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TELEPRINTER MESSAGE

PROSEYMOUR EXYATES

1. TEXT PERU AGENDA ITEM CABLE RECEIVED
2. HAVE RECEIVED TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON
SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN UNDER-DEVELOPED AREAS OF 28 APRIL 1948
FOR CIRCULATION ECOSOC. ARE THERE ANY OTHERS
THAT SHOULD ALSO BE CIRCULATED?

ECO/44

July 23rd 1948

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PROSEYMOUR

EXYATES

1. Final decisions Council regarding Agenda:

Items 2, 23 (11), 20, 22, 42 and 49 deferred to Eighth Session.

Other items allocated as follows:

(I) To Committees without initial discussion in plenary:

S = Social

E = Economic

HR = Human Rights

C = Coordination

P = Procedure

23 (1) S : 34 P : 47 P : 45 P : 48 S : 16 S : 19 HR : 18 HR :
26 C : 28 C : 29 C : 21 HR : 15 S : 12 E : 5 E : 6 E : 14 S : 13 E :

27 - Reports of specialized agencies. On the proposal of the President, the Council decided at its 181st Plenary Meeting on 23 July 1948 (Document E/SR/181) that these reports should be allocated as follows:

FAO	-	Economic
ICAO		"
BANK		"
FUND		"
ITU		"
UPU		"
ILO		Social
UNESCO		"
WHO		"

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Reports of all agencies, for consideration as the Committee deems necessary from the aspect of coordination

Coordination

(In this connection, it should be noted that the Secretary-General will circulate a comparative review of the activities and work programmes of the specialized agencies and the Commissions of the Council - this comparative review has been prepared with a view to assisting the Council in its deliberations on programme coordination)

The Chairman of each Committee will be responsible for referring, with the assent of his Committee, to another Committee questions in these reports which he considers fall within the purview of the other Committee.

16 July 1948

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PROJACKSON, MARTIN HILL SEYMOUR
EXYATES

(1) AGENDA COMMITTEE STILL MEETING AT TELEPRINTER HOUR BUT FOLLOWING REPRESENTS PROVISIONAL DECISIONS AS REGARDS ORDER OF ITEMS WHICH ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE CHANGED.

PART I. FOLLOWING ITEMS RECOMMENDED SHOULD BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES WITHOUT PREVIOUS DISCUSSION IN PLENARY. PLENARY DISCUSSIONS ON THESE ITEMS WOULD TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS THE COMMITTEES PRESENTED THEIR REPORTS, AND WOULD HAVE PRIORITY OVER ITEMS IN PART II WHICH HAD NOT BEEN REACHED. ITEMS 23(1), 34, 42, 47, 45, 48, 16, 19, 18, 26, 28, 29.

PART II. CONTAINS ITEMS ON WHICH IT IS RECOMMENDED DISCUSSION SHOULD FIRST TAKE PLACE IN PLENARY. THE ITEMS INCLUDED IN THIS COLUMN ON WHICH IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A SINGLE PLENARY DISCUSSION WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A COMMITTEE WILL BE SUFFICIENT ARE INDICATED BY AN ASTERISK. ITEMS 1, 21, 46, 15, 25, 12, 7, 8, 9, 5, 6, 11, 14, 13, 10, 4, 40, 41, 44, 27, 20, 22, 24, 17, 43, 32, 30, 31, 35, 33, 3, 37, 36, 39, 38. COMMITTEES SHOULD BE SET UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE SESSION.

COMMITTEES WOULD COMMENCE TO DEAL WITH THE ITEMS IN PART I CONCURRENTLY WITH PLENARIES ON ITEMS IN PART II, SUBJECT TO MINOR DAILY ADJUSTMENTS TO AVOID CLASHES ON RELATED SUBJECTS. AS REGARDS ITEM 27 IT SHOULD FIRST BE DISCUSSED IN PLENARY AND THEN REFERRED TO COORDINATION COMMITTEE SHOULD ALSO HAVE ON ITS AGENDA ITEMS 26, 28, 29. COORDINATION COMMITTEE SHOULD COMMENCE ITS WORK LATER THAN OTHER COMMITTEES, NAMELY ABOUT 2 AUGUST. ITEM NUMBERS ARE THOSE GIVEN IN E/830.

- (2) BY 3 VOTES TO 2 AGENDA COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT ITEM 2 SHOULD BE POSTPONED TO NEXT SESSION. ON ITEM 49 COMMITTEE WAS SPLIT 2 TO 2 AND DECIDED TO MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION.
- (3) PLEASE CIRCULATE ALL ASGS OFFICES, ICEF, UNAC.
- (4) WILL CABLE FINAL DECISIONS TOMORROW AS SOON AS COMMITTEE FINISHES PROBABLY MIDDAY.

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U.S.A.

PROJACKSON, MARTIN HILL, SKYMOUR

EXYATES

1. DECISIONS AGENDA COMMITTEE.

PART I. FOLLOWING ITEMS 2/630 RECOMMENDED REFERRED COMMITTEES
WITHOUT PREVIOUS DISCUSSION PLENARY. NUMBERS 23 (1), 34, 42, 47
45, 48, 16, 19, 18, 26, 28, 29. PLENARY DISCUSSIONS THESE ITEMS

TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS COMMITTEES PRESENT THEIR REPORTS WITH PRIORITY OVER ITEMS PART II WHICH NOT THEN REACHED.

PART II. FOLLOWING ITEMS DISCUSSION TAKE PLACE FIRST IN PLENARY IN ORDER INDICATED : ITEMS 1, 21, 46, 15, 25, 12, 7, 8, 9, 5, 6, 11, 14, 13, 10, 4, 40, 41, 44, 27, 20, 22, 24, 17, 43, 32, 30, 31, 35, 33, 3, 37, 36, 39, 38.

PART III. COMMITTEES TO COMMENCE ITEMS PART I CONCURRENTLY WITH PLENARIES ITEMS PART II, SUBJECT MINOR DAILY ADJUSTMENTS.

COORDINATION COMMITTEE TO COMMENCE ITS WORK ABOUT 2 AUGUST.

PART IV. BY 3 TO 2 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED ITEM 2 POSTPONED NEXT SESSION. ITEM 49 COMMITTEE WAS SPLIT AND DECIDED MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION. BOTH ITEMS WILL BE PLENARY REDEBATED.

2. COMMITTEE MEETS AGAIN TOMORROW FINALISE TEXT REPORT.

3. CIRCULATE ALL ASGS OFFICES, ICEF, UNAC.

21 July 1948

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EXYATES

YOUR NO EA359 OF 19 JULY REPLY REQUESTED BY RETURN. TELEPRINT
DATE AND FULL TEXT CABLE RECEIVED FROM PERU AND ANY REPLY OR
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SENT. IMPORTANT FULL PRECISION ON ALL ITEMS
RELATING AGENDA.

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EA 359 PROYATES

1. FOLLOWING SUBSTANCE OF CABLE RECEIVED FROM DE LAVALLE
PERUVIAN DELEGATE:

ACCORDING RULE OF PROCEDURE 14 REQUEST FOLLOWING ITEM BE INCLUDED
AGENDA 7TH SESSION "INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGE". FURTHER
DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED.

2. CHUDSON SUBMITS FOLLOWING CORRECTION ON E/576/ADD.2, SENT
GENEVA BY DUMONTET: IN TABLE III, PAGE3, BOTTOM LINE - THE
FIGURE FOR UNUTILISED CREDITS UNDER THE PHILIPPINE REHABILITATION
ACT IN COLUMN 5 SHOULD READ 501 REPEAT 501 INSTEAD OF 119
REPEAT 119. IF TOO LATE TO CORRECT, PLEASE ISSUE CORRIGENDUM.

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*and Ben is not yet here
to defend Amazon basin - this Ben
ministers has to us
instructions*

14 July 1948

TELETYPE MESSAGE

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PROCEEDING

EXYATES

PROBABILITY IS THAT AGENDA COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND TAKING
ICEF AND UNAC ITEMS EARLY, BUT NOT ^{RIGHT} URGENT AT BEGINNING OF
SESSION. PERIOD MAY BE TENTATIVELY ESTIMATED AS BETWEEN
28 JULY AND 7 AUGUST. AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETS THURSDAY
AND FRIDAY THIS WEEK AND WILL TELETYPE GIST OF REPORT
FRIDAY.

To: Mr. Gilbert E. Yates

From: Georges Dumontet *G.D.*

1 July 1948

Material for Agenda Committee of Council (7th session)

Please find enclosed copies of communications which you may wish to circulate or mention to the Members of the Agenda Committee:

Agenda
On ~~arrangements~~ as a whole

1. Australian letter
2. French letter
3. Secretary-General's letter to the President and answer by the latter

On items

4. Item 18: Mexican request
5. Item 21: French request
6. Item 23(ii): PCOB request
7. Item 21: Humphrey note
8. Item 27: Steinig note
9. Item 25: Ordning note

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In addition:

- Two copies of letter of the President to the Secretary-General on annotations of the Provisional Agenda for the seventh session.
- Letter of Mr. Sutch submitted to the Preliminary Meeting of the Agenda Committee of 26 May.
- Summary Record of this Preliminary Meeting (E/C.3/SR.W.1).

I will also send you within a few days a Secretariat note on the question of migration.

Contrary to what I heard before from Mr. Hyde, I just learned that the US Delegation is not going to present any formal suggestions regarding the handling of the Agenda.

- On item 38 (... Palestine), copies of Govt answers will be forwarded to you in a few days.

Item 23 (ii)

PCOB's request

UNRESTRICTED

E/ 840
1 July 1948

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Submitted on 1/9/48

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE COUNCIL
AND THE PERMANENT CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD

The Secretary-General has the honour to communicate to the Members of the Council the following letter which he has received from the President of the Permanent Central Opium Board.

"Geneva, June 26th, 1948

Sir,

I have the honour to request that the question concerning the Agreement between the Economic and Social Council and the Permanent Central Opium Board on administrative arrangements of the Board may be postponed to the Agenda of the 8th Session of the Economic and Social Council, as the Board wishes to discuss the matter further and it may not be possible for me to attend at the forthcoming session.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H.L. May
President of the Permanent
Central Opium Board"

The Honourable
Trygve Lie,
Secretary-General of
the United Nations,
Lake Success,
New York"



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26 June 1948

REFERENCE:

Dear Gilbert:

Thank you very much for your note from Italy. I am happy to learn that you have not only recuperated but that you have really enjoyed this short holiday. Or ^{was} it a holiday? I am not so sure since you found time to send me your comments on the Draft Rules of Procedure of the Council... It is my turn now to give you some information on our work over here.

Provisional Agenda

- a) The Provisional Agenda was airmailed to Governments, specialized agencies, etc. in the form of a document (E/830) without having been previously cabled to them in summarized form; we thereby saved several hundred dollars. If I remember correctly, I think you agreed, before leaving, that the Provisional Agenda should go out on 24 or 25 June.
- b) As regards order of items, I did not alter the order used in the preliminary list (E/787); with the agreement of President Malik and of Mr. Hill, I added new items at the end of the previous list. It is ~~TRUE~~ true that Rule 10 indicates broad categories; but in view of the fact that we did not exactly follow this rule for the preliminary list by placing items postponed from the Sixth Session at the beginning of the list, I thought you would not disagree to placing new items at the end, leaving it to the Agenda Committee to rearrange the final order to be proposed to the Council. I wish I had received your message E.1493 in time.
- c) Concerning the item on "WHO Site" (also mentioned in your E.1493) I had talked to Sze about it a few days ago but he had told me not to include it on the provisional agenda. Well, would you agree to an addendum being prepared at Geneva just before the meeting of the Agenda Committee listing this new item and any other possible ones that may have been received between now and then?
- d) Items 15(a) and 21(a) of E/787: At the suggestion of Malik and after consultation with ASG's, these items were not included in the Provisional Agenda (E/830). Both items, as you know, arise from other items: the first one from Items 14 and 15 and the second one from Items 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 and 25. About "Migration", don't you think that the important thing is undoubtedly that the question be not discussed twice and that the two resolutions (as contained in E/805 and E/779) be not submitted separately? It may not be necessary, however, to set this up as a separate item for such a procedure might be held to mean, by making a separate item out of one question dealt with in several reports, that the agenda of the Council is an analysis of reports. Would it not suffice for the Agenda Committee to recommend that, whenever this question of Migration comes up, for example, in the Social Committee, whether it be in relation to the report of the Social Commission or to the report of the Population Commission, whichever comes up first, that relevant papers be considered simultaneously at that time: passages in both reports, Information Report of S.G. (E/806) and eventually I.L.O. report. This comes back to saying that the question of

Migration would be dealt with as a separate sub-item without having been listed as such in the Agenda. Langrod and I are now preparing a note which will be sent to you after submission to Mr. Hill and to Notestein; if you agree with it, this might be communicated to the Agenda Committee.

e) Items 7, 8 and 9. Mr. Owen was of the opinion that, since ^{we} ~~you~~ did not know as yet the exact form of the reports from ECAFE and, in particular, from ECLA, that it was advisable to adopt an omnibus wording which would apply to the reports of the three Commissions. That is the reason why the word "annual" does not appear in the wording of Item 7. As a matter of fact, the report itself reads "Annual Report...." but the letter of transmittal from the president of the Commission does not contain the word "Annual". As soon as I have more details on the reports of ECAFE and of ECLA, I shall inform you.

f) Items 15, 18, 23 and 26. After consultation with Mr. Hill and with Malik, and Sze, I have reduced the wording of the titles of these items to broad headings and included in the annotated part of the Agenda all relevant reports by the S.G. which are actually transmitted to the Council since the questions they are dealing with are contained in Commissions' reports or resolutions from which they arise.

g) Annotations. I have prepared these annotations in so far as possible in conformity with the requests contained in the letter of the President to the S.G. (copy of which I am enclosing herewith). I say "as far as possible" because it is evidently rather difficult to reply to point (e) of this letter.

- Concerning request (a), annotations show numbers of main documents distributed, with actual date of distribution, or to be distributed. (Sutch and Kaminsky insisted that we indicate actual date of distribution and not date of issue as mentioned on each document.) Whenever appropriate, I also included references to General Assembly or/and to Council resolutions.

- With respect to request (b), the only real information given is in the annotation for Item 21.

- As regards request (c), it is indicated, in most cases, whether S.G. reports are submitted for information and/or action.

- Request (d) receives a specific answer in annotation of Item 23. There are, however, two other requests: one by France asking for early consideration of Item 21 (Status of Women) and another by Mexico recommending a late consideration of Item 18 (Final Act of the Information Conference). The reasons given are: Mme Lefaucheur can remain in Geneva only for a very short time at the beginning of the session and she is to present the report of the Commission on the Status of Women; the Mexican Government will not be able to communicate his comments on the Final Act before the latter part of July. These two requests which will be transmitted to the Agenda Committee (as I told the French and Mexican delegation secretaries), were not included in the annotations of Items 21 and 18 in view of the fact that they would, in the case of the French request, encourage other such requests based on personal convenience, and in the case of the Mexican request, encourage other Member Governments to delay the sending in of their comments. Mr. Hill, Malik and Humphrey (on second thought) agreed to this procedure. I hope it meets with your approval. Copies of the French and Mexican requests are included in the Agenda Committee file which I shall soon send you.

The only reaction I have had up to date on this Provisional Agenda came from two or three directors who thought the annotations very useful and from Borizov who seemed quite pleased. I wonder what your opinion will be!

Agenda Committee

A file for the Agenda Committee is now being prepared; at the present time, it contains:

- Mexican request on Item 18
- French request on Item 21
- French letter containing recommendations on the handling of agenda items, very similar to those contained in Mr. Sutch's letter to the Agenda Committee

- and considered by this Committee at its meeting of 26 May
- S.G. letter to the President on the question of handling items on the agenda of the Seventh Session with a view to reducing the period within which individual items are taken up and finally disposed of by the Council
 - Secretariat note on the question of Migration
 - Request (still to come) from Elliott Felkin, secretary of PCOB, to postpone Item 23(ii) until the Eighth Session
 - Letter (still to come) from the USA delegation, also containing recommendations on the handling of agenda items. Mr. Hyde (who left on 24 June) told me this communication should arrive shortly
- (Copy of Mr. Sutch's letter submitted to the preliminary meeting of the Agenda Committee on 26 May and copies of the summary records of this meeting (20 English and 10 French) - taken by Odile who left on 24 June.)

List of Documents

A list of documents (background documents and documents specifically prepared for the Seventh Session) corresponding to the numbering of items in E/830¹ will be airmailed to you on Monday, 28 June.

a) Several cartons (16, I believe) containing copies of background documents (50 English and 10 French) were taken by Alex and by Odile. A complete list of such background documents was sent by Ruth Williams (Documents) to Hapgood. As you said, these documents are only for emergency distribution to delegations; but if you think that we ought to have a larger supply of some of them, could you look up the list I shall send you on Monday and tell me which ones you have in mind. As regards printed documents (Council resolutions, etc.) I am told by Documents Distribution that Geneva has an adequate supply available.

b) Documents specifically prepared for the Seventh Session. You will notice from E/830 that there are still approximately 27 documents to come out. I must say, however, that a certain number of these will be ready towards the end of June. We are daily sending you and Janine copies of documents as they come out and I have asked Miss Gehris to send Janine a check list weekly.

Document E/Conf.4/62 (reference your E.1493 message) will have to be added under Item 41. I suppose you will also want the corresponding Conf./ document for ITO to be added under Item 40. I did not include it because (in the case of ITO) the report of the S.G. refers to it and also because the question is not submitted for consideration by the Council but only a narrative report on the subject by the S.G. is sent to the Council.

Financial Estimates

Papers on financial estimates (with the exception of three already distributed) are not included among the annotations in E/830 listing documents remaining to be issued. The reason for this is that I really do not possess sufficiently precise information on it. Alex left me a list of papers to be received from divisions and from Coidan/Henderson. I am going to work on this question within the next few days. Generally speaking, the situation regarding those financial estimates is not too rosy; everything is very much behind schedule.

Work Programme

Draft, as prepared by Alex, is at present in the hands of Mr. Hill, Weintraub and Sze. Drafting changes have been made by the Economic Department and more changes - possibly substantial ones - are expected to be made by the Social Department. Would you like me to send you the draft of this paper, especially since it will not be ready much before 7 July, starting date of dual reproduction?

Implementation of General Assembly Resolution 119(II)

Only one reply to the S.G.'s letter of 17 May has been received as yet, namely from Bolivia. After much discussion, the work is organized as follows:

- a) Divisions are preparing material from official communications received prior to the dispatch of the S.G.'s letter. I should get this material (consisting of brief summaries of official communications) by next week.
- b) Copies of replies to S.G.'s letter will be communicated to me before my departure, after having been seen by divisions. Copies of letters arriving at headquarters after my departure will be sent to you at Geneva. Since directors will be on hand at the time, we should be able to ask them to help with the establishment of the S.G.'s report on this subject. If we have enough replies at the beginning of the session, we could put out a main report and then publish as addenda replies coming in later. I understand that the USA delegation is preparing a lengthy document (I hear it will run in about 100 pages) in reply to the S.G.'s letter. I shall keep you informed.

Committee on Programme of Meetings

I had already consulted with directors of Economic and Social departments when I received your memo on draft calendar for 1949 (which arrival was delayed by several days); I immediately contacted them on those points mentioned in your memo and which I had not discussed with them. The result of these discussions is a first draft calendar, prepared with Taupin, which I shall airmail to you next week.

I gathered from your letter that you do not feel strongly about a meeting of the Programme Committee, even an exploratory meeting. As a matter of fact, it would now be impossible to call such a meeting since both Malik and Hyde have already left. I asked Hyde, about ten days ago, what he thought of such a meeting of the Committee before 19 July. He called Stinebower in front of me and, like you, Stinebower did not think it was essential. This view is also shared by John Alexander, de Folon, Wu, Kameniev as well as by Owen and M.Hill. To tell you the truth, I felt greatly relieved because I know that P.C.Chang would have asked the Secretariat to prepare an alternative draft calendar on the basis of three Council sessions a year. Under the present circumstances, this additional task would have been rather difficult, disturbing and useless.

Ariana Office Space for Delegations

Six replies from delegation secretaries were airmailed to you on 24 May and one (Brazil) is attached hereto. We are contacting the remaining delegations for their replies.

Malik's speeches

Malik wants to deliver his opening speech at Geneva in French. He wanted me to check the French text of his speech in Geneva before 16 July. Since I shall not have arrived yet, I told him that we could undoubtedly have someone else do that. Perhaps Janine's father would take on this job or he might suggest somebody else. Malik is leaving for Europe on 1 July on the Queen Elizabeth. Malik also intends to deliver a 1½ hour speech at the General Assembly in Paris on ECOSOC activities from San Francisco to the end of the Seventh Session and he expects us (namely you and me, he told me) to help him with the preparation of the material for this speech. He is going to speak to you about this at Geneva.

I believe this is enough for today! Things are humming....there is plenty of space in the office but not enough hours.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. I airmailed a copy of E/830 to Sir Ramaswami.

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E/830
23 June 1948
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

After consultation with the President, the Secretary-General has the honour to submit the following provisional agenda under Rules 7, 9 and 10 for the seventh session of the Economic and Social Council, commencing 19 July 1948 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Survey of forced labour and measures for its abolition
Item proposed by the American Federation of Labor, postponed from the sixth session
3. Implementation of economic and social recommendations
Item postponed from the sixth session
4. Report of the Secretary-General on the question of the establishment of research laboratories of the United Nations
Item postponed from the sixth session
5. Report of the third session of the Economic and Employment Commission
6. Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization on progress in the co-ordination of studies of suitable measures to bring about an increase in food production
7. Report of the Economic Commission for Europe
8. Report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
9. Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America
10. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the factors bearing upon the establishment of an Economic Commission for the Middle East
11. United Nations Scientific Conference on the conservation and utilization of resources
12. Report of the second session of the Transport and Communications Commission.
13. Report of the third session of the Statistical Commission
14. Report of the third session of the Population Commission
15. Report of the third session of the Social Commission

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16. Report of the Secretary-General on the progress and prospect of repatriation, resettlement and immigration of refugees and displaced persons, including a specific account of the situation of children removed from their country of origin during the course of the war.
17. Report of the third session of the Commission on Human Rights
18. Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information
19. Draft Convention on the Crime of Genocide
20. Trade Union Rights (Freedom of Association)
21. Report of the second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (parts of the Report left for consideration by the Council at its seventh session)
22. Principle of equal pay for equal work for men and women workers
23. (i) Report of the third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
(ii) Administrative arrangements between the Council and the Permanent Central Opium Board
24. Report of the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund
25. Reports on the United Nations Appeal for Children
26. Relations with and co-ordination of specialized agencies
27. Reports of specialized agencies
28. (i) Report of the Secretary-General on organization of the Economic and Social Departments of the Secretariat and on work programmes of Commissions of the Council
(ii) Report of the Secretary-General concerning the form and character of the reports of Commissions and other subsidiary organs
29. Draft calendar of meetings and conferences in 1949
30. Reports of the Committee on Negotiations with specialized agencies
31. Report of the Council NGO Committee
32. Report of the Secretary-General on implementation by ICAC of General Assembly Resolutions Nos. 39 (I) and 50 (I) concerning Franco Spain
33. Report of the Secretary-General on international facilities for the promotion of training in public administration
34. Report of the Secretary-General on Records of the Council
35. Translation of the classics

36. Confirmation of members of Commissions.

37. Election of one-third of members of Functional Commissions:
Economic and Employment, Transport and Communications, Fiscal,
Statistical, Population, Social, Human Rights and Status of
Women

38. Question of the election of three members of the Economic Board
for Palestine

39. Election of members of the Agenda Committee

40. Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Trade and
Employment Conference

41. Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Maritime
Conference

42. Draft rules for the calling of international conferences

43. Question of plan for the use of the Central Library at Geneva
by the United Nations and specialized agencies

44. Report of the Secretary-General and of UNESCO on teaching of the
purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the
United Nations in the schools of Member States

45. Revision of Rules of Procedure of the Council
Item proposed by the delegation of France

46. Report of the Council to the General Assembly

47. Procedure for consideration of the financial implications of
the decisions of the Council

Item proposed by the delegation of the United Kingdom

48. Action for the solution of legal difficulties arising from the
absence, due to war events or persecution, of persons whose
death cannot be conclusively established

Item proposed by the Preparatory Commission for the
International Refugee Organization

49. Infringements of trade union rights

Item proposed by the World Federation of Trade Unions

50. Economic Conference on the Amazon Basin countries

Item proposed by the delegation of Peru

The order in which the above items will be taken up by the Council
will form the subject of recommendations by the Agenda Committee for
consideration by the Council at its first plenary meeting.

The Agenda Committee (consisting of the President, the two Vice-
Presidents of the Council and the representatives of the Netherlands and
of New Zealand) will meet at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on Thursday,
15 July 1948.

/The following

The following annotations on items of the agenda are circulated for information:

1. Report of the Agenda Committee which is scheduled to meet on 15 July 1948 at Geneva
2. Document E/596 distributed on 1 December 1947
3. General Assembly Resolution No. 119 (ii)
Report of the Secretary-General to be circulated as soon as replies from Member Governments are received
4. Documents E/620 and E/620/Add.1 distributed on 9 April 1948
Document E/620/Add.2 distributed on 24 June 1948
5. Documents E/790 and E/790/Add.1. distributed on 7 June 1948
6. General Assembly Resolution No. 45 (I)
Council Resolution No. 103 (VI)
Document E/817 distributed on 16 June 1948
7. Documents E/791 and E/791/Add.1 distributed on 9 June 1948
8. Council Resolution No. 105 (VI)
Report to be circulated by the end of June 1948
9. Council Resolution No. 106 (VI)
Report to be circulated by 10 July 1948
10. Document E/AC.26/16 distributed on 8 June 1948
and E/841 distributed on 11 June 1948
11. Council Resolution No. 109 (VI)
Documents E/792 distributed on 19 May 1948, E/792/Add.1 distributed on 21 June 1947, and E/827 distributed on 21 June 1948: Progress Report of the Secretary-General (for information and action)
12. Document E/789 distributed on 14 June 1948
13. Documents E/795 and E/795/Add.1 to be distributed on 30 June 1948
14. Documents E/805 and E/805/Corr.1 distributed on 28 May 1948
and E/806: Report of the Secretary-General on allocation of functions among the various organs concerned in the field of migration, distributed on 4 June 1948
15. (i) Report of the third session of the Social Commission:
Document E/779 distributed on 9 June 1948
On matters of co-ordination within the field of the Commission:
Council Resolution No. 122 (VI) E
Document E/779, paragraphs 77-92
(ii) Report of the Secretary-General on advisory welfare services:
General Assembly Resolution No. 58 (I)
Council Resolution No. 122 (VI) B
Document E/828 to be circulated on 26 June 1948 (for action by the Council and by the General Assembly

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- (iii) Report of the Secretary-General on activities and co-ordination of activities in the field of housing and town and country planning
Council Resolution No. 122 (VI) D
Document E/802 distributed on 15 June 1948 (for information)
- (iv) Note by the Secretary-General on transfer to the United Nations the functions exercised by the French Government under the International Agreement of 18 May 1904 and the International Convention of May 1910 for the suppression of the white slave traffic, and the International Agreement of 4 May 1910 for the suppression of obscene publications:
Document E/779, paragraphs 58-61
Document E/809 distributed on 8 June 1948: Note by the Secretary-General (for action by the Council and by the General Assembly)
- (v) Document E/806, distributed on 4 June 1948: Report of the Secretary-General on the allocation of functions among the various organs concerned in the field of immigration (for information)
- 16. General Assembly Resolution No. 136 (II)
Council Resolution No. 122 (VI)A
Documents E/816 and E/816/Add.1, distributed on 16 June 1948
- 17. Council Resolutions Nos. 46 (IV) and 116 (VI) F
Document E/800 to be distributed on 26 June 1948: Report of the third session of the Commission
Documents referred to in E/800 and transmitted to the Council:
E/600, Annex C, distributed on 23 December 1947: Report of the second session of the Commission
E/CN.4/AC.1/27 distributed on 11 May 1948
E/CN.4/145, E/CN.4/147, E/CN.4/151, E/CN.4/153 distributed on 24 June 1948
E/CN.4/SR.81 to be distributed on 30 June 1948
- 18. General Assembly Resolution No. 59 (I)
Council Resolutions Nos. 74 (V) and 118 (VI)
Document E/CONF.6/79 distributed on 25 May 1948
Council Resolution No. 74 (V) 5
Document E/727 distributed on 8 March 1948 and E/727/Add.1 distributed on 9 April 1948: Memorandum concerning the shortage of newsprint.

19. General Assembly Resolution No. 180 (II)
Council Resolution No. 117 (VI)
Document E/794: Report of the ad hoc committee on Genocide and draft convention drawn up by the committee, circulated on 27 May 1948
20. General Assembly Resolution No. 128 (II)
Council Resolution No. 84 (V)
Report of the ILO
21. Documents E/615, E/615/Corr.1, E/615/Add.3 circulated on 17 June 1948 and E/829, to be circulated on 26 June 1948: Note by the Secretary-General indicating parts of the Report dealt with by the Council at its sixth session and remainder of the Report, submitted to the Council for consideration at its seventh session
22. Council Resolution No. 121 (VI)
Report of the ILO
23. (i) Report of the third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:
Document E/799 distributed on 3 June 1948
Draft Protocol to bring under control drugs outside the scope of the 1931 Convention transmitted by the Commission:
Council Resolution No. 86 (V)
Documents E/798, E/798/Corr.1 and Corr. 2 distributed on 27 May 1948
The Council urged that the revised Protocol be brought into force at the earliest possible time (see Resolution 86 (V)) and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs expressed its desire that the revised text of the Protocol should be communicated as soon as possible to all governments in order to facilitate its adoption at the third session of the General Assembly. The Council may wish therefore to consider this question at the early part of its seventh session.
Report of the Secretary-General on detailed plan for a Commission of Enquiry into the effects of the chewing of the coca leaf:
Council Resolution No. 123 (VI)
Report of the Secretary-General to be issued in the early part of the seventh session of the Council (for action)
(ii) Document E/OB/2, pages 28-29
24. Report of the Executive Board to be issued after the meeting of the Board commencing 16 July 1948

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25. Document E/825: Report of the Special Committee on UNAC
Report of the Secretary-General to be circulated on 28 June 1948
Supplementary Report of the Secretary-General to be circulated
during the seventh session of the Council
26. (i) Report of the Co-ordination Committee to be issued
immediately after the meeting of the Co-ordination Committee
on 16 July 1948 (for action)
- (ii) Report of the Secretary-General on:
- (a) Measures for achieving greater uniformity in presentation
of the budgets of the United Nations and of the
specialized agencies with a view to providing a basis
for comparison of the several budgets
 - (b) The fiscal year and schedule of meetings of the
specialized agencies in their relation to questions
of programming
 - (c) The feasibility of improved budgetary co-ordination
between the United Nations and the specialized agencies:
Report to be issued after consultation between the Co-ordination
Committee and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and
Budgetary Questions (for information and comments by the
Council and action by the General Assembly)
- (iii) Report of the Secretary-General on:
- (a) The action taken in pursuance of the agreements with the
specialized agencies to develop effective co-ordination
of the economic and social programmes of the United
Nations and its subsidiary organs and the specialized
agencies
 - (b) the facilities which will be available for specialized
agencies at the seat and the regional offices of the
United Nations; and existing or contemplated liaison
arrangements among the United Nations and specialized
agencies;
Report to be issued on 30 June 1948 (for information and action)
- (iv) Report of the Secretary-General on inter-governmental
organizations in the economic, social, cultural, educational,
health and related fields, having responsibilities similar
to those of the United Nations and the specialized agencies:
Council Resolution No. 128 (VI) B (a)
Document E/818 distributed on 15 June 1948 (for information
and action)

/(v) Report

- (v) Report of the Secretary-General on catalogue of economic and social studies:
Document E/813 distributed on 8 June 1948 (for information and action)
- (vi) Report of the Secretary-General in relation to the Council's responsibilities under Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter:
Report to be issued immediately after the meeting of the Co-ordination Committee on 16 July 1948 (for action)
27. Council Resolution No. 128 (VI) A
Reports submitted by the specialized agencies as listed in document E/815 distributed on 11 June 1948
Comparative review of Reports to be issued after the meeting of the Co-ordination Committee during the seventh session of the Council
28. (i) Report of the Secretary-General on organization of the Economic and Social Departments of the Secretariat and on work programmes of Commissions of the Council for 1948 and 1949
(a) organization and allocation of personnel of the Economic and Social Departments of the Secretariat
(b) provisional programme of work for 1948-1949
Council Resolution No. 128 (VI) B (c)
Report of the Secretary-General to be issued in the first week of July (for information and action)
- (ii) Council Resolution No. 128 (VI) D
Report of the Secretary-General to be circulated by the second week of July
29. Council Resolution No. 101 (V)
Report of the Interim Committee on Programme of Meetings to be issued immediately after the meeting of the Committee during the seventh session of the Council
30. Council Resolution No. 130 (VI)
Documents E/C.1/37 and E/C.1/38 distributed on 10 and 15 June 1948
31. Council Resolution No. 133 (VI)
Document E/710 distributed on 28 February 1948
Report of the NGO Committee covering June and July meetings to be issued during the seventh session of the Council
32. Council Resolution No. 129 (VI) B
Report of the Secretary-General to be issued on 30 June 1948 (for information)
33. Council Resolution No. 132 (VI)
Report of the Secretary-General to be issued by 30 June 1948 (for information)

34. Council Resolution No. 138 (VI)
Report of the Secretary-General to be issued in the second week of July (for information and action)
35. Council Resolution No. 53 (IV)
Document E/823 distributed on 17 June 1948
36. Document to be circulated in the latter part of the Council session
37. Note by the Secretary-General to be issued in the early part of the seventh session of the Council
Document E/788, distributed on 11 May 1948: Note by the Secretary-General on terms of office of members of Commissions of the Council
38. General Assembly Resolution No. 181 (II)
Special Assembly Resolution No. 186 (S-2) document A/555
Council Resolution No. 112 (VI)
Note by the Secretary-General (containing list of nominations communicated by Member Governments under Resolution 112 (VI)) (to be distributed by 19 July 1948)
39. Document E/33/Rev.4, Rule 14
40. Document E/807 distributed on 4 June 1948 (for information)
41. Report of the Secretary-General to be issued in the first week of July (for information)
42. General Assembly Resolution No. 129 (II)
Council Resolution No. 135 (VI)
Document containing draft rules prepared by the Secretary-General to be issued in the last week of June 1948
43. General Assembly Resolution No. 129 (II), paragraph 2
Report of the Secretary-General to be issued about 30 June (for information)
44. General Assembly Resolution No. 137 (II)
Report containing Part I prepared by the Secretary-General and Part II prepared by UNESCO to be issued on 30 June 1948
45. Documents E/751, E/751/Corr.1 and 2 distributed on 5 March 1948 and E/C.3/4 distributed on 28 April 1948
Note by the Secretary-General to be issued in the first week of July
46. Document containing suggestions by the President of the Council to be issued in the last week of June
47. Documentation not yet received
48. Document E/824 distributed on 24 June 1948
49. Document E/822 distributed on 24 June 1948
50. Document E/826 distributed on 21 June 1948

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Australian letter)

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14th June, 1948

Dr. Charles Malik
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Dear Sir,

Re: Agenda Committee

The letter of the French delegation proposing that the Agenda Committee should place agenda items in a number of categories in order to assist the business of the Council, and the fact that you held a preliminary meeting of the Agenda Committee, have naturally been of great interest to our delegation as, I am sure, they are to all members. It occurred to me that it might be useful if other members offered their suggestions.

In our view, the Agenda Committee could make a most useful contribution to the speed of business if it were to divide items into two categories:

- (1) Items that do not appear to need discussion in committee and can therefore be dealt with by a single discussion in plenary.
- (2) Items to be referred directly to committees for consideration before coming up in plenary.

Regarding the second category, the custom of having a preliminary discussion before sending items to committee grew up, I believe, when committees were not committees of the whole. Now that all members are represented on the main committees, there is no need for preliminary discussion to instruct committees on the general views of the Council. On the other hand, when a committee reports an item back to the Council, there is an opportunity for a full plenary discussion. This, of course, is the practice followed by the General Assembly and, in our view, it would expedite business in the Council.

There is one other practice of the General Assembly, quite independent of the foregoing, which we think it would be useful for the Council to follow. That is to have a general debate at the beginning of the session in which it would be open to delegates who wished to do so, to review the main agenda items as a whole in order to indicate the importance which they consider should be given them in the work of the Council, and the general lines of policy they consider should be followed. I believe that this might assist the Council to come to grips with important items on its agenda and to follow a consistent policy with regard to inter-related items.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) J.D.L. Hood

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LEGATION OF LEBANON

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1948

His Excellency
Mr. Trygve Lie
Secretary-General
United Nations
Lake Success, New York

Dear Mr. Lie:

I am grateful to you for your letter of June 11, 1948 in which you make certain suggestions about the agenda of the next session of the Economic and Social Council which might help in connection with the most efficient way in which members of the Secretariat could spend their time outside the temporary headquarters.

I shall present your views to the Agenda Committee when it meets in Geneva next month. I shall urge on them the necessity of scheduling the work of the Council in such a way that officials of the Secretariat would have to spend a minimum amount of time outside New York. This whole question of the procedure of the discussion during the next session of the Council is so complicated, mainly by reason of the enormous number of items we have on our agenda, that I cannot from now predict what the decision of the Agenda Committee will be regarding the manner of work of the next session. But I assure you we shall do our best to meet your demands.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Malik
President
Economic and Social Council

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11 June 1948

Dear Dr. Malik,

For reasons which you will certainly appreciate, I am most anxious to keep to a minimum the period of time which officials of the Secretariat are required to spend in Geneva in connection with particular items on the agenda of the Seventh Session of the Economic and Social Council. Any unduly prolonged absence of officials naturally has budgetary repercussions, while the administrative problem is particularly serious in the case of some of the higher officials who can very ill be spared from their day-to-day assignments at headquarters.

I have taken all possible measures to ensure that officials shall only remain in Geneva for the period during which they are actually needed for the Council's business; however the length of that period will depend to a considerable extent upon the manner in which the Council schedules its work. Anything that could be done with a view to reducing the period within which individual items are taken up and finally disposed of by the Council would therefore be most helpful. I should add that if we could have a rough indication at an early stage of the actual dates between which particular items are likely to be discussed it would also assist us in planning the movements of the staff.

I venture to bring this problem to your attention in the hope that you may see fit to approach the Agenda Committee with these ends in view.

Yours sincerely,

Trygve Lie
Secretary-General

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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17 June 1948

To : Gilbert Yates

From : Aake Ording, Director, UNAC

subject : Position of UNAC on ECOSOC Agenda at seventh session.

As you know, the Special Committee of ECOSOC on UNAC have prepared a report for the seventh session which is now in your hands for final editing. The report on UNAC to the seventh session of ECOSOC BY THE Secretary-General is in the midst of preparation and will also be in your hands very shortly. There will, of course, be a supplement to this latter report containing a financial statement.

With regard to the Council session itself, I expect to attend and I shall have with me appropriate members of my staff. As you are undoubtedly aware, UNAC is operating on an exceedingly tight budget. A schedule of termination of activities by the staff has been set up and is being adhered to strictly so that a request for additional funds will not be necessary in this connection. I now should like to ask you if it would be possible to schedule the formal discussion of UNAC by the Council toward the beginning of the session in the hope that the deliberations of a sub-committee (if one should be set up) may get underway without delay. Just as soon as the sub-committee has completed its work I earnestly hope you will do everything in your power to schedule the final plenary discussions just as soon thereafter as possible. In this way the very limited funds at our disposal for this travel may be sufficient to cover the trip, otherwise we may have to draw resources from other allotments which in our cause would mean a premature reduction in force.

Item 23

Secretariat Note : Steining.

on Preparation of S-J's Report
on Detailed plan for a Commission
of Enquiry into the effects of the
chewing of the coca leaf.

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Ref. SOA 55/03

17 juin 1948

TO: Mr. Dumontet
Secrétaire Adjoint du Conseil Economique et Social
FROM: Mr. Steinig
Directeur de la Division des Stupefiants
SUBJECT: Commission d'enquete pour certaines regions
de l'Amerique du Sud

Conformement a la resolution du Conseil Economique et Social concernant l'envoi d'une commission d'enquete chargée d'etudier dans certaines regions de l'Amerique du Sud, les effets de l'habitude de macher de la feuille de coca (Doc. E/777 p. 29) le Secrétaire general doit soumettre au Conseil, a sa prochaine session, un projet detaille relatif a cette commission, en tenant compte de toutes les demandes qui pourraient parvenir au Secretariat provenant d'autres pays interesses.

Etant donne qu'a ce jour le Secrétaire general n'a pas encore eu connaissance des demandes sus-mentionnées, mais que celles-ci peuvent parvenir au Secretariat avant la date de la prochaine session du Conseil, le Secretariat considere qu'il serait indique d'Attendre encore quelque temps pour la preparation du projet ci-dessus mentionne qui sera soumis au Conseil au debut de sa prochaine session.

Annotations of
agenda of seventh session.
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(French suggestions)

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Monsieur le Président:

A l'issue des travaux de la sixième session du Conseil Economique et Social, le délégué de la France, par lettre No. 58 en date du 12 mars 1948, vous a soumis, en prévision de la 7ème session, certaines suggestions destinées à faciliter l'organisation du travail du Conseil. M. Mendès France proposait notamment que les questions dont l'inscription à l'ordre du jour de la prochaine session était demandée fussent classées par le Comité de l'Ordre du Jour dans les catégories suivantes:

- Affaires à traiter selon la procédure passée. Ces affaires sont, en principe, les affaires importantes qui présentent un intérêt politique et pour lesquelles un débat préalable devant le Conseil est nécessaire.

- Affaires à renvoyer directement aux divers Comités sans débat préalable devant le Conseil, afin de gagner du temps et de réduire le nombre des séances plénières du Conseil ainsi que les frais qui en découlent.

- Affaires dont le caractère permet le renvoi pur et simple, et sans débat préalable devant le Conseil, à une Institution Spécialisée, à charge pour cette dernière d'en rendre compte au Conseil.

- Affaires ne présentant pas une urgence particulière et susceptibles d'être ajournées.

Après avoir examiné la "liste provisoire des questions inscrites à l'ordre du jour de la septième session du Conseil Economique et Social" qui vient d'être transmis par le Secrétariat général des Nations Unies aux Etats-Membres (document E/78), je crois devoir appeler votre attention sur l'intérêt qui s'attacherait, de l'avis du gouvernement français, à ce que les suggestions présentées par M. Mendès-France fussent prises en considération par le Comité de l'ordre du jour lorsqu'il se réunira avant l'ouverture des travaux de la septième session.

Il m'apparaît en effet que, dans le délai limité dont il disposera pour

pour cette session, le Conseil pourrait difficilement discuter les très nombreux points de l'ordre du jour, s'il suivait pour chacun d'eux la procédure habituelle. Il semble, d'autre part, que plusieurs de ces points, et notamment la plupart de ceux ayant trait aux rapports des Commissions et Sous-Commissions, pourraient sans inconvénient être directement renvoyés aux Comités compétents sans débat préalable devant le Conseil, et que l'étude d'autres points pourrait être renvoyée également sans débat, soit à un autre organisme dépendant des Nations Unies, soit à une session ultérieure.

J'ai l'honneur, en conséquence, de vous demander de bien vouloir, si ces suggestions rencontrent votre agrément, envisager la possibilité d'en saisir le Comité de l'ordre du jour que vous présidez et d'obtenir qu'il s'en inspire dans la rédaction de son rapport au Conseil. Bien entendu, le Comité ne peut être appelé à formuler que de simples propositions sur lesquelles il appartiendra au Conseil de se prononcer en pleine souveraineté quand il décidera finalement de son ordre du jour ./.

Je vous prie, Monsieur le Président, d'agréer les assurances de ma considération la plus distinguée.

Item 18

1) Mexican Request

(2) Answer by Mr. Langin)

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Delegacion de Mexico ante las Naciones Unidas

File No. SOA/L/011
June 4, 1948
Dept. of Social Affairs

No. 765

New York, N. Y., June 1, 1948.

Sir,

In reply to Your Excellency's note No. SOA/L/001/ES, dated May 7, 1948, in which reference was made to Resolution No. 43 of the Conference on Freedom of Information, whereby all governments invited to the Conference were requested to forward to the Secretary-General before July 5, 1948, their comments on the Draft Conventions proposed by the Conference, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that my Government will transmit its opinion before July 20, 1948, in view of the fact that the Mexican Government has adopted a procedure of consultation with the parties responsible for the means of information. My Government deems these parties' collaboration necessary in order to fulfill the Conventions to which it may subscribe.

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Item 21
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(French Request)

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18 mai 1948

La Délégation Française présente ses compliments au Secrétaire Général et à l'honneur d'appeler son attention sur les conditions dans lesquelles le rapport de la Commission du Statut de la Femme sera examiné à la prochaine session du Conseil Economique et Social.

La Délégation Française vient en effet d'être informée que Madame LEFAUCHEUX, Déléguée française à la Commission et Présidente de cet organisme pour 1948, doit quitter Paris le 24 juillet prochain avec plusieurs membres de l'Assemblée de l'Union Française, pour effectuer en Indochine un voyage d'études organisé depuis longtemps. De ce fait, elle ne pourrait présenter le rapport de la Commission au Conseil Economique et Social que dans les tout premiers jours de la session du Conseil, qui s'ouvre à Genève le 19 juillet.

En raison des difficultés qui se sont produites au cours de la dernière session du Conseil en ce qui concerne la présentation du rapport de la Commission, la Délégation française attache une importance particulière à ce que Madame Lefaucieux soit à même de présenter au Conseil le rapport de sa Commission à Genève.

La Délégation Française interviendra devant le Conseil lors de la Fixation définitive de l'ordre du jour pour que le rapport de la Commission du Statut de la Femme soit placé en tête de cet ordre du jour, mais elle serait désireuse de connaître dès à présent le sentiment du Secrétaire Général sur la possibilité d'inscrire effectivement l'examen de ce point pour les premiers jours suivant l'ouverture des travaux du Conseil.

Signé: Clermont Tonnerre

Monsieur TRYGVE LIE
Secrétaire Général de l'Organisation
des Nations Unies
Lake Success - New York -

Item 21

(Secretariat note: Humphrey)

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TO: Mr. Georges Dumontet, Secretariat of the Economic and Social Council
FROM: John P. Humphrey, Director, Division of Human Rights

25 May 1948

I have just read the minutes of the Director's meeting which took place in M. Laugier's office yesterday afternoon. I note that there is no reference in the minutes to the decision that was taken regarding priority for the discussion of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women. As you yourself pointed out, the French Government will request the early consideration of this item because the chairman of the Commission, Madame Lefauchaux, must leave for Indo-China in the latter part of July. However, there is another reason why from my point of view it would be desirable to have this item disposed of as quickly as possible. We are considering the possibility of asking Mrs. Labarca, the chief of the Section on the Status of Women, to take over the direction of the Division of Human Rights in August and, if possible, we would like to have her complete her duties in Geneva and return to Lake Success by that time.



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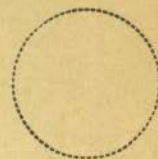
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Jacques,

Dans le Journal "Material for the Agency Committee"
envoyé ci-joint hier 1^{er} juillet, voyez-vous
voir la lettre française ~~de~~ du 10 juin,
qui a trait à la façon de discuter les points
de l'ordre du jour.

- 1) Cette lettre (ou copie) devra porter
mention de la signature : Chauvel
- 2) au début, on mentionnera une
autre lettre No. 58 du 12 mars.
Je vous en envoie une copie que
j'ai obtenue aujourd'hui de Tolini.

Je vous vois ici ce week-end.

Lys

12 mars 1948

No 52

Monsieur le Président,

La délégation française a fait distribuer aux membres du Conseil Economique et Social un projet de révision de son règlement intérieur. Dans ce projet figurent diverses dispositions concernant la préparation de l'Ordre du Jour des sessions du Conseil et le rôle du Comité de l'Ordre du Jour. La délégation française suggère, comme vous le savez, de donner au Comité de l'Ordre du Jour un rôle plus important et, en conséquence, d'accroître le nombre de ses membres.

La discussion de ces propositions n'aura lieu qu'au cours de la prochaine session du Conseil, mais il semble à la délégation française que rien ne s'oppose à ce que le Comité de l'Ordre du Jour remplisse sa fonction dès la prochaine session du Conseil, dans l'esprit de la proposition française. Aucune disposition du règlement intérieur actuel n'y fait obstacle; c'est pourquoi, la délégation française vous demande de vouloir bien étudier cette suggestion et, si vous l'estimez utile, la soumettre au Comité de l'Ordre du Jour lorsque ce dernier se réunira, à la veille de la 7ème session.

Cela permettrait à ce Comité dont vous êtes le Président, de proposer au Conseil, dès sa première séance, les moyens d'organiser son travail pour en assurer l'expédition plus rapidement, et dans de meil-

Monsieur Charles MALIK
Président du Conseil Economique et Social
de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à sa 6ème session
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leures conditions. C'est ainsi que le Comité pourrait classer les questions proposées pour leur inscription à l'ordre du jour, en quelques catégories;

- Affaires à traiter selon notre procédure passée. Ces affaires sont, en principe, les affaires importantes qui présentent un intérêt politique et pour lesquelles un débat préalable devant le Conseil est nécessaire.

- Affaires à renvoyer directement aux divers Comités sans débat préalable devant le Conseil, afin de gagner du temps, de réduire le nombre des séances plénières du Conseil et les frais qui en découlent.

- Affaires dont le caractère permet le renvoi pur et simple, et sans débat préalable devant le Conseil, à une institution spécialisée, à charge pour cette dernière d'en rendre compte au Conseil.

- Affaires ne présentant pas une urgence particulière et susceptibles d'être ajournées.

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D'autre part, il a été décidé par le Conseil, à plusieurs reprises, que ne devraient figurer à l'ordre du jour d'une session que les questions dont l'inscription a été notifiée aux membres, six semaines avant la 1ère séance.

Cette disposition est spécialement importante pour permettre aux gouvernements d'étudier les affaires soumises au Conseil. Dans un certain nombre de cas, des exceptions ont été admises à cette règle sans que ces exceptions aient toujours été justifiées par un motif d'urgence vérifiée.

La délégation française souhaite vivement que le Comité de l'Ordre du Jour se réfère à cet égard à la règle posée par le Conseil. L'encombrement, d'ores et déjà inévitable de l'Ordre du Jour de la 7ème session, rend particulièrement nécessaire qu'un effort soit entrepris pour éviter l'inscription à l'ordre du jour d'affaires dont l'examen en Conseil peut être ajourné sans inconvénient.

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Si le Comité de l'Ordre du Jour acceptait cette procédure et si ces propositions étaient ratifiées par le Conseil lors de sa première séance, il en résulterait d'après la délégation française, une grande amélioration dans nos méthodes et nous pourrions ainsi traiter, dans le délai qui nous est imparti, l'Ordre du Jour très chargé de la 7ème session./.

Communiqué à : MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES
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Pierre MENDES FRANCE

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Santa Cruz wants postpone opening meeting Agenda Committee
from 15 to 16 July. Kaminsky in favor. Sutch and
Wintteveen against. Santa-Cruz informed these views states
will not arrive Geneva before 16th whatever decision is.
Would appreciate having your decision to communicate to
Sutch leaving by air 9th Kaminsky leaving 13th or 14th.

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Action: Mr. Yates ✓

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EXYATES

1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA SHOULD BE ISSUED LATEST MONDAY 28TH JUNE.
2. INTERPOLATE NEW ITEMS IN PRESENT LIST E/787 AT END OF EACH OF THE BROAD CATEGORIES INDICATED BY RULE 10 THAT IS PROPOSED BY ONE MEMBERS TWO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES THREE NGOS
3. ADD ADDITIONAL ITEM AFTER PRESENT ITEM 31:
"CONSULTATION WITH WHO REGARDING PERMANENT SITE OF ORGANIZATION".
4. CITE DOCUMENT E/CONF.4/62 UNDER PRESENT ITEM 41.

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A. NEW ITEMS RECEIVED

1. FROM UK: PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF COUNCILS DECISION. DOCUMENTATION NOT YET AVAILABLE.

2. FROM PCIRO: COORDINATION DECLARATIONS OF DEATH. LENGTHY MEMORANDUM FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PCIRO RECEIVED.

3. FROM WFTU: INFRINGEMENTS TO TRADE UNION RIGHTS. LONG REPORT BY WFTU RECEIVED.

4. FROM PERU: ECONOMIC CONFERENCE ON AMAZON BASIN COUNTRIES (TO BE HELD BEFORE DECEMBER 1948). DRAFT RESOLUTION BY REPRESENTATIVE PERU RECEIVED.

B. E/INF/24. UNDER STRONG PRESSURE PELT AND LE BOSQUET OFFICES, AND REPEATED QUERIES FROM DELEGATIONS, HAD TO SUBMIT YESTERDAY E/INF/24 ON DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION PLAN; PART E AS SHOWN ON DRAFT SENT TO YOU DELETED.

C. AIRMAILING TODAY SECRETARIAT DRAFT CALENDAR 1949 PREPARED AFTER CONSULTATION ECONOMIC SOCIAL DEPARTMENTS CONFERENCES GENERAL SERVICES

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HR 1242 EDST

15 June 1948

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The President of the Economic and Social Council, in concurrence with the members of the Agenda Committee, has the honour to request the Secretary-General, in issuing the provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Council, to provide, as far as possible, the following annotations on agenda items in succinct form:

- A. State of preparedness of documents:
 - (i) date of issue of main original documents with their symbols;
 - (ii) documents still to be produced and proposed date of issue;
- B. Where necessary, factors to be considered in handling reports or parts of reports;
- C. In the case of reports by the Secretary-General, indication as to whether these reports are submitted for action or for information;
- D. Considerations bearing on the order in which items or sub-items should be taken;
- E. Factors (e.g. difficulty in receiving material in time for publication) which, in the view of the Secretariat, could contribute to the possibility of items being dropped from the agenda or postponed.

(Signed: Charles Malik)

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Geneva, June 26th, 1948.

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Sir,

I have the honour to request that the question concerning the Agreement between the Economic and Social Council and the Permanent Central Opium Board on administrative arrangements of the Board may be postponed to the Agenda of the 8th Session of the Economic and Social Council, as the Board wishes to discuss the matter further and it may not be possible for me to attend at the forthcoming session.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H.L. May
President of the Permanent
Central Opium Board.

The Honourable
Trygve Lie,
Secretary-General of
the United Nations,
Lake Success,
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Cher Gilbert,

1) Veuillez trouver ci-joint le compte-rendu analytique de la réunion préliminaire du Comité de l'ordre du jour et copie de la lettre adressée par Mr. Sutch au Président du Conseil et reproduite sous forme de working paper pour le Comité, ainsi qu'un projet de lettre du Président du Conseil au Secrétaire Général.

2) Comme vous le savez sans doute, le point 1 de la lettre de Sutch (avoir une discussion plénière globale sur un certain nombre de points à l'ordre du jour) est essentiellement soutenu par la délégation américaine.

La lettre de Sutch au Président a été rédigée en fait à la suite d'une long entretien entre Sutch, et Hyde, auquel j'assistais. La position de Sutch était que cette idée n'avait aucune chance de succès et il ne l'a d'ailleurs pas défendue devant le Comité; mais Hyde a insisté pour qu'elle soit présentée. La réelle position de Santa Cruz à ce sujet n'est peut-être pas aussi ferme que celle qu'il a soutenue devant le Comité. Quant à Kaminsky, son point de vue n'offre aucun doute.

3) En ce qui concerne le nombre de comités à établir éventuellement pendant la septième session, Malik n'insisterait pas lui-même pour que l'on établisse un comité spécial des Droits de l'Homme, traitant avec les points 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22 (E/787), mais je crois qu'il serait en faveur d'un comité spécial pour traiter les points 16 et 18. Il n'a pas exprimé ce point de vue devant le Comité, mais ~~il~~ ^{me l'a} signalé incidemment.

4) La réunion officielle mentionnée à la page 13 du compte-rendu, s'est ramenée à ceci : Sutch, Kaminsky et moi-même avons examiné quelles informations pourraient être demandées au Secrétariat à propos de l'ordre du jour provisoire. Sutch et Kaminsky se sont finalement mis d'accord sur les points mentionnés dans le projet ci-joint.

J'aimerais vivement avoir votre opinion à ce sujet et recevoir vos instructions pour l'établissement du document : "Ordre du jour provisoire de la septième session".

Il me semble que le point A n'est qu'une amplification de ce que nous avons déjà fait pour l'ordre du jour de la sixième session (E/607).

Quant au point B, je ne vois pas qu'il puisse s'appliquer à d'autres rapports qu'à celui de la Commission du Statut de la Femme;

Le point C voudrait simplement dire que nous indiquions si les rapports préparés par le Secrétaire Général sont transmis au Conseil pour action ou pour simple information. J'ai demandé à Sutch et à Kaminsky de spécifier qu'il s'agissait de rapports par le Secrétaire Général et non pas de rapports de commissions, étant donné que ces derniers contiennent des résolutions se présentant à des degrés divers de développement. Vouloir informer le Conseil dans le document de l'ordre du jour provisoire serait ou répéter les projets de résolutions contenues dans les rapports ou anticiper l'action du Conseil à leur sujet. Sutch et Kaminsky ont été d'accord à ce sujet.

Le point D semble clair en lui-même. Il s'applique, me semble-t-il, à des questions telles que le point 23 (1) ; si vous êtes d'accord, on peut mentionner dans les annotations sur les points de l'ordre du jour, en deux ou trois lignes, la raison pour laquelle cette question doit être examinée au début de la session.

J'attends vos instructions en ce qui concerne le point E.

La formule ~~est~~ ^{est} générale toutefois pour qu'elle puisse s'interpréter en ce sens que le Secrétariat peut donner au Comité de l'ordre du jour un certain nombre d'informations techniques (état de préparation de la documentation ; retard dans les réponses des gouvernements, au cas où elles sont nécessaires ; étude de telle question par exemple commencée par une institution spécialisée, etc...) pouvant contribuer à l'élimination ou à l'ajournement de tel point de l'ordre du jour. Ne croyez-vous pas que les considérations budgétaires pourraient être un facteur important à cet égard ? je dis cela en me rappelant les déclarations ~~me~~ faites à la fin de la dernière session du Conseil par les représentants de l'Australie et de la Grande Bretagne. (E/783, ci-joint). Il est vrai que les estimés financiers préparés par le Secrétariat, s'ils sont prêts au moment de la réunion du Comité de l'ordre du jour, devraient pouvoir être utilisés à cet effet.

Je commence dès maintenant à recueillir les informations nécessaires pour répondre dans la mesure du possible aux points A, B et D, mais de toute manière, j'attends vos instructions pour la préparation de la partie II (annotations) de l'ordre du jour provisoire de la septième session.

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Tous les membres du bureau vous envoient leur affectueux souvenir.

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P.S. (I hope you do not mind my writing to you in french..)

, Will airmail draft E/INF/ on documents plan, monday morning.

, Attached the New standard ECOSOC Secretariat Circulars distribution list.

AGENDA COMMITTEE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 1948

The following letter sent to the President of the Economic and Social Council by the Secretary General of the Permanent Delegation of New Zealand is circulated for information to the members of the Agenda Committee of the Council.

25 May 1948

Dear Dr. Malik:

It is my understanding that the Agenda Committee of the Economic and Social Council, with the unanimous agreement of all its members and after consultation with several other Members of the Council, has decided to hold a preliminary meeting on 26 May 1948.

I take it that the usefulness of this preliminary meeting is to permit an exchange of views on problems raised by the Seventh Session of the Economic and Social Council and its heavy agenda, in order that the Committee may find it possible, before its meeting scheduled for 15 and 16 July 1948 at Geneva, to consider in advance the various points on which it will have to make recommendations to the Council at that time.

With this in mind, I venture to suggest that in respect of the agenda of the Seventh Session, we might consider the following:

(a) have a single plenary discussion on all items which are not referred directly to committees or which are not dealt with individually and finally in plenary debate; after this discussion refer to appropriate committees all items which prove to need detailed examination;

(b) list items which can be disposed of completely in plenary session;

(c) list items which obviously can be dealt with by committees without having to be considered in plenary;

(d) list items which may be dropped or postponed ;

(e) consider setting up a small ad hoc committee on procedural items ;

(f) commence committee sittings as early as possible in the Session so that they can work while the general plenary debate is proceeding ;

(g) have an individual discussion on each item which is listed under (b).

It should be stressed that under the above arrangements Members of the Council, would have an opportunity for individual discussion of the Council, would have an opportunity for individual discussion of every session on each item after it has come back from committee.

With respect to the preliminary list of agenda items for the Seventh Session (Document E/787) the following division indicates a possible method of handling the agenda according to the above suggestions :

(a) Items which could be discussed in a single Plenary discussion and, if it is deemed necessary, referred to appropriate Committee :

- Item No. 2.- Survey of forced labour and measures for its abolition
Item proposed by the American Federation of Labor, postponed from the sixth session.
3. Implementation of economic and social recommendations
Item postponed from the sixth session.
4. Report of the Secretary-General on the question of establishment of research laboratories of the United Nations
Item postponed from the sixth session.
5. Report of the third session of the Economic and Employment Commission.
6. Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization on the progress in co-ordination of studies of suitable measures to bring about an increasing food production.

7. Report of the third session of the Economic Commission for Europe.
8. Report of the third session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, including proposals concerning the appropriate methods of dealing with the problems of flood control.
9. Report of the first session of the Economic Commission for Latin America.
10. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the question of the factors bearing upon the establishment of an Economic Commission for the Middle East.
15. Report of the third session of the Social Commission.
- 15a. Migration
Reports of the Population and Social Commissions.
16. Report of the third session of the Commission on Human Rights, transmitting draft Bill of Human Rights.
17. Freedom of Information and of the Press
Report of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information,
Report of the Secretary-General on the supply of newsprint.
19. Trade Union Rights (Freedom of Association).
20. Report of the Secretary-General on the progress and prospect of repatriation, resettlement and immigration of refugees and displaced persons, including a specific account of the situation of children removed from their country of origin during the course of the war.
22. The Principle of equal pay for equal work for men and women workers.
23. Report of the third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, transmitting
(i) draft protocol to bring under international control drugs not covered by the Convention of 1941, and
(ii) report of the Secretary-General on detailed plan for a Commission of Enquiry into the effects of the chewing of the coca leaf.
Also, administrative arrangements between the Council and the Permanent Central Opium Board
24. Reports of the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund.
25. Report on the United Nations Appeal for Children.
27. Reports of specialized agencies.
30. Reports of the Committee on Negotiations with inter-governmental agencies.
31. Reports of the NGO Committee, including recommendations on communications received from the World Jewish Congress.

32. Report of the Secretary-General on implementation by ICAO of General Assembly Resolutions Nos. 39 (I) and 50 (I) concerning Franco Spain.

(b) Items which could be disposed of completely in Plenary session without being referred to Committees :

Item No. 1. Adoption of the Agenda
Report of the Agenda Committee.

11. United Nations Conference on the conservation and utilization of resources,
Progress report of the Secretary-General on arrangements for the conference.
12. Report of the second session of the Transport and Communication Commission.
13. Report of the third session of the Statistical Commission.
14. Report of the third session of the Population Commission.
36. Confirmation of Members of Commissions.
37. Election of one-third of members of eight functional Commissions.
38. Election of three members of the Economic Board for Palestine.
39. Election of members of Agenda Committee.
40. Report on the United Nations Trade and Employment Conference.
41. Report on the United Nations Maritime Conference.

(c) Items which could be dealt with by Committees without being considered in Plenary :

Item No. 18. Draft Convention on the Crime of Genocide.
Report of the Ad Hoc Committee.

21. Report of the second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (remainder of Report)
- 21a. Provisional questionnaire adopted by the Trusteeship Council under Article 88 of the Charter
Reports of Commissions.
26. Relations with and co-ordination of specialized agencies.
28. Work programmes of Commissions of the Council in 1949.
29. Calendar of economic and social meetings and conferences in 1949
34. Records of the Council
Report of the Secretary-General.

- 42. Draft rules for calling of international conferences.
- 43. Question of plan for the use of the central library at Geneva by the United Nations and specialized agencies.
- 45. Revision of Rules of Procedure.
- 46. Report of the Council to the General Assembly.

(d) Items which could be dropped or postponed :

Item No.

- 33. International facilities for the promotion of training in public administration,
Report of the Secretary-General.
- 35. Translation of the classics
Report of UNESCO.
- 44. Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations in the schools of Member States,
Reports of the Secretary-General and of UNESCO, including measures of implementation.

Finally, I would suggest that the Agenda Committee consider recommending which items should be allocated to the respective Committees.

Yours sincerely,

W.B. Sutch

Secretary-General of
the Permanent delegation of New Zealand
to the United Nations

Director of the United States and Canadian Agencies

Report of the Council to the General Assembly

(5) Items which could be included in the report

Question of training in

33. Transmittal
Report of

34. Teaching of the principles, functions, the structure and
activities of the United Nations in the educational system
of the United States
35. Reports of the Secretary-General and of the Secretary-General
of the United Nations on the measures of implementation

Finally, I would suggest that the General Committee consider
the following items as a basis for discussion to the respective Committees.

Yours sincerely,

A.B. Smith

Secretary-General of
the United Nations
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CONSIDERATION OF THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION (DOCUMENT E/787) AND OF A LETTER DATED 25 MAY 1948 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PERMANENT DELEGATION OF NEW ZEALAND

The CHAIRMAN stated that the present meeting was for purposes of preliminary discussion.

It was decided that, to expedite matters, speeches made in one of the working languages would not be interpreted into the other, but that the arrangement would in no way constitute a precedent.

Mr. SUTCH (New Zealand), in introducing his informal letter of 25 May, stated that, while it reflected the views of three or four members of the Economic and Social Council, ^{whom} he had informally consulted, it was intended merely as a suggestion for the consideration of the Committee.

The major proposal contained in the letter was that the various items on the agenda should be classed under the following categories:

1. Items which could be dealt with at a single plenary discussion and, if deemed necessary, referred to the appropriate Committee;
2. Items which could be disposed of completely in plenary session;
3. Items which could be referred directly to committees without having first to be considered in plenary session;
4. Items which could be postponed or dropped.

Another innovation proposed was that, once the principle of division into categories had been adopted, the Council should have a single plenary discussion on all items which were not referred directly to committees or were not dealt with individually and finally in plenary debate. That was the procedure used by the General Assembly. Thus, each member of the Council would make a single speech on all those items which he wished to discuss before the items were referred to committees where they would receive detailed consideration.

/Mr. Sutch