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DRAFT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE REPORT OF THE
TEMPORARY SUB-COMMISSION ON THE ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION OF
DEVASTATED AREAS SUBMITTED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THIRTEEN
TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

I

GENERAL RESOLUTION

The Economic and Social Council having considered the Preliminary Report (E/116, 18 September 1946) of the Temporary Sub-Commission on Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas of the Economic and Employment Commission;

1. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly, the Member Governments of the United Nations and to the Specialized Agencies the Preliminary Report and this present Resolution for their consideration, and to call the attention of these Governments and Agencies to the matters with which they are particularly concerned for appropriate action by them;
2. (a) Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to undertake forthwith special studies of the needs of the devastated countries of the United Nations for long-term and short-term financing on favorable conditions of urgent reconstruction requirements (including the import of raw materials); to review the existing means of meeting such needs (including inter-governmental loans and credits, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, private and commercial credits); and to draw the attention of the Economic and Social Council to any cases where the existing means of financing these urgent reconstruction requirements appear to be insufficient;
- (b) Welcomes the recent announcement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the progress made in its organization and operations and expresses the hope that devastated countries of the United Nations, requiring funds for reconstruction purposes, will be able to take full advantage of the Bank's operations at the earliest possible date.

3. Draws the specific attention of the Member Governments and Specialized Agencies concerned to the following matters important for the reconstruction of devastated areas:

- (a) The part which the International Monetary Fund can play within the framework of its Articles of Agreement to assist in the reconstruction of Devastated Areas by facilitating exchange of currencies;
- (b) The necessity for coal producing countries to continue their efforts to increase coal exports in order to meet the requirements of the Devastated Areas, and for countries producing mining equipment and supplies to increase production and exports to the countries in need;
- (c) The furnishing of maximum assistance, including technical assistance, to promote the expeditious re-establishment of agricultural production;
- (d) The need for international co-operation in the utilization and training of man-power;
- (e) The need for rehabilitation of transport;
- (f) The widespread need for new machinery and equipment including agricultural equipment and the special need for spare parts including those formerly obtained from ex-enemy countries;
- (g) The desirability of exchanging information and experience regarding urgent housing problems;
- (h) The importance of reviving and expanding international trade;
- (i) The need for increased production of electric power;

and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate action to assist in the promotion of international co-operation on these matters.

II

RESOLUTION ENDORSING ON UNRRA COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1. Strongly endorses the recommendation made by the UNRRA Council at its Fifth Session in August 1946 that the General Assembly of the United Nations should "forthwith establish or designate such agency or agencies as it may deem appropriate whose functions shall include:

- (a) a review of the needs in 1947 for financing urgent imports of the basic essentials of life, particularly food and supplies for agricultural production, after the termination of UNRRA programmes to the extent that they cannot otherwise be met, and
- (b) the making of recommendations as to the financial assistance which might be required to meet such needs as are found to exist as a result of foreign exchange difficulties which cannot be dealt with by existing agencies.

2. Recommends that the General Assembly, in view of the nature and urgency of the problem in certain countries as indicated in the Preliminary Report (E/155, 18 September 1946) of the Temporary Sub-Commission on Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas of the Economic and Employment Commission, take appropriate action as soon as possible in connection with the above mentioned UNRRA Council Resolution.

III

RESOLUTION ON SURVEY ON THE ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION
OF DEVASTATED AREAS IN ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

The Economic and Social Council, having taken note of the Preliminary Report of its Temporary Sub-Commission on Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas and realizing the urgent need of the early carrying-out of a study on Asia and the Far-East,

1. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to prepare background material on war devastation and reconstruction needs of the Asiatic and Far Eastern countries, and
2. Requests the Secretary-General to arrange a preliminary field survey of the territories concerned to be undertaken by the Working Group or certain Members thereof, and
3. Requests the Working Group for Asia and the Far East to reconvene in Nanking at a time designated by the Secretary-General, to study the material prepared by the Secretariat and information received from the preliminary field survey and from Governments, and to prepare a preliminary report for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its first session in 1947.

IV

RESOLUTION FOR CONTINUING
THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON
DEVASTATED AREAS IN EUROPE

The Economic and Social Council instructs the Temporary Sub-Commission (Working Group for Europe and Africa) to reconvene if necessary at a date to be fixed by the Secretary-General for the purpose of preparing its Final Report with a view to making concrete proposals to further the reconstruction of Devastated Areas.

(The proposal of the Delegation for Peru will be transmitted to the Working Group of Europe and Africa of the Temporary Sub-Commission).

V

The Economic and Social Council resolves that the proposal for the establishment of an Economic Commission for Europe be considered at the next ordinary or special session of the Council.

VI

The Economic and Social Council resolves that the following proposal be considered at the next ordinary or special session of the Council:

The status of the Temporary Sub-Commission for Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas be raised to that of a Commission to be called Temporary Commission for Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas.
