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531 (VI). Relations with the World Meteorological Organization

The General Assembly,

Having considered resolution 403 A (XIII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 22 August 1951 and the Agreement¹ entered into between the Council and the World Meteorological Organization,

Approves this Agreement.

*356th plenary meeting,
20 December 1951.*

532 (VI). Organization and operation of the Economic and Social Council and its Commissions

A

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The General Assembly,

Considering that the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirm the principle of equal rights of men and women, and aim to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to sex,

Considering that the terms of reference of the Commission on the Status of Women, as defined by the Economic and Social Council at its second session (resolution 11 (II) of 21 June 1946) are "to prepare recommendations and reports to the Economic and Social Council on promoting women's rights in political, economic, social and educational fields" and to "make recommendations to the Council on urgent problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women's rights",

Considering that during the past five years the Commission on the Status of Women held five sessions and that the value of its work has been proved by the fact that the Economic and Social Council has adopted numerous recommendations made to it by the Commission,

Considering that the recommendations of the Commission since its creation have served in many coun-

tries as a basis for the activities of non-governmental organizations working for the improvement of the status of women,

Considering that the task of the Commission is not yet completed since the principle of equal rights for men and women has not yet achieved universal recognition, and that in many countries women have not yet been granted equal rights with men,

Considering that the Commission is at present engaged in important studies and has important commitments in carrying out its tasks,

Considering that to enable it to pursue these tasks without undue delay it is important that the Commission should continue to hold yearly sessions,

Resolves to request the Economic and Social Council to reconsider its resolution 414 (XIII), section B, I, (g), of 18, 19 and 20 September 1951 with a view to continuing to convene the Commission on the Status of Women for one session every year.

*373rd plenary meeting,
4 February 1952.*

B

SUB-COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

The General Assembly,

Noting that at its thirteenth session the Economic and Social Council decided to discontinue the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities until 31 December 1954 (resolution 414 (XII), section B, I, (d)).

Recalling that the functions of the Sub-Commission are:

(a) To undertake studies, with particular reference to the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and to submit recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights relating to the prevention of discrimination of any kind incompatible with human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to the protection of racial, national, religious or linguistic minorities, and

(b) To discharge any other task which might be assigned to it by the Economic and Social Council or the Commission on Human Rights,

¹ See annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 403 B (XIII).

Noting that the General Assembly (resolution 217 C (III) of 10 December 1948), the Economic and Social Council (resolution 191 (VIII) of 9 February 1949) and the Commission on Human Rights (resolution C)² had asked the Sub-Commission to make a thorough study of the problem of minorities, in order that the United Nations might be able to take effective measures for the protection of racial, national, religious or linguistic minorities,

Mindful of the extreme complexity and delicacy of these questions, as recognized by the General Assembly in its resolution 217 C (III),

Emphasizing that the full application and implementation of the principle of non-discrimination recommended in the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are matters of

² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 10*, chapter IV.

supreme importance, and should constitute the primary objective in the work of all United Nations organs and institutions,

Considering that the prevention of discrimination and the protection of minorities are two of the most important branches of the positive work undertaken by the United Nations,

Invites the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To authorize the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities to continue its work so that it may fulfil its mission, and especially to convene a session in 1952;

(b) To take any practical steps that may be necessary for the continuance, within the framework of the United Nations, of the work on the prevention of discrimination and the protection of minorities.

373rd plenary meeting,
4 February 1952.