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RESOLUTIONS

adopted by the ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

during its resumed twentieth session from 5 to 15 December 1955

592 (XX). International machinery for trade co-operation

The Economic and Social Council,

Having in mind the efforts already made and measures undertaken as well as those projected for the establishment of international machinery for assisting in the expansion of world trade,

Considering the increasing need and wide-spread desire for having international machinery, within the framework of the United Nations, to facilitate the development of international trade,

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on international procedures and bodies concerned with the development of trade co-operation and to transmit it to Member States by 30 April 1956 or as soon as possible thereafter.

*897th plenary meeting,
7 December 1955.*

593 (XX). Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America (sixth session)

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America (sixth session);¹

2. Considers that the work programme of the Commission as established at the sixth session² held at Bogotá, Colombia, from 29 August to 16 September 1955, is of primary importance for the economic development of Latin America;

3. Endorses the priorities allocated by the Commission to the individual work projects.

*897th plenary meeting,
7 December 1955.*

594 (XX). Question of the admission of new members to the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the Federal Republic of Germany is a member of various specialized agencies of the United Nations,

Considering that the presence of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Economic Commission for Europe would further the unity of purpose of that Commission,

¹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 10A (E/2796/Rev.1).

² Ibid., part V.

1. Decides to amend paragraph 7 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe³ to include the Federal Republic of Germany as a member of the Commission, provided that the said State applies for such membership and agrees to contribute annually such equitable amounts as the General Assembly shall assess from time to time in accordance with procedures established by the General Assembly in similar cases;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake such consultations and further steps as may be required to obtain the agreement of the Federal Republic of Germany and the General Assembly to the inclusion of the contributions of the said State in the United Nations budget.

*899th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

595 (XX). Question of the terms of reference of the Economic, Employment and Development Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision at the thirteenth session to discontinue the Economic, Employment and Development Commission until 31 December 1954,⁴ and its subsequent decision at the eighteenth session by which the Secretary-General was requested to submit a report bearing on the question of the terms of reference of the Commission,⁵

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General,⁶

Bearing in mind its resolution 557 (XVIII) on the organization and operation of the Council and its commissions,

Believing that while the Commission has done valuable work in the past, its functions are at present adequately performed by the Council itself with the assistance of the Secretariat and, under the supervision of the Council, by the Council's committees, regional commissions and other subsidiary organs or *ad hoc* bodies established by the Council,

Decides not to reactivate the Commission at present.

*896th plenary meeting,
7 December 1955.*

³ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 1, appendix II. See also Council resolution 517 B (XVII).

⁴ See Council resolution 414 (XIII), para. 18 (b).

⁵ See Council resolution 557 C I (XVIII).

⁶ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 16, document E/2665 and Corr.1.

596 (XX). Application from the German Democratic Republic for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the application for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization contained in the note by the Secretary-General,⁷

Recommends to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization the rejection of that application.

*896th plenary meeting,
7 December 1955.*

Other decisions taken by the Council

Addition of agenda items

At its 894th meeting, on 5 December 1955, the Council decided to include in the agenda of its resumed twentieth session the following additional items:

Item 24: "Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America (sixth session)"

Item 25: "Application from the German Democratic Republic for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization"

Election of members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

At its 895th meeting, on 6 December 1955, the Council elected Brazil, China, France, the Netherlands, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations for 1956.

Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council

At its 895th meeting, on 6 December 1955, the Council confirmed the following representatives of members of the functional commissions nominated by their Governments:

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Dr. Ching-yuen Hsiao (China)
Mr. Jaime Nebot (Ecuador)
Mr. Jean Goursat (France)
Mr. Erling Föien (Norway)

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Herbert Marshall (Canada)
Dr. O. G. Ginebra Henríquez (Dominican Republic)
Mr. P. C. Mahalanobis (India)
Mr. G. E. F. Wood (New Zealand)
Mr. Leonid Moiseevich Koretsky (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)

POPULATION COMMISSION

Dr. Cho-ming Li (China)
Mr. Alfred Sauvy (France)
Dr. Roberto Bachi (Israel)
Mr. Petter Jakob Bjerve (Norway)
Mr. Leonid Moiseevich Koretsky (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)

SOCIAL COMMISSION

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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Mrs. Georgette Ciselet (Belgium)
Mrs. Zena Harman (Israel)
Mrs. Lorne Sayers (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Question of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Council

At its 895th meeting, on 6 December 1956, the Council decided that the tenth anniversary of the Council should be celebrated at the twenty-second session. In that connexion, the Secretariat was requested to devote special attention, in some of the important documents relating to the world economic situation and the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, to developments over the last ten years. The Secretary-General was also requested to consider the possibility of issuing a brochure which would mark the occasion and bring the work of the Council to the attention of the public. It was understood that these decisions of the Council should not involve any additional expenditure or any lengthening of the twenty-second session.

Basic programme of the Council for 1956

At its 898th meeting, on 8 December 1955, the Council worked out its basic programme for 1956 and considered the provisional agenda for its twenty-first session drawn up by the Secretary-General.⁸ The Council decided to request the Secretariat, after consultation with members of the Council and specialized agencies, to establish the dates for opening debate on items allocated to the twenty-first session.

⁷ *Ibid.*, agenda item 25, document E/2800.

⁸ See E/L.688 and Corr.1 and E/L.694.

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22. Question of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Council.⁹
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24. Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America (sixth session).¹⁰
25. Application from the German Democratic Republic for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.¹⁰

* Items 1 to 15 were dealt with at the first part of the twentieth session.

⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 1, "Other decisions taken by the Council"*.

¹⁰ See p. 2 above, "Other decisions taken by the Council".

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