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AGENDA

Adopted by the Council on 3 July 1950

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19 May 1950
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1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. General Assembly resolution 266 (III): "Problems of economic development and social progress of the former Italian colonies".
3. Full employment:
 - (a) Report of the group of experts appointed by the Secretary-General under Council resolution 221 E (IX), on national and international measures for full employment;
 - (b) General Assembly resolution 308 (IV);
 - (c) Council resolution 267 B (X).
4. Organization of the Economic and Employment Commission and its two Sub-Commissions.
5. Technical assistance for economic development:
 - (a) Technical assistance for economic development under General Assembly resolution 200 (III):
 - (i) Report by the Secretary-General;
 - (ii) Eligibility of associate members of the regional economic commissions for technical assistance under General Assembly resolution 200 (III);
 - (b) Expanded programme of technical assistance for the economic development of under-developed countries.
6. Methods of financing economic development of under-developed countries, including consideration of the report of the Sub-Commission on Economic Development (fourth session).
7. General Assembly resolution 331 (IV): "International collaboration in regard to economic, social and educational conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories".
8. Trusteeship Council resolution 110 (V): "Higher education in the Trust Territories in Africa".
9. Report of the International Labour Organisation on training for apprentices and technical workers.
10. International Centre for Training in Public Administration.
11. Availability of insecticides for the control of malaria.
12. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe.
13. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.
14. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America.
15. Report of the Transport and Communications Commission (fourth session).
16. Report of the Statistical Commission (fifth session).
17. Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements: *Review of International Commodity Problems, 1949*.
18. Report of the Population Commission (fifth session).
19. Report of the Commission on Human Rights (sixth session).
20. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (fourth session).
21. Report of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press (fourth session).

22. Forced labour.
23. Trade-union rights: allegations regarding infringements of trade-union rights.¹
24. Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Slavery (first session).
25. Report of the Social Commission (sixth session).²
26. Long-range activities for children.
27. Advisory social welfare service.
28. Social problems of the aboriginal populations and other under-developed social groups of the American Continent.
29. Procedure regarding the draft single convention on narcotic drugs.
30. Invitation to the United States of Indonesia to become a party to the Protocol of 19 November 1948 relating to narcotic drugs.
31. United Nations research laboratories.
32. Refugees and stateless persons:
 - (a) General Assembly resolution 319 A (IV);
 - (b) Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Statelessness.
33. Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in schools and other educational institutions of Member States.
34. Report of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
35. Report of the International Labour Organisation.
36. Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
37. Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
38. Report of the World Health Organization.
39. Report of the International Civil Aviation Organization.
40. Report of the International Telecommunication Union.
41. Report of the Universal Postal Union.
42. Report of the International Refugee Organization.
43. Relations with and co-ordination of specialized agencies:
 - (a) Action taken in pursuance of the agreements between the United Nations and specialized agencies;
 - (b) Problem of the proliferation and overlapping of the programmes of the United Nations and specialized agencies;
 - (c) Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;
 - (d) Regional co-ordination;
 - (e) Report by the Secretary-General on particular co-ordination matters.
44. Inter-governmental organizations.
45. Non-governmental organizations:
 - (a) Hearings of non-governmental organizations;
 - (b) Review of non-governmental organizations in consultative status;
 - (c) Question of non-governmental organizations handbook.
46. Draft rules for the calling of non-governmental conferences.
47. Calendar of conferences for 1951.
48. Summary of financial implications of actions of the Council.

¹ Referred to the International Labour Organisation.

² Except parts covered by items 26 and 27.

49. Election of one-third of the members of the Economic and Employment, Transport and Communications, Fiscal, Statistical, Population, Social, Human Rights, and Status of Women Commissions.
50. Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council.
51. Arrangements regarding report of the Council to the General Assembly.

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The Council decided to include the following supplementary items in its agenda:

1. Report of the Interim Committee on Programme of Meetings on the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and related meetings.³
2. Assistance for the Civil Population of Korea.⁴

³ Decision taken at the 376th meeting.

⁴ Decision taken at the 399th meeting.

CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ELEVENTH SESSION)

(Documents in miscellaneous series, in series E/1659 to E/1849 and series E/L.47 to E/L.106, classified in numerical order with relevant Council agenda items, titles and information concerning their publication in the Annex to the official records of the Council (eleventh session) ¹ or in other documents)

<i>Document No.</i>	<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Title</i> ²	<i>Observations and References to other sources</i> ³
E/CN.1/80 (E/CN.1/Sub.3/29)	6	Report of the Sub-Commission on Economic Development (fourth session)	Mimeographed document only
E/CN.1/80/Add.1 (E/CN.1/Sub.3/29/Add.1)	6	Note by the Secretary-General	Mimeographed document only
E/CN.2/68	15	Pollution of sea water by oil: note by the Secretary-General	
E/CN.11/224 E/CN.11/231	13	Resolutions adopted by the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East at its fifth session	See document E/1710
E/CN.11/238 and Corr.1	13	Report of the Committee on Industry and Trade (second session)	Mimeographed document only
E/CN.11/247 E/CN.11/257	13	Resolutions adopted by the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East at its sixth session	See document E/1710
E/CN.11/260	13	Economic Survey of Asia and the Far East 1949	United Nations Publications— Sales No.: 1950.II.F.1
E/CN.12/164	14	Economic Survey of Latin America 1949 *	
E/CN.12/165	14	Trade trends and policies of Latin-American countries	Mimeographed document only
E/CN.12/166 and Add.1 to 9	14	Economic and legal status of foreign investments in selected countries of Latin America	Mimeographed documents only
E/ECE/112 (E/ECE/Steel/42)	12	European Steel Trends in the Setting of the World Market	United Nations Publications— Sales No.: 1949.II.E.2

¹ Documents with title in **bold type** are printed in the Annex to the official records of the Council (eleventh session). The Annex is composed of separate fascicles, one for each agenda item, and each fascicle has a separate table of contents.

² The titles given below are the specific titles of the documents. The text of the relevant agenda item is given in the Annex fascicle relating to that item.

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<i>Document No.</i>	<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Observations and References to other sources</i>
E/ECE/114/Rev.1	12	Report to the fifth session of the Economic Commission for Europe by the Executive Secretary on the future work of the Commission	United Nations, Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva, April 1950
E/ECE/116/Rev.1	12	Economic Survey of Europe in 1949	United Nations Publications— Sales No.: 1950.II.E.1
E/INF.37		Delegations	See Official Records of the Council, eleventh session, Delegations
E/TAC/R.3/Rev.1	5	Technical Assistance Committee: draft of first report	Re-issued as document E/1833
E/1327/Add.1	5	Technical Assistance for Economic Development: Report by the Secretary-General	United Nations Publications— Sales No.: 1949.II.B.1
E/1333	6	Methods of financing the Economic Development of Under-developed Countries	United Nations Publications— Sales No.: 1949.II.B.4
E/1353	11	Report by the Secretary-General	See Official Records of the Council, ninth session, <i>Annex</i>
E/1378	3	Report by the Secretary-General	See Official Records of the Council, ninth session, <i>Annex</i>
E/1562 and Corr.1 and 2	6	Methods of increasing domestic savings and of ensuring their most advantageous use for the purpose of economic development: study by the Secretary-General	Mimeographed document only
E/1578	13	Action arising out of resolutions adopted by the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East at its fifth session: report by the Secretary-General	See Official Records of the Council, tenth session, <i>Annex</i>
E/1581 and Corr.1	2	Note by the Secretary-General	
E/1584	3 (a) 6	National and International Measures for Full Employment: report by a group of experts appointed by the Secretary-General	United Nations Publications— Sales No.: 1949.II.A.3
E/1591	6	International investment and financing facilities: report of FAO	See Official Records of the Council, tenth session, <i>Annex</i>
E/1614/Rev.1	6	Survey of policies affecting private foreign investment: study prepared by the Secretariat	Mimeographed document only
E/1618 and Corr.1 (E/AC.32/5 and Corr.1)	32 (b)	Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Statelessness and Related Problems	
E/1636/Rev.1	22	Note by the Secretary-General	
E/1640	43	Proposed agreement between the Organization of American States and the International Labour Organisation	Mimeographed document only
E/1660	24	Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Slavery (first session)	
E/1660/Add.1	24	Statement of financial implications submitted by the Secretary-General	
E/1664	41	Report of the Universal Postal Union	International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union: Report on the Work of the Bureau, 1949

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E/1665/Add.1 (E/CN.2/92/Add.1)	15	Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Transport and Communications Commission (fourth session)	Mimeographed document only
E/1667	33	Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the schools and other educational institutions of Member States: report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of UNESCO	See Official Records of the Council, eleventh session, <i>Special Supplement No. 1</i>
E/1669	32 (a)	Draft resolution submitted by the Secretary-General	
E/1670	43	Catalogue of Economic and Social Projects, No. 2	United Nations Publications— Sales No.: 1950.II.D.1
E/1671	22	Communication, dated 11 April 1950, from the Director-General of the International Labour Office	
E/1672 (E/CN.4/Sub.1/138)	21	Report of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press (fourth session)	See Official Records of the Council, eleventh session, <i>Supplement No. 5 A</i>
E/1673	29	Note by the Secretary-General	
E/1674 (E/ECE/119)	12	Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe	See Official Records of the Council, eleventh session, <i>Supplement No. 10</i>
E/1674/Add.1	12	Statement of financial implications submitted by the Secretary-General	
E/1675 and Corr.1/Rev.1	42	Report of the International Refugee Organization	Mimeographed document only
E/1676	36	Annual report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations ¹	Mimeographed document only
E/1676/Add.1	36	Work of FAO, 1948/49: Report of the Director-General to the Fifth Session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	FAO publication, Washington, D.C., October 1949
E/1676/Add.2	36	Draft Program of Work for 1950	FAO publication, C49/3 15 August 1949
E/1676/Add.3	36	Report of the 5th Session of the Conference, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., 21 November-6 December 1949	FAO publication, Washington, D.C., March 1950
E/1676/Add.4	36	Annex to the annual report of FAO: report of the Joint Food and Agriculture Organization—Office International des Epizooties, Veterinary Committee	Mimeographed document only
E/1677	38	Annual Report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization to the World Health Assembly and to the United Nations	Official Records of the World Health Organization No. 24
E/1677/Add.1	38	Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951	Official Records of the World Health Organization No. 23

¹ The report of the Food and Agriculture Organization comprises documents E/1676, E/1676/Add.1, 2, 3 and 4.

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E/1677/Add.2	38	Note by the Secretary-General	
E/1678 (E/CN.5/221)	25	Report of the Social Commission (sixth session)	See Official Records of the Council, eleventh session, <i>Supplement No. 3</i>
E/1678/Add.1/Rev.1	25	Statement of financial implications submitted by the Secretary-General	
E/1679	40	Annual report of the International Telecommunication Union	Mimeographed document only
E/1680	1	Provisional agenda	See Official Records of the Council, eleventh session, <i>Resolutions, Appendix</i>
E/1681 (E/CN.4/507) E/1681/Corr.1	19	Report of the Commission on Human Rights (sixth session)	See Official Records of the Council, eleventh session, <i>Supplement No. 5</i>
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Representatives of the following specialized agencies:
International Labour Organisation, Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, International Monetary Fund, International Telecommunication Union, World Health Organization, International Refugee Organization.

Introductory statements by the President and the two Vice-Presidents

1. The PRESIDENT declared open the eleventh session of the Council.
2. After welcoming the delegations, he expressed his pleasure at being again in Europe and appreciation of the hospitality of the Swiss Confederation.
3. The session was opening at a time when the international situation was more difficult than it had ever been since the birth of the United Nations, and the danger of a general conflagration had never been nearer. The act of aggression against the Republic of Southern Korea was severely testing the whole machinery of the United Nations and was threatening its very existence.
4. There were some who wanted the Organization to be liquidated; others asserted that it was sterile and useless. The latter might think that the fact that the Council was still trying to promote international collaboration on social and economic problems at a time when Korea had just become a battlefield only went to confirm their belief that the United Nations was only an idealistic, academic body without any contact with reality. But during the forthcoming session the Council could refute that argument by proving the value of the Organization's moral strength. The Security Council, in strict application of the relevant provisions in the Charter, had set in motion the machinery for preserving peace in order to combat the aggression in Korea. World democratic opinion supported the Security Council and, through it, the United Nations. The Economic and

Social Council should not start work on the agenda for the session without expressing its feeling of appreciation at the Security Council's praiseworthy efforts in the cause of peace.

5. However, as the Charter made clear, in order to establish peace it was not sufficient to halt aggression. It was significant that the conflict had begun in a region which was under-developed. Those who had designs on that region had exploited the nationalist sentiments and the confusion which miserable conditions of living always produced. To combat those evils, which also prevailed in other regions of the world, international collaboration on economic and social problems, as provided for in the Charter, was essential. The Economic and Social Council should do its utmost to promote such collaboration.

6. He was confident that peace would be re-established in Korea, but it was necessary to ensure, by means of international collaboration, economic and social progress in that and in other regions in order to prevent the recurrence of similar developments. To obtain positive results, such collaboration must be pressed forward at the same speed as that with which the aggressors were being repulsed in Korea. The current session afforded the Council an opportunity of going to the roots of the main economic problems which were preventing peaceful, stable and free international relations. The Council had already completed the first stage of its task of economic development with its programme of technical assistance, which was one of its most successful achievements. The future of both the under-developed and the highly developed countries of the world, and peace itself, would depend to a large extent on the measures which the Council took for financing plans of economic development and bringing about and maintaining full employment. Members of the Economic and Social Council, realizing their heavy responsibility, should multiply their efforts to give to humanity, which was still suffering from recent disasters and was at present threatened with new trials, grounds for hope in a better future.

7. Sir Ramaswami MUDALIAR (India) associated himself and his Government with the sentiments expressed by the President. The Council was meeting in the shadow of great trouble. No one who had taken part in the drafting of the Charter of the United Nations in

the calm atmosphere at San Francisco had foreseen all the difficulties which had arisen since the United Nations had come into being; no one had expected the reports of destruction which were echoing along diplomatic corridors. Members of the Council should, however, view the events in their proper perspective. There were many reasons for the fighting in Korea, but the principal one was the failure to satisfy the aspirations with which the Economic and Social Council was so closely associated. Members of the Council should never forget Article 55 of the Charter, the opening clauses of which read:

"With a view to the creation of conditions of stability and well-being which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, the United Nations shall promote: a. higher standards of living, . . ."

8. As the President had said, there were two sets of people who were not amicably disposed towards the United Nations; those who wished to see the United Nations liquidated in order that their opportunities for spoliation might increase, and the sceptics and pessimists who thought that all the work done by the United Nations and the specialized agencies during the previous five years had been in vain. The Council must consolidate the hopes of its friends by pursuing its work and making it as effective as possible. Although it was wrong to suppose that most people in any given country of the world were pessimists, there were times such as those through which they were passing when the pessimists could hold the stage; but pessimists had never improved the well-being of mankind. The Council should therefore forget them and continue its constructive work.

9. He could see that his colleagues had come to the session with an added sense of responsibility and of the gravity of the situation. The task confronting the Council was more difficult than it had ever been before; but never had its completion been more urgently required. The Council's work was of the utmost importance; as he had remarked at a previous session, he looked forward to the time when the Security Council would meet very infrequently because there was little work for it to do, and when the Economic and Social Council would sit continuously to bring about and maintain adequate standards of living for all mankind. However, it could be asserted that the Council's work had never been interrupted, because, when it was not in session, other bodies, such as the specialized agencies, had been working for the attainment of its objectives. That work must be continued even during crises, of which there had already been many since the inception of the United Nations. The main cause of unrest in the world derived from the fact that the Council's objectives had not yet been attained; much injustice had not been righted, while in some areas human rights were not being respected and people were living under conditions which were not worthy of mankind.

10. The Council should rededicate itself to its task with a greater sense of the gravity and urgency of that task, which he was certain it could accomplish. If he thought it were not able to do so, he would despair of humanity. It was true that there were imponderable difficulties in

the way of accomplishment, but there was no reason for despair.

11. He hoped that every representative who had come to the session was determined that the Council should do all it could to improve the lot of mankind in a spirit of broad understanding and good-will, free from national prejudice. If his hopes were justified, it was still possible to overcome what appeared to be the beginning of a catastrophe, although the whole matter might prove to be merely an attempt by a small subversive group to upset the peace of mankind. Finally, he earnestly wished that the decisions to be taken at that session might be such as to convey to mankind a message of hope and peace.

12. Mr. DEHOUSSE (Belgium) said that he thought that the President had had an excellent idea in allowing the two Vice-Presidents of the Economic and Social Council, and any other members of the Council who wished to do so, to express their views on current events.

13. As in the case of the previous speaker, every time he returned to the Palais des Nations for a session of the Economic and Social Council or of one of its commissions, he had the impression that the international situation had become more tense. In December 1947, the representatives who had met at Geneva for the second session of the Commission on Human Rights had just attended, at Lake Success, a particularly 'stormy' session of the General Assembly, during which the question of war-mongering had constantly been raised. During the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information, in March and April 1948, there had begun to develop, in the diplomatic sphere, those events which were to lead to the Berlin blockade. The ninth session of the Economic and Social Council, which had been held at Geneva in July and August 1949, had not been free from anxiety, and during its current session, the Council was unfortunately faced with definite facts which no one could ignore.

14. He certainly did not wish to imply by those remarks that there was a relationship of cause and effect between world events and the sessions of the Economic and Social Council. The Council only studied questions and made recommendations, and could hardly exercise a direct influence on events. But he wished to dissipate ideas which might prove harmful in existing circumstances. Certain people considered that, in view of the grave events which were taking place, it was no time to hold a session of the Economic and Social Council. Others, who were more sensitive, could not help feeling deep sorrow when they saw that the painful experience of two world wars had not made mankind any wiser.

15. He asked all those who, like himself, had placed all the ideals of their youth and all their hopes on the League of Nations, not to give way to bitter irony with regard to the work of the United Nations. He urged them, on the contrary, to remember that the task of the United Nations, which was the creation of a new world, was an enormous one, which might require many years of effort. Had it not taken centuries to build up, on solid legal foundations, such political regimes as the French monarchy? Rather than give way to sterile discouragement

or easy irony, it was better to believe in a sociological truth which should be carved on the façade of every international institution: "International co-operation means lasting patience".

16. That truth, which held good in every sphere, applied particularly to economic and social questions. Indeed, the remedies which the Economic and Social Council might have to contemplate and to apply could only give results over a long period. The Council must be careful not to entertain too many illusions, since that had undoubtedly caused the weakness of the League of Nations.

17. As Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar had pointed out, many crises were now due to the inadequate economic and social development of certain countries. The danger would not be removed by decrees or repression, but by a bold economic and social policy, in which the Economic and Social Council could take the initiative. Consequently, he hoped to see the Council continue its work in that spirit, without allowing itself to be impressed by an argument frequently advanced, namely, that of the validity of its work in the existing circumstances.

18. In that connexion he wished to repeat what he had already said during the tenth session of the Council at Lake Success: the Belgian delegation had no doubt as to the legal validity of the Council's work. To be con-

vinced of that view, it was sufficient to read the Charter and the Council's rules of procedure, which stated that "decisions . . . shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting". As the French proverb had it, it was the absent who were in the wrong.

19. Perhaps that did not apply to the other organs of the United Nations, such as the Security Council. Nevertheless, he wondered whether a careful study of Article 27 of the Charter would not lead to the conclusion that the fact that decisions of the Security Council on all matters other than procedural questions must be made "by an affirmative vote of seven members including the concurring votes of the permanent members" constituted a legal obligation for the permanent members to be present, so that they could fulfil the task with which they had been entrusted. But as far as the Economic and Social Council was concerned, there was no possible doubt: the work it performed in existing circumstances was perfectly valid from the legal point of view.

20. The task devolving upon representatives was certainly difficult, but it was a great and noble task, the fulfilment of which all would have at heart if they remembered that they were the bearers of the best hopes of the best of mankind.

The meeting rose at 12.15 p.m.