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CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council, at its 952nd meeting on 7 December 1956 considered its basic programme for 1957 in accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure.
2. The items which the Council decided to place on the provisional agenda for the twenty-third session are contained in document E/2946.
3. The Council further decided to place the items appearing below on the list of items for the twenty-fourth session. This list will be before the Council at its twenty-third session when it considers the provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session in accordance with rule 11 of the rules of procedure.
4. It will be recalled that, at its 953rd meeting, the Council requested the Secretary-General to call to its attention in writing, before the opening of the twenty-third session, any items arising out of the eleventh session of the General Assembly. It was understood that the disposition of any such items which the Council did not decide to place on the agenda of the twenty-third session would be decided upon at the end of the session when the Council considered the provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session.

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LIST OF ITEMS FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

to be convened at Geneva on
2 July 1957

1. Adoption of the sessional agenda
2. World economic situation:
 - (a) Survey of the world economic situation
 - (b) Consideration of the reports of the regional economic commissions
3. World social situation
4. General review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole
5. Sources of energy as a means of economic development
6. Financing of economic development
7. International commodity problems
8. Establishment of a world food reserve
9. Technical assistance
10. Human rights
11. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women
12. International control of narcotic drugs
13. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
14. Non-governmental organizations
15. Calendar of conferences for 1958
16. Financial implications of actions of the Council
17. Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly
- 18.* Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council
- 19.* Election of members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- 20.* Work of the Council in 1958

Together with any further business arising out of the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly.

* To be considered at the resumed twenty-fourth session (to take place during or shortly after the twelfth regular session of the General Assembly). /...

PRELIMINARY ANNOTATIONS TO THE LIST OF ITEMS
FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

1. Adoption of the sessional agenda

Under rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the Council is required to adopt its agenda for the session on the basis of the provisional agenda considered by it at the twenty-third session under rule 11, and any items on the supplementary list referred to in rule 13.

2. World economic situation

(a) Survey of the world economic situation

In accordance with Council resolution 557 B II (XVIII), paragraph 3 (a), the Secretary-General, assisted by appropriate officials of the Secretariat, including the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions, will introduce the discussion on the world economic situation.

The Council will have before it the following documents:

- (i) the World Economic Survey, 1956, a review of recent economic developments in the Middle East, and a review of economic developments in Africa;
- (ii) the Economic Survey of Europe, 1956, the Economic Survey of Asia and the Far East, 1956, and the Economic Survey of Latin America, 1956;
- (iii) the replies received from Governments to the questionnaire on full employment and balance of payments. The Secretariat analysis of the replies will be incorporated in the World Economic Survey;
- (iv) the report to be prepared by the Secretary-General on the basis of the comments concerning international machinery for trade co-operation received from Governments under Council resolution 614 A (XXII).

(b) Consideration of the reports of the regional economic commissions

The Council will have before it the annual reports of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, and the Economic Commission for Latin America.

3. World social situation

In accordance with the Council resolution 557 B II (XVIII), the Secretary-General will introduce the discussion on the world social situation.

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The Council will have before it:

(a) the report of the Social Commission on its eleventh session, scheduled to meet on 6 May 1957. This report will include recommendations of the Commission to the Council with regard to financing of housing and community improvements, in accordance with Council resolution 585 E (XX), as well as the Commission's observations regarding the measurement of levels of living, pursuant to Council resolution 585 B (XX);

(b) the report by the Secretary-General on the world social situation, prepared in the light of Council resolutions 585 H III (XX) and 627 (XXII);

(c) a report by the Secretary-General on concepts and principles of community development, prepared in the light of Council resolutions 496 (XVI), 585 C (XX) and 627 (XXII), together with the comments and recommendations of the Social Commission thereon;

(d) the report of the Working Group convened in accordance with Council resolution 585 F (XX) on the maintenance of family levels of living, together with a report by the Secretary-General on social policies relating to social insurance, social assistance and related social services. The Secretary-General's report will include the views expressed on the report of the Working Group by the specialized agencies concerned and his own observations. The Council will also have before it the comments and recommendations of the Social Commission on the report of the Working Group.

4. General review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole

In accordance with Council resolution 557 B II (XVIII), paragraph 3 (b), the Secretary-General will introduce the discussion under this item.

The Council will have before it the reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination; the annual reports of the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the Universal Postal Union, the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization.

The annual reports of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund, as well as the reports of the

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Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America, the Commission on International Commodity Trade, the Transport and Communications Commission, the Population Commission, the Social Commission, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will also be available to the Council.

In accordance with Council resolution 630 A I (XXII), the Secretary-General will submit his observations on the work programme of the Council and on the financial implications of the Council's actions, including comments on work in the social field and on the work programmes of the regional economic commissions and the functional commissions.

In accordance with Council resolution 630 B (XXII), the Secretary-General will submit to the Council a report on the detailing of certain Headquarters personnel to regional commission offices.

5. Sources of energy as a means of economic development

The Council will have before it:

- (a) under Council resolution 597 B (XXI), paragraph 1, a report by the Secretary-General on atomic energy as a factor in economic development;
- (b) under Council resolution 597 B (XXI), paragraph 4, a report by the Secretary-General on the possibility of devoting as much as possible of the programme of the second international conference on the exchange of technical information regarding the peaceful uses of atomic energy to the practical applications of nuclear energy in the interest of promoting the economic development of under-developed countries and the desirability of convening a separate conference on this subject;
- (c) under Council resolution 598 (XXI), a report by the Secretary-General on new sources of energy other than the atom as a factor in economic development.

6. Financing of economic development

Pursuant to Council resolution 619 B (XXII), the Secretary-General will submit to the Council a report containing an annual review of developments in governmental measures affecting the international flow of private capital, and a statistical treatment of the flow of capital. The triennial report requested in this resolution will be submitted at a subsequent session of the Council.

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7. International commodity problems

The Council will consider under this item:

- (a) the third report of the Commission on International Commodity Trade which will cover its sessions in November 1956 and May 1957;
- (b) a report by the Secretary-General under Council resolution 620 (XXII), in which he will submit the views of the Commission on International Commodity Trade, the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements and FAO on organizational and procedural arrangements and co-ordination of functions of United Nations bodies concerned with international commodity trade;

Note: To consider this report at the twenty-fourth session the Council would have to waive the six-weeks' rule since the views of the Commission will not be known until after its session in May.

- (c) a report by the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements.

8. Establishment of a world food reserve

In accordance with Council resolution 621 (XXII), the Council will have before it the report to be prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the FAO and such other organizations and experts as he considers appropriate, on the possibility of further national action and international co-operation with a view to attaining the objectives set forth in General Assembly resolution 827 (IX).

Note: Since this report will need to take account, inter alia, of the discussions at the fifth session of the Commission on International Commodity Trade which will be held in May, the Secretary-General will be unable to distribute it in accordance with the six weeks' rule.

9. Technical assistance

The Council will consider under this item:

- (a) United Nations activities under the regular and expanded programmes

The Secretary-General will report to the Council under General Assembly resolutions 200 (III), 418 (V), 723 (VIII) and Council resolution 222 A (IX) on United Nations activities under the regular and expanded programmes.

- (b) Expanded Programme

The Council will have before it the reports of the Technical Assistance Committee on its meetings in November 1956 and July 1957.

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The ninth report of the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee will also be before the Council for its information.

The reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on its sessions in October 1956 and May 1957 will contain sections dealing with various questions which relate to the Expanded Programme.

At its 951st meeting, the Council requested the specialized agencies participating in the Expanded Programme to provide information with respect to the points listed in the resolution on the evaluation of the Expanded Programme adopted by the Technical Assistance Committee on 13 July 1956 (E/2923, para. 34), so far as appropriate, in their annual reports to the Council.

10. Human rights

Under this item the Council will have before it:

- (a) the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its thirteenth session to be held from 1 - 26 April 1957;
- (b) the report to be prepared by the Secretary-General, in accordance with Council resolution 605 (XXI), on developments under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights established by General Assembly resolution 926 (X).

11. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Commission will report to the Council on its eleventh session to be held on 18 March 1957.

12. International control of narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it

- (a) the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its twelfth session to be held on 29 April 1957;
- (b) a report by the Secretary-General, under Council resolution 626 D and E (XXII), on technical assistance for narcotics control;
- (c) the report of the Permanent Central Opium Board on Statistics of Narcotics for 1955 and the work of the Board in 1956.

13. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The annual report will be presented by the High Commissioner to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council in accordance with

paragraph 11 of the Statute of the Office of the High Commissioner (General Assembly resolutions 428 (V) and 727 (VIII)). In accordance with Council resolution 565 (XIX) the report of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee will be attached to the annual report.

14. Non-governmental organizations

The Council will have before it reports of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on hearings and applications for hearings under rules 84, 85 and 86.

15. Calendar of conferences for 1958

The Council will have before it a draft calendar of conferences prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Interim Committee on Programme of Conferences established by Council resolution 174 (VII).

16. Financial implications of actions of the Council

In accordance with rule 34 and General Assembly resolution 533 C (VI), the Secretary-General will report to the Council on work programmes and costs of the economic and social activities of the United Nations during 1958.

17. Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly

The Secretary-General will issue a working paper on the subject of the arrangements to be made for the preparation of the report.

18.* Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council

The Secretary-General will submit to the Council for confirmation the names of representatives of members of functional commissions nominated or re-nominated since the close of the twenty-third session.

19.* Election of members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Under rule 82 of the rules of procedure, as revised at the eighteenth session, the Council is required to elect the seven members of the Committee at the resumed part of the session.

20.* Work of the Council in 1958

In accordance with Council resolution 557 B II (XVIII), the agenda for the resumed part of the session includes:

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- (a) allocation of items to sessions of the Council during the forthcoming year on the basis of a draft programme submitted by the Secretary-General;
- (b) the establishment of dates for opening debate on items allocated to the twenty-fifth session;
- (c) the disposal of items arising out of the twelfth regular session of the General Assembly.
