission on Human Rights
- (b) An Economic and Employment Commission
- (c) A Temporary Social Commission
- (d) A Statistical Commission
- (e) A Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

## RESOLUTIONS

### COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

#### Section A.

1. The Economic and Social Council, being charged under the Charter with the responsibility of promoting universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all

without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, and requiring advice and assistance to enable it to discharge this responsibility,

ESTABLISHES A COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. The work of the Commission shall be directed towards submitting proposals, recommendations and reports to the Council regarding:

- (a) an international bill of rights;
- (b) international declarations or conventions on civil liberties, the status of women, freedom of information and similar matters;
- (c) the protection of minorities;
- (d) the prevention of discrimination on grounds of race, sex, language or religion.

3. The Commission shall make studies and recommendations and provide information and other services at the request of the Economic and Social Council.

4. The Commission may propose to the Council any changes in its terms of reference.

5. The Commission may make recommendations to the Council concerning any sub-commission which it considers should be established.

6. Initially, the Commission shall consist of a nucleus of ..... members appointed in their individual capacity for a term of office expiring on 31 March 1947. They are eligible for re-appointment. In addition to exercising the functions enumerated in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, the Commission thus constituted shall make recommendations on the definitive composition of the Commission to the Second Session of the Council.

7. The Council hereby appoints the following persons as initial.

members of the Commission: .....  
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Section B.

1. The Economic and Social Council, considering that the Commission on Human Rights will require special advice on problems relating to the status of women,

ESTABLISHES A SUB-COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN,

2. The Sub-commission shall submit proposals, recommendations, and reports to the Commission on Human Rights regarding the status of women.

3. The Sub-commission may submit proposals to the Council, through the Commission on Human Rights, regarding its terms of reference.

4. Initially, the Sub-commission shall consist of a nucleus of ..... members appointed in their individual capacity for a term of office expiring on 31 March 1947. They are eligible for re-appointment. In addition to exercising the functions enumerated in paragraphs 2 and 3, the Sub-commission thus constituted shall make recommendations on the definitive composition of the Sub-commission to the Second Session of the Council through the Commission on Human Rights.

5. The Council hereby appoints the following persons as initial members of this Sub-commission: .....  
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ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

1. The Economic and Social Council, being charged under the Charter with the responsibility of promoting higher standards of living, full employment, conditions of economic and social progress and development, and solutions of international economic problems, and requiring advice and assistance to enable it to discharge this

responsibility.

ESTABLISHES AN ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

2. The Commission shall advise the Economic and Social Council on:

- (a) economic questions of a general character;
- (b) economic questions involving concerted study and action by more than one specialized agency or commission of the Council;
- (c) the world economic situation and economic problems requiring immediate attention from time to time.

3. In particular it will be the function of the Commission to advise the Council on:

- (a) problems of economic reconstruction of devastated areas and other urgent economic problems arising from the war, including methods of meeting short term situations most consistently with the requirements of long-term policy;
- (b) the promotion of world-wide full employment, the co-ordination of national full employment policies and the prevention of economic stability;
- (c) problems of economic development including particularly those relating to under-developed areas.

4. The Commission shall make studies and recommendations and provide information and other services at the request of the Economic and Social Council.

5. The Commission shall establish the following sub-commissions;

- (a) A Sub-commission on Employment to study national and, in consultation with the sub-commissions on Balance of Payments and Economic Development, international methods of promoting full employment and related problems, and to analyse information regarding employment and unemployment in the various countries;

(b) A Sub-commission on Balance of Payments to study and advise the Commission on balance of payments problems, especially insofar as they require for their solution concerted action by governments or by more than one specialized agency;

(c) A Sub-commission on Economic Development to advise the Commission on the long-term development of production and consumption throughout the world, and, in particular, on:

- (i) the methods of increasing production, productivity and levels of consumption in the less-developed regions of the world;
- (ii) the effects of industrialization and technological change on world economic conditions, and the adjustments required;

6. The Commission may also make recommendations to the Council concerning any other sub-commission which it considers should be established.

7. Not more than three members, not members of the Commission, may be appointed to a sub-commission without the previous approval of the Council.

8. The Commission may propose to the Council any changes in its terms of reference or in those of the sub-commissions.

9. Initially, the Commission shall consist of a nucleus of ..... members appointed in their individual capacity for a term of office expiring on 31 March 1947. They are eligible for re-appointment. In addition to exercising the functions enumerated in paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 8 the Commission thus constituted shall make recommendations to the Second Session of the Council on the definitive composition of the Commission and on the desirability of establishing a sub-commission on economic reconstruction of devastated areas.

10. The Council hereby appoints the following persons as initial members of the Commission .....

TEMPORARY SOCIAL COMMISSION

1. The Economic and Social Council, considering that it will require advice on the adequacy of the structure of international organization in the social field and on substantive problems in this sphere, and being of the opinion that it is premature to establish at this stage a complete structure of permanent commissions in the social field,

ESTABLISHES A TEMPORARY SOCIAL COMMISSION

2. The functions of the Commission shall be:
- (a) to make a general review of international organization in the social field, and of problems not dealt with by existing organizations, with a view to making recommendations to the Council at an early date regarding the structure of commissions and sub-commissions and possibly of new specialized agencies which it appears desirable to maintain or establish;
  - (b) to report to the Council on the advisability of bringing under the Council the activities in the social field hitherto carried on by the League of Nations, and such other activities as the work on the treatment of offenders now carried on by the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission;
  - (c) to assume on an interim basis, pending the establishment of permanent machinery, the work of the League of Nations on such social questions as traffic in women and children and child welfare;

- (d) to report to the Council on substantive problems in the social field requiring immediate attention.
3. The Commission may propose to the Council any changes in its terms of reference.
4. Initially, the Commission shall consist of a nucleus of ..... members appointed in their individual capacity for a term of office expiring on 31 March 1947. In addition to exercising the functions enumerated in paragraphs 2 and 3 the Commission thus constituted shall make recommendations on the definitive composition of the Commission to the Second Session of the Council.
5. The Council hereby appoints the following persons as initial members of the Commission: .....  
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#### STATISTICAL COMMISSION

1. The Economic and Social Council, considering that it will require expert advice on statistical matters,  
ESTABLISHES A STATISTICAL COMMISSION.
2. The Commission shall assist the Council:
- (a) in the co-ordination of national statistics and the improvement of their comparability;
  - (b) in the co-ordination of the statistical work of specialized agencies;
  - (c) in the development of the central statistical services of the Secretariat;
  - (d) in advising the Members and organs of the United Nations on general questions relating to the collection, interpretation and dissemination of statistical information;
  - (e) in promoting the improvement of statistics.
3. The Commission shall make studies and recommendations and



provide information and other services at the request of the Economic and Social Council.

4. The Commission may propose to the Council any changes in its terms of reference.

5. The Commission may make recommendations to the Council concerning any Sub-commission which it considers should be established.

6. Initially, the Commission shall consist of a nucleus of ..... members appointed in their individual capacity for a term of office expiring on 31 March 1947. They are eligible for re-appointment. In addition to exercising the functions enumerated in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 the Commission thus constituted shall make recommendations on the definitive composition of the Commission to the Second Session of the Council.

7. The Council hereby appoints the following persons as initial members of the Commission .....  
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COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

1. The Economic and Social Council, in order to provide machinery whereby full effect may be given to the international conventions relating to narcotic drugs, and to provide for continuous review of and progress in the international control of such drugs,  
ESTABLISHES A COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS.

2. The Commission shall;
- (a) assist the council in exercising such powers of supervision over the application of international conventions and agreements dealing with narcotic drugs as may be assumed by or conferred on the Council;
  - (b) carry out such functions entrusted to the League of Nations Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium and Other Dangerous Drugs by the international conventions in narcotic

drugs as the Council may find necessary to assume and continue;

(c) advise the Council on all matters pertaining to the control of narcotic drugs, and prepare such draft international conventions as may be necessary;

(d) consider what changes may be required in the existing machinery for the international control of narcotic drugs and submit proposals thereon to the Council;

(e) perform such other functions relating to narcotic drugs as the Council may direct.

3. The Commission may make recommendations to the Council concerning any Sub-commission which it considers should be established.

4. The Commission shall be composed of fifteen Members of the United Nations, which are important producing or manufacturing countries or countries in which illicit traffic in narcotic drugs constitutes a serious social problem. The term of office of members is three years. They are eligible for re-appointment.

5. The Commission is authorized by the Council to appoint in a consultative capacity, and without the right to vote, representatives of bodies created under the terms of international conventions on narcotic drugs.

6. The Council hereby appoints the following Members as members of the Commission: