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Order of Items

Note by the Secretary-General.

1. In the case of a number of items on the provisional agenda, there are particular reasons indicating the time at which they may most conveniently be taken up. These are listed below:

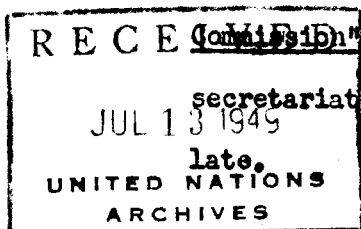
Item 9. "Economic development of under-developed countries".

As this item is likely to require lengthy consideration it seems desirable that it should be commenced early in the session. It will probably be found convenient to place item 8 next after it in order.

Item 12. "Report of the third session of the Transport and Communications Commission". The Secretary-General recommends that this item be placed late in order to avoid unnecessary expense, since the same secretariat will be required for the World Road Conference convening in Geneva after the Council.

Item 14. "Report of the fourth session of the Statistical Commission". The Secretary-General recommends that this item be placed late in order to avoid unnecessary expense, since the same secretariat will be required for the session of the Sub-Commission on Statistical Sampling convening in Geneva after the Council.

Item 18. "Report of the fourth session of the Population



Commission". The Secretary-General recommends, also to facilitate secretariat arrangements and avoid expense that this item be placed

Item 29. "Freedom of information : resolutions from the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information".

At the second part of its Third Session, the General Assembly (resolution of 13 May, 1949 - document A/876) decided inter alia, that resolutions Nos. 14, 23 and 31 adopted by the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information should be referred to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate action and the Secretary-General has prepared draft resolutions to assist the Council in its consideration of the Assembly's resolution (document E/W.13). Resolutions Nos. 14, 23 and 31 refer to certain aspects of international telecommunications of concern to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). The Secretary-General of the ITU took exception to them in a letter to the President of the Council (document E/AC.27/4) and subsequently reported his action to the ITU Administrative Council. Although the Council has taken no final decision on these resolutions, they were discussed by the ITU Administrative Council at its third session (Geneva 1948) and are to be studied by the International Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference now meeting in Paris. Many of the problems raised by the resolutions can only properly be dealt with by an Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference, and after the present one at Paris, which is expected to close toward the end of July 1949, there will not be another until 1952 (Buenos Aires), unless a special one is called. In view of the foregoing it would seem desirable that the Council should deal with these resolutions in time for any decision taken by it affecting the ITU to be communicated to that Agency for action before the end of the Paris Conference. The Agenda Committee may wish therefore to recommend that item 29 be dealt with early.

Item 30. "(1) Report of the fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (ii) Question of exemption of "Valbine" from the provisions of the Geneva Convention of 1925 on Narcotic Drugs".

The Secretary-General recommends that this item be placed early, in order to facilitate secretariat arrangements and avoid expense.

Item 34. "Relations with and co-ordination of specialised agencies". Following the general recommendations contained in the fourth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (E/1076, paragraph 21) the Secretary-General recommends that the consideration of this item should be commenced on 14th July.

Item 35. "Report of the International Labour Organisation". Following the general recommendations of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the request of the ILO, the Secretary-General suggests that this item be considered as closely as possible to the date of 11th July. It will, however, in this connection also be necessary to take into account the recommendation of the Committee concerning the proposal of the United States representative (E/C.3/19) that this item should be referred in the first place to the Council Co-ordination Committee.

Item 37. "Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation". UNESCO have requested that this report should if possible be taken early in the session.

2. Following upon a statement made by the President at the 272nd meeting, the Council at its 278th meeting discussed the necessity of holding three concurrent meetings during the ninth session in order to enable the agenda to be discharged. It appears more convenient, therefore, to consider the order of items within the various groups into which they can be placed for the purpose of concurrent meetings than to attempt to establish an overall

order of commencement of items. The items on the provisional agenda, together with the two supplementary items proposed up to 20th June, may be considered as falling within the following groups Economic, Social, Human Rights (these two latter may be considered as one or as two groups), Co-ordination. Generally speaking two items from the same group cannot be taken concurrently, while items taken from different groups can be considered concurrently in the three simultaneous meetings.

In addition, there is a group of miscellaneous items which can be fitted into the program without direct overlapping with other items.

3. In suggesting as a basis for discussion the order below of the items in the groups, the Secretary-General has taken into consideration the relationship between the subject-matter of the various items, the availability of documentation, and the necessity of keeping expenses involved in secretariat attending the session to a minimum, as well as the specific points mentioned in paragraph 1 above.

Economic

1. Item 13 : Report of the second session of the Fiscal Commission.
2. Item 9 : Economic development of under-developed countries.
3. Item 8 : Report of the fourth session of the Economic and Employment Commission.
4. Item 49 : Unemployment and full employment - Item proposed by the World Federation of Trade Unions.
5. Item 10 : Measures to increase availability of food.
6. Item 11 : Availability of DDT insecticides for combating malaria in agricultural areas.
7. Item 36 : Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
8. Item 15 : Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe.
9. Item 16 : Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

10. Item 17 : Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America.
11. Item 2 : Report of the ad hoc Committee on the factors bearing upon the establishment of an Economic Commission for the Middle East.
12. Item 3 . Report of the second session of the Transport and Communications Commission : inland transport in the Middle East.
13. Item 39 : Report of the International Civil Aviation Organization.
14. Item 40 : Report of the International Telecommunications Union.
15. Item 41 : Report of the Universal Postal Union.
16. Supplementary Item No. 1 : "World Oil Resources".
17. Item 14 : Report of the fourth session of the Statistical Commission.
18. Item 12 : Report of the third session of the Transport and Communications Commission.

Social

1. Item 30 : (i) Report of the fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

(ii) Question of exemption of "Valbine" from the provisions of the Geneva Convention of 1925 on Narcotic Drugs - Item proposed by the Secretary-General.
2. Item 19 : Report of the fourth session of the Social Commission.
3. Item 6 : Report of the Secretary-General on housing and town and country planning.
4. Item 37 : Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
5. Item 20 : World Social and cultural situation (General Assembly resolution of 13 May 1949).
6. Item 21 : Social problems of the aboriginal populations and other under-developed social groups of the American continent (General Assembly resolution of 11 May 1949).
7. Item 7 : Study of statelessness.
8. Item 26 : Report of the ad hoc Committee on declaration of death of missing persons.
9. Item 32 : Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Appeal for Children.

10. Item 31 : Reports of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
11. Item 38 : Report of the World Health Organization.
12. Item 42 : Report of the International Refugee Organization.
13. Item 18 : Report of the fourth session of the Population Commission.
14. Supplementary Item No. 2 : Displaced Greek Populations.

Human Rights

1. Item 29 : Freedom of Information : Resolutions from the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information (General Assembly resolution of 13 May 1949).
2. Item 23 : Survey of forced labour and measures for its abolition.
3. Item 25 : Trade union rights (freedom of association).
4. Item 24 : The problem of slavery (General Assembly resolution of 13 May 1949).
5. Item 27 : Report of the third session of the Commission on the Status of Women.
6. Item 22 : Report of the fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights.
7. Item 28 : Report of the third session of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press.

Coordination

1. Item 34 : Relations with and co-ordination of specialized agencies.
2. Item 45 : Co-ordination of cartographic services of specialized agencies and international organizations.
3. Item 46 : Use of the Central Library at Geneva by the United Nations and the specialized agencies.
4. Item 43 : Relations with inter-governmental organizations.

Miscellaneous

1. Item 1 : Adoption of the agenda.
2. Item 4 : International facilities for the promotion of training in public administration.

3. Item 35 : Report of the International Labour Organization.
4. Item 33 : Implementation of recommendations on economic and social matters.
5. Item 44 : Reports of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.
6. Item 48 : 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; and of fifteen members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
7. Item 5 : Question of the election of three members of the Economic Board for Palestine.
8. Item 50 : Summary of financial implications of actions of the Council.
9. Item 51 : Confirmation of members of commissions.
10. Item 52 : Election of members of the Agenda Committee for the tenth session.

The above paper assumes the allocation of the reports of the Specialized Agencies between the Economic and Social Committees of the Council, following the practice of recent sessions; if the proposal of the United States Representative contained in paper E/C.3/19 is adopted, items Nos. 35-42 inclusive would be transferred to the Coordination group.