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World Oil Resources

The Secretary-General has received the following statement of urgency from the International Cooperative Alliance, under the provisions of rule 10:

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In the view of the Alliance the main urgency of the matter lies therein that a study on the World Oil Resources along the lines of the Prague resolution - with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the principle of the Atlantic Charter of free and equal access to the raw material resources of the world -, provided the Council would decide in favour of the request of the Alliance, would be delayed for a considerable time, in case the question would not be dealt with by the ninth session of the Council. The question was first raised by the Alliance in a resolution adopted by the ICA Congress at Zurich, 1946, and submitted to the Council at its fifth session in Lake Success in 1947. The Council decided to take note of the proposal but did not take any other action at that session. In case the item would be postponed until the tenth session, it would thus take two years and a half for the Council to arrive at its final

decision.

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The reason why the request of the ICA regarding the inclusion of the question on World Oil Resources as raised anew by the

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resolution adopted at the Congress at Prague was not submitted in time in accordance with rule 10 of the "Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Council" (document E/1293/Add.1, 17 March 1949) is that this document could not be found in the files of the Secretariat and has possibly not come into its hands! .....

Note.- Document E/1293/Add.1 (Revised Rules of Procedure) dated 17 March 1949 was circulated to the non-governmental organisations having consultative status, in accordance with the standing arrangements, shortly after that date. A letter dated 27 March, drawing special attention, inter alia, to the provisions of the new rules 10 and 15 was also sent to the organisations in category (a).