

"Whereas by Article 66 of the Charter, the Economic and Social Council may, with the approval of the General Assembly, perform services at the request of Members of the United Nations and at the request of specialized agencies,

"Whereas the General Assembly, after examining the recommendations<sup>1</sup> of the Economic and Social Council and the accompanying report<sup>2</sup> of services rendered for the first three years of operation, approved the recommendations and placed the advisory social welfare services originally authorized by resolution 58 (I) on a continuing basis, and requested that a review be made of the terms of that resolution and appropriate recommendations made with respect to desirable or necessary changes (resolution 316 (IV)),

"Whereas the General Assembly recognizes that the advisory social welfare services constitute a practical operational programme of direct assistance to governments and that the other activities of the United Nations in the social field should be properly correlated with these services in order to achieve maximum effectiveness, to which end the Social Commission has adjusted its long-range work programme,

"The General Assembly, therefore,

"A. Authorizes the Secretary-General:

"1. Subject to the directions of the Economic and Social Council, to make provision for the under-mentioned functions and services, such provision to be made, where appropriate, with the co-operation of the specialized agencies and in consultation with non-governmental organizations having consultative status:

- "(a) For a requisite number of social welfare experts to provide advisory services at the request of governments which show the need for them, and to put into practice, over an appropriate period, new methods in any branch of social welfare;
- "(b) For enabling suitably qualified social welfare officials to observe, and familiarize themselves with, the experience and practice of other countries in any branch of social welfare;
- "(c) For enabling suitably qualified persons who cannot receive professional training in branches of social welfare in their own country to receive appropriate training in foreign countries having the necessary facilities;
- "(d) For planning by appropriate methods projects for experimenting in or demonstrating various phases of social welfare, organizing and participating in these projects, providing the necessary tools and equipment in connexion therewith, and associating with the projects to the extent practicable, the persons referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c) above;
- "(e) For furnishing technical publications and films;

"(f) For planning and conducting seminars;

"2. To include in the budgetary estimates of the United Nations the sums necessary for carrying out an effective operational programme based on the provision of the above services;

"B. Instructs the Secretary-General to undertake the performance of the functions listed in paragraph A.1 above, in agreement with the governments concerned, on the basis of requests received from governments and in accordance with the following policies;

"1. The kind of service to be rendered to each country shall be decided by the government concerned;

"2. The furnishing of the experts and services shall be undertaken by the Secretary-General, with due regard to suggestions made by the requesting governments; the Secretary-General shall, normally, make application for experts to States which are Members of the United Nations. The selection of grant-holders shall be made by the Secretary-General on the basis of proposals received from governments, which shall indicate their preferences with regard to host countries;

"3. The amount of services and the conditions under which they shall be furnished to the various governments shall be decided by the Secretary-General with due regard to the greater needs of the under-developed areas and in conformity with the principle that each requesting government shall be expected to assume responsibility, as far as possible, for all or part of the expenses connected with the services furnished to it, either by making a contribution in cash, or in the form of services for the purposes of the programme being carried out;

"C. Requests the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Social Commission on the measures which he takes in compliance with the terms of the present resolution, and requests the Commission to formulate recommendations from time to time concerning the continued action required to carry on the essential advisory activities in the field of social welfare."

314th plenary meeting,  
1 December 1950.

**419 (V). Report of the Economic and Social Council (Chapter V, section VI):<sup>3</sup> proposal for a session in 1951 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* the importance of the studies entrusted to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and having regard to the fact that, in order to enable the Sub-Commission to continue these studies, the term of office of its members was extended by three years by a decision of the Commission on Human Rights dated 16 May 1949,<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Economic and Social Council resolution 243 E (IX).

<sup>2</sup> See documents A/C.3/521 and A/C.3/521/Corr.1.

<sup>3</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 3*, page 64.

<sup>4</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fourth Year, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 10*, paragraph 13.

Considering, moreover, that the last meeting of the Sub-Commission was held in January 1950,

*Resolves* to invite the Economic and Social Council to reconsider its resolution 336 (XI) of 16 August 1950, with a view to including in its calendar of conferences for 1951 a session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

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1 December 1950.

**420 (V). Report of the Economic and Social Council (Chapter V, section VII, part 2):<sup>5</sup> proposal for a session in 1951 of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press**

*The General Assembly,*

Considering it desirable that the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press should continue the study of the agenda items<sup>6</sup> referred to it by the Economic and Social Council for consideration,

*Resolves* to invite the Economic and Social Council to reconsider its resolution 336 (XI) of 16 August 1950, with a view to including in its calendar of conferences for 1951 a session of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press.

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1 December 1950.

**421 (V). Draft International Covenant on Human Rights and measures of implementation: future work of the Commission on Human Rights**

*The General Assembly,*

*Appreciating* the priority which, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 217 (III), the Commission on Human Rights during its 1949 and 1950 sessions gave to the preparation of a draft International Covenant on Human Rights and measures for its implementation,

*Noting* the decision<sup>7</sup> of the Economic and Social Council at its eleventh session to transmit the draft Covenant together with the relevant documentation and records of the discussion in the Council to the General Assembly at its fifth session for consideration with a view to reaching policy decisions on the points listed in Economic and Social Council resolution 303 I (XI),

*Considering* it essential that the Covenant should include provisions rendering it obligatory for States to promote the implementation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the Covenant and to take the necessary steps, including legislation, to guarantee to everyone the real opportunity of enjoying those rights and freedoms,

<sup>5</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 3*, page 66.

<sup>6</sup> See Economic and Social Council resolution 197 (VIII) and document E/1369-E/CN.4/Sub.1/98/Rev.1.

<sup>7</sup> See Economic and Social Council resolution 303 I (XI).

*Having considered* the draft Covenant prepared by the Commission on Human Rights, particularly with reference to certain basic policies,

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1. *Commends* the Commission on Human Rights for the important work it has thus far accomplished;

2. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to continue to give priority in its work to the completion of the draft Covenant and measures for its implementation in order that the General Assembly may have before it at its sixth session the revised draft of this Covenant;

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3. *Considers:*

(a) That the list of rights in the first eighteen articles of the draft Covenant does not contain certain of the most elementary rights;

(b) That the present wording of some of the first eighteen articles of the draft Covenant should be improved in order to protect more effectively the rights to which they refer;

(c) That in the drafting of the Covenant account should be taken of the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations and that these Purposes and Principles should be consistently applied and assiduously protected;

4. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to take into consideration in its work of revision of the draft Covenant:

(i) The views expressed during the discussion of the draft Covenant at the fifth session of the General Assembly and at the eleventh session of the Economic and Social Council, including those relating to articles 13 and 14 of the draft Covenant and, with a view to the addition in the draft Covenant of other rights, those relating to the rights set forth by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in document A/C.3/L.96 and Yugoslavia in document A/C.3/L.92;

(ii) The view, expressed during the discussion of the draft Covenant at the fifth session of the General Assembly and at the eleventh session of the Economic and Social Council, that it is desirable to define the rights set forth in the Covenant and the limitations thereto with the greatest possible precision;

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5. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to study a federal State article and to prepare, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its sixth session, recommendations which will have as their purpose the securing of the maximum extension of the Covenant to the constituent units of federal States, and the meeting of the constitutional problems of federal States;