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DRAFT RULES FOR THE CALLING OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly on 3 December 1949, adopted resolution 367 (IV) in which the Secretary-General was requested "to prepare, after consulting the Economic and Social Council, draft rules for the calling of non-governmental conferences, with a view to their study by the General Assembly".
2. Accordingly, the Secretary-General consulted the Economic and Social Council at its eleventh session, submitting to the Council for this purpose a memorandum setting forth the Secretary-General's views and presenting alternative sets of rules (E/1723). In a resolution adopted on 20 July 1950, the Council advised the Secretary-General that it had approved the following draft rules for the calling of non-governmental conferences, and recommended that the Secretary-General should submit the draft rules to the General Assembly.
3. The Secretary-General therefore transmits the following draft rules to the General Assembly for its consideration:

"Rule 1

"The Economic and Social Council, after consultation with the Secretary-General, may at any time decide to call a non-governmental conference on any matter within its competence.

"Rule 2

"1. When the Council has decided to call a conference, as provided for in rule 1, it shall:

- "(a) Prescribe the terms of reference;
- "(b) Fix the date, the place and the appropriate duration of the conference and prepare its provisional agenda;
- "(c) Determine who shall be invited;

/"(d) Make
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"(d) Make recommendations for financing, subject to the applicable regulations, rules and resolutions of the General Assembly;

"(e) Make such other arrangements in connexion with the conference as it sees fit.

"2. The Council may decide to entrust the Secretary-General with any of these tasks or authorize him to introduce such modifications as circumstances require.

"Rule 3

"The Secretary-General shall notify all Members of the United Nations of the conference and shall send them copies of the provisional agenda. He shall also inform each Member State of the invitations issued."