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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Documents E/1090 and E/C.3/13)

Note by the Representative of New Zealand

The New Zealand delegation to the Economic and Social Council wishes to put before members of the Agenda Committee of the Economic and Social Council and before Council members the following suggestions concerning the arrangement of the Agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the Economic and Social Council.

The Agenda has been divided under the following headings:

- (1) Items which can be disposed of after plenary discussion only.
- (2) Items which can be sent to
  - (a) the Economic Committee;
  - (b) the Social Committee.
- (3) Items which can be postponed.
- (4) Items which should not be placed on the Agenda.

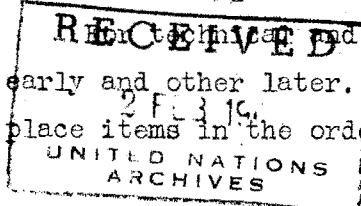
Group (1), namely items which it is suggested can be dealt with in Plenary discussion only may, of course, finally be referred to a Committee, but it is suggested that the Council can, in any case, do this with any item and our suggestion is made because of our feeling that the items mentioned can be disposed of after the one discussion.

Some of the items may eventually have to be sent to a committee for examination, e.g. we would expect that there would be a full debate on Item No. 16, namely, the World Economic Situation, and that the results of this discussion might entail further development in the Economic Committee. However, plenary debate will show whether or not with any particular item the Council wishes it to have Committee discussion.

The category where items are not placed on the Agenda covers items which have either been received too late for consideration by Governments, or items on which there is insufficient documentation to establish a case for their being admitted to the Agenda.

and other reasons some items will have to be discussed early and other later. We have not attempted in our sub-divisions to place items in the order in which we think they might be discussed.

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- (1) ITEMS WHICH CAN BE DISPOSED OF AFTER PLENARY DISCUSSION ONLY:
  1. Election of officers.
  2. Adoption of Agenda.
  3. Survey of forced labour.
  6. Trade Union rights (freedom of association).
  9. Reports of Council NGO Committee.
  11. Translation of the classics.
  14. Infringements of trade union rights.
  15. Implementation of ECOSOC recommendations
  16. World Economic situation.
  21. Proceeds of sale of UNRRA supplies.
  27. Report of third session of Human Rights Commission, paragraphs 20 and 23.
  28. General Assembly resolutions regarding Human Rights:
    - (i) Right to petition;
    - (ii) Fate of minorities;
    - (iii) Preparation of draft covenant and measures of implementation.
  29. Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and the Press.
  30. Report of UNICEF.
  31. United Nations Appeal for Children.
  32. Election of members of Narcotics Drugs Commission.
  33. Report of Permanent Central Opium Board.
  34. Appointment of members of Commission of Enquiry into the effects of chewing the coca leaf.
  35. Use of central library at Geneva.
  39. Draft Convention on Declaration of death of missing persons.
  41. Declaration of old age rights.
  - 43 and 44. Revision of Rules of Procedure.
  45. Interim Committee on Programme of meetings.
    - (i) scope of functions;
    - (ii) date of second session of sub-commission on Prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities.
  47. Distribution of membership in subsidiary organs of ECOSOC.
  48. Participation of member states in the work of ECOSOC.
  51. Location of ninth session of ECOSOC.
  53. Application of Ceylon for membership in UNESCO.
  55. Report of Joint Committee of Trusteeship and ECOSOC, on arrangements for co-operation.

56. Summary of financial implications of Council actions.
  57. Confirmation of members of commissions.
  58. Election of Agenda Committee for ECOSOC 9.
- (2) (a) ITEMS WHICH CAN BE SENT TO THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
4. Report of Ad Hoc Committee on the establishment of ECME.
  5. Report of Transport and Communications Commission on  
Inland Transport in the Middle East.
  17. Economic development of under-developed countries.
  18. Technical assistance for economic development.
  19. Report of FAO on measures to increase food production.
  20. Problem of wasting food in certain countries.
  22. Interim report: Economic Commission for Europe.
  23. Interim report: ECAFE.
  24. Interim report: ECLA
  25. Report of International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
  26. Report of International Monetary Fund.
  42. Relations with and co-ordination of specialized agencies.
  52. Availability of DDT insecticides.
  54. Creation of a central publication on development projects.
  - Report of Fiscal Commission. (Portion relating to Trusteeship  
questionnaire only).
- (2) (b) ITEMS WHICH CAN BE SENT TO THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE:
7. Principle of equal pay for equal work for men and women workers.
  8. Administrative arrangements between the Council and Permanent  
Central Opium Board.
  13. Draft rules for calling of international conferences.
  38. Report of IRO on resettlement of non-repatriable refugees and  
displaced persons.
- (3) ITEMS WHICH CAN BE POSTPONED:
10. International facilities for promotion of training in public  
administration (owing to insufficient documentation).
  12. Question of the election of three members of the Economic  
Board for Palestine.
  36. Report of Secretary-General and of UNESCO on teaching of  
purposes and principles of the United Nations.  
(UNESCO Report not yet received).
  37. Report by Secretary-General on Housing, Town and Country Planning.  
(Report not yet received; meeting of experts not scheduled to  
take place until 14 February).
  40. Study of statelessness.

46. Number of sessions of regional economic commissions in 1949.
49. Organization of the work of ECOSOC.
- (4) ITEMS WHICH SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA:
50. Application of Article 65 of the Charter.
- UNESCO item regarding the list of Governments non-United Nations and non-UNESCO to whom draft agreement for international circulation auditory and visual materials of educational scientific or cultural character should be communicated. (E/C.3/13)
  - IRO item regarding the convention on Privileges and Immunities of the specialized agencies:  
Annex relating to the IRO. (E/C.3/13).
  - International Chamber of Commerce item regarding discriminations in transport insurance. (E/C.3/13).

Yours sincerely,

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