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Miss Julia Henderson
cc: Messrs. Malania and Hessel

G. E. Yates

"Travelling Expenses of Members of Commissions"

15 October 1947

I understand that you want urgent comments within the next hour on your draft paper for the Fifth Committee headed "Travelling Expenses of Members of Commissions". The statement on page 4, "The Commissions of the Economic and Social Council selected on this basis have always been interpreted to be representatives of their governments..." is incorrect and would be hotly contested by the representatives of the Western powers. The essence of the formula adopted by the Council for the membership of eight of its nine functional commissions is that it was a compromise between the conceptions of direct government representatives and experts. The decision of the Assembly to pay travelling expenses but not subsistence allowances can most rationally be interpreted as a corresponding compromise between no payments, as in the case of government representatives, and payment of both travelling and subsistence allowances, as in the case of experts.

2. I should have thought that the argument in Para. 5 of your paper was very dangerous from your point of view. Under Article 72 of the Charter, the Economic and Social Council also establishes its own Rules of Procedure. As you know, in fact the Council's decisions about the composition of its Commissions are contained in Council Resolutions of the second, third and fourth sessions; but they could very easily be written into Rules of Procedure.

3. I note that in Para. 9 you ask for some discretion on the part of the Secretary-General, specifically as regards local transportation expenses. Surely some discretion is also necessary, to be exercised in equity, as regards unforeseen and exceptional circumstances. I have in mind particularly the ludicrous position into which the administration has now got itself in the case of Dr. Papanek. Dr. Papanek went to Paris from New York to conduct a negotiation on behalf of the United Nations in circumstances in which the appointment by the Czech Government of any other Member to represent them would have been highly undesirable; and whether owing to a literal interpretation of inapplicable, he is being offered a fare between Prague and Paris, instead of the actual fare incurred by him.

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October 1947

Dear Mr. Cramer:

I am glad that you have been able to use us for obtaining information on the activities of the United Nations and I hope that you will continue to ask Mr. Bough to keep you informed of any of the developments here of interest to you. It seems to me that in this way and pending any more formal arrangements, cooperation between our two institutions should result in an appreciable saving of time and money.

At the same time, I am wondering whether we should not look into concrete questions through which the United Nations may be able to contribute, with the cooperation of your Commission, to economic and social progress within the Caribbean region. The following possibility has in particular been brought to my attention.

The General Assembly during its New York meeting, adopted a resolution concerning the transfer to the United Nations of the advisory social welfare functions of UNRRA. This resolution, a copy of which I enclose, authorized the Secretary-General to include in the budget of the United Nations for 1947, the funds necessary for the assumption of the following functions:

(a) For a requisite number of social welfare experts to provide, on the request of Governments which show the need for them, such advisory services, and to put into practice, over an appropriate period, new technical methods in any branch of social welfare;

(b) For enabling a requisite number of suitably qualified social welfare officials to observe, and familiarize themselves with, the experience of other countries administering social welfare programmes;

(c) For providing advice, demonstration and instruction in connection with the manufacture of prosthetic appliances and the vocational training of physically handicapped persons; and for furnishing the necessary demonstration equipment and

tools;

(d) For furnishing to the Member countries which have been devastated during the war, technical publications helpful in the training of social welfare workers.

This credit is of course for 1947 only.

A number of applications for assistance have been received from Governments of the countries which have received UNRRA's services. The resolution passed by the General Asssmbly, however, does not limit the countries eligible, and in particular, arrangements have been made for a social welfare seminar for Latin American countries, and the Government of India has made a request for films for the training of social workers in the field of child welfare.

This type of assistance may be useful in the development of social welfare services in the Caribbean area. In particular, the resolution of the General Assembly refers to the provision of funds for enabling a requisite number of suitably qualified social welfare officials to observe, and familiarize themselves with, the experience of other countries administering social welfare programs. The substantial question I should like to put to you personally is whether it would not be of great advantage to such officers serving the Caribbean region, to be given an opportunity by fellowships, to travel within the Caribbean region and even to visit European and American countries, or whether there is any other service in which you may be interested.

If you think there is any validity in this idea, inevitably political considerations arise. Funds may only be granted by the Secretary-General on request of a Government. It would therefore be necessary for one or more

of the Governments which are represented on the Caribbean Commission to make such a request, which, it seems to me, might be made directly or through the intermediary of the Caribbean Commission as an inter-Governmental organization.

I realize that the Caribbean Commission is advisory in functions and there might well be a reluctance to seek assistance from outside the region except from the Member Governments. Yet it may well be thought that the advantages to the region would be real as well as the advantages to the Caribbean Commission in establishing a precedent whereby the services of the United Nations, at the disposal of the Caribbean region, should be such as to be considered useful by the Caribbean Commission itself.

Naturally my suggestions and arguments are of a personal character. It is you who will be in the best position to appraise them, as Secretary-General of the Commission. However, for your information, I am enclosing not only a copy of the General Assembly resolution, but also a copy of the latest progress report on the transfer to the United Nations of the advisory social welfare functions of UNRRA.

With best wishes for the success of the Jamaican meeting,

Yours sincerely,

WILFRID BENSON, Director
Division of Non-Self-Governing
Territories

Mr. Lawrence Cramer
Secretary-General of the
Caribbean Commission
Kent House
Port of Spain
Trinidad

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Gm. General

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

*See Encl. Circular
#32 P33*

TO: Mr. A. Messing-Mierzejewski
Division for Coordination and Liaison

FROM: P.J. Bolton
Executive Office of the Secretary-General

SUBJECT: Responsibility for acknowledgements of incoming
communications concerning changes in the membership
of commissions and sub-commissions.

Date 18 September 1947

With reference to our discussion on this subject on 16 September, I wish to confirm that we agreed to adopt the following procedures:

1. Miss Berry, the Correspondence Officer of the Conference Division, will be responsible for ensuring that information copies of incoming letters and notes verbales are sent both to the division substantively concerned and to the Division for Coordination and Liaison. (Copies of incoming cables are distributed to these divisions by the Cable & Wireless Section.)
2. In cases where a standard type of acknowledgement is required, Miss Berry will prepare a draft reply, obtaining the approval of the division substantively concerned, and where necessary the approval of the Division for Coordination and Liaison as well.
3. Where a determination of policy is required, Miss Berry will send the original copy of a letter or the action copy of a cable directly to the division substantively concerned for a draft reply. Before returning the file and draft reply directly to Miss Berry, the division concerned will obtain the initialed approval of an officer of the Division for Coordination and Liaison.
4. Miss Berry will send all approved drafts for typing and signature to the office of the Assistant Secretary-General in charge of Conference and General Services.
5. Copies of replies sent to communications of the type described in paragraph 3 above will be sent by Central Registry to the division substantively concerned. This procedure will not be followed with regard to the standard acknowledgements referred to in paragraph 2.

I should be grateful if you would bring these procedures to the attention of all divisions of the Departments of Economic and Social Affairs which may be concerned.

Copy to: Miss Marion Berry

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. G. YATES,
Co-ordination & Liaison Divn., Room C.3.

FROM: Dr. Cornelissen.

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Dr. J.C. Van Heuven
as member of the Social Commission.

16 September, 1947.
Date _____

In answer to your telephone call stating that in Document E/427/Rev.1 of September 9 Dr. VAN WALSEM still appears as member for the Netherlands of the Social Commission, I have the honour to inform you that the Secretariat has received an official notification from the Netherlands Delegation to the United Nations dated August 29 and registered in the U.N. Registry under No. 609-3-1-2-2-1 of September 2, announcing that "DR. VAN WALSEM has been discharged at his request by the Netherlands Government as Netherlands representative on the Social Commission and that DR. J. C. VAN HEUVEN has been appointed to take his place."

At the same time I beg to draw your attention to the desirability of a small conference between myself, Sir Raphael Cilento and the competent officer of the Secretary-General's office, to decide upon the future procedure in regard to:

- 1) Nominations of alternates.
- 2) Replacements of a member by another permanent member,
 - a) ECOSOC meeting before the next session of the Social Commission.
 - b) ECOSOC having no session before the next session of the Social Commission.

We should like to know who should acknowledge receipt of the letters, and what is the correct procedure. If we are to draft the letters we should be glad if we may receive, from the appropriate authority, three model drafts - in French and English - to be used according to circumstances.

Thanking you very much in advance,

Franc. C. Cornelissen

Mr. Ernest Lent
S/G Correspondence Unit

Mr. A. Messing-Mierzejewski
Division of Co-ordination and Liaison

11 Sept. 1947

COMMISSIONS' MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

In accordance with our telephone conversation on Wednesday regarding the correspondence with commissions' members and alternates, I would like to recapitulate the main points:

1. Correspondence with the members of the commissions concerning their confirmation and resignation will be handled from now on by the S/G Correspondence Unit after consultation with this office.
2. Communications regarding the nominations of alternates will be the concern of the respective divisions after consultation with this office.

I would appreciate it if you could circulate a memorandum on this subject to the divisions concerned.

Mr. R. Messing

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14 July 1947

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. N.52 U.N. of 12 May 1947, requesting a list, together with summary information, of the various bodies created by the Economic and Social Council, as well as of related agencies.

... In accordance with your request, I have the honour to enclose herein a list in duplicate of the Commissions, Sub-Commissions, and Committees of the Economic and Social Council, and of the Specialized Agencies brought into relationship with the United Nations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Henri Laugier
Assistant Secretary-General
in charge of Economic Affairs

His Excellency
Dr. José Arce,
Ambassador of Argentina,
Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations,
Permanent Delegation of Argentina to the United Nations,
Room 6224-5,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York 1, N.Y.

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18 June 1947

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to His Excellency, the Ambassador of the Republic of Argentina, and has the honour to acknowledge his letter of 12 May, 1947, Ref. No. 52 U.N.

... In accordance with His Excellency's request the Secretary-General transmits herewith the listing of various bodies set up by the Economic and Social Council, and of the Specialized Agencies brought into relationship with the United Nations.

His Excellency,
Dr. Jose Arce,
Argentine Ambassador to the United Nations,
Empire State Building,
New York, N. Y.

Drafted by: A. Messing
Cleared with: S. Dell

AM/gg

6 July

Gilbert Yates

Please advise if I can do anything
on these.

So far as relation to problem
of status of Canadian Commission
with UN is concerned, I now gather
from Wilfred that (1) we should be
putting our minds to the problem
but (2) the first overt step must
come from the Commission, which
may choose to raise the question
of relationships.

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Miss Seymour

I should be glad

if you would consider
the paper, in consultation
with the Division of
Soil Development

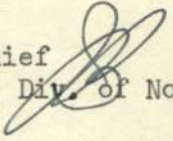
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16 June, 1947.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. G. Yates

FROM: Mr. J.A. Bough, Chief  Date 10 June 1947
Caribbean Section, Div. of Non-Self-Governing Ter.

SUBJECT: Liaison with Caribbean Commission.

In keeping with my promise to you by telephone yesterday afternoon, I send you herewith copy of letter of May 21 from Mr. Lawrence W. Cramer, Secretary-General of the Caribbean Commission, to me which is self-explanatory.

For your convenience I have attached the text of paragraphs 9 - 31 of the Report of Committee II of the Second Session of the West Indian Conference, to which reference is made in Mr. Cramer's letter.

You indicated that you had no objections to my talking to Mr. Owen or Mr. ~~Karsten~~ of C AUSTIN the Department of Economic Affairs in connection with the survey of industrial development proposed by the Caribbean Commission. I will undertake these conversations and confer with you in respect thereto upon your return from overseas.

CARIBBEAN COMMISSION
Central Secretariat
Kent House
Port-of-Spain
Trinidad, B. W. I.

May 21, 1947.

James A. Bough, Esq., United Nations,
Div. of Non-Self-Governing Territories,
Lake Success, New York, U.S.A.

Dear Jim,

.....
We need six copies of the ECOSOC constitution or charter. Please look at the West Indian Conference (Second Session) Report and try to find out what ECOSOC is doing, is planning or may do which would overlap or impinge on what the Caribbean Commission is supposed to do in connection with paragraphs 9 - 31 of the Committee II report. I have been directed to find out what expert advice or assistance we can get from ECOSOC in connection with our survey of industrial development potentialities, trade and transport in the Caribbean. Will you make a little tour and give me a report?

Also, can you arrange to send me six copies of the report of the Economic and Employment Commission issued 18 May 1946 (document E/40).

Sincerely,

/s/ Lawrence W. Cramer,
Secretary General.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE WEST INDIAN CONFERENCE

Report of Committee II - Consideration of Certain Basic

Problems of the Area

B. Industrial Diversification

9. We endorse the recommendations regarding industrial development appearing as Part VI of the Report of the West Indian Conference, First Session.

10. We wish to express our satisfaction that the recommendations on industrial development adopted at the West Indian Conference, First Session, were in the main accepted by the Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom as set forth in the "Joint Statement of the Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom regarding the Recommendations made by the West Indian Conference held in 1944".

11. We wish to express our regret that the recommendations made at the West Indian Conference, First Session, with respect to "Exchange of Plans" were not generally carried out.

12. While noting the progress indicated in Part V of the "Memorandum on Significant Developments in the Area in Relation to the First Session of the West Indian Conference", we trust that, the war now being over, the metropolitan and territorial governments concerned will devote their energies to the immediate implementation of such of the recommendations of the West Indian Conference, First Session, as lend themselves to such action.

Recommendations:

13. We recommend that a Conference on Industrial Developments be convened by the Caribbean Commission not later than February 1947. We further recommend that the territorial governments be represented at that Conference with due recognition of ownership, management, and labor.

14. In view of the absence at this time of comprehensive information on potentialities for industrial development in the Caribbean area, we recommend that, prior to the calling of the Conference, a survey be made along the lines suggested below:

(a) Existing Industries

(i) Factual information regarding existing industries, e.g. description of products (and by-products, where applicable), production records, labor employed (skilled and unskilled), wage rates, locality of factories, materials used (raw or partly processed), sources of raw materials, and power used.

(ii) Potential expansion and potential elaboration of each industry.

(iii) Whether assisted by government and, if so, to what extent and by what means.

(b) New or Projected Industries

(i) Future plans, i.e. types of industrial development contemplated.

(ii) Materials required (raw or partly processed)

(iii) Whether raw materials are available locally in the quantities required for local demand.

(iv) Suitability of the territory concerned for the development of manufacturing enterprises, e.g. availability of fuel, power, labor and transport.

(v) Effective demand in the domestic market.

(vi) Possibility of production for export after satisfaction of potential local demand.

(vii) Description of the type or types of assistance which the government of the territory is prepared to give to new industries in general and to individual industries in particular.

15. We have noted that at the West Indian Conference, First Session, it was recommended that each territory should send its plans, as soon as they had been agreed upon, to the Industries Section of the Caribbean Research Council. So far as we have been able to ascertain, this recommendation has not been acted upon. Moreover, we learn that the Industries Section of the Council, by which we presume that the Industrial Technology Committee of the Council is intended, is still in process of formation. To avoid further delay, we recommend that the above-mentioned information on existing industries should be compiled by the territorial governments and sent to the Secretariat of the Caribbean Commission for immediate distribution to all territories.

16. Consequently, to expedite the accumulation and analysis of the necessary information, we recommend that delegates on returning to their respective territories request their governments to institute an early survey along the lines indicated in paragraph 14.

C. Trade Within the Caribbean and Transportation

We make the following recommendations:

(a) Trade

17. That the terms of reference of the Conference on Industrial Development proposed in paragraph 13 above include "Trade Within the Caribbean" and "Transportation".

18. That the same Conference be invited to consider not only the industrial but also the agricultural aspects of trade within the Caribbean.

19. That, in order to provide a factual basis for the proposed Conference, the Caribbean Commission should obtain, from the territorial governments within the area or from the metropolitan governments, data on the subjects detailed below:

a. Agricultural and forest products available, or which could be made available in the near future, for export to other Caribbean territories;

b. Manufactured products or by-products at present available for export or which could be made available for export in the near future.

c. Copies of customs laws, regulations, and tariffs with amendments;

- d. Excise duties;
- e. Prohibited or restricted imports;
- f. Summaries of treaties and other international agreements which affect the operation of customs laws and tariffs;
- g. Statistics of external trade;
- h. Annual glut and shortage periods with respect to specified agricultural products;
- i. Materials of local origin capable of use within the area for building or industrial purposes and their availability for export within the area.
- j. Local peculiarities likely to affect inter-Caribbean trade, e.g. prejudices for or against certain types of product;
- k. Availability of storage, including cold storage.

20. That Chambers of Commerce and similar bodies be invited by the several Governments to collaborate in compiling this information.

21. That consideration be given by the appropriate authorities to the possibility of inviting those Caribbean territories not at present associated with the work of the Caribbean Commission (including the countries on the South and Central American seaboards of the Caribbean) to participate in the proposed Conference and to provide the information listed above relating to their territories. We further propose that Canada should also be invited to attend the Conference.

22. That the Caribbean Commission impress upon the territorial governments the necessity of such a conference arriving at clearly defined, practical recommendations and thereafter implementing them with all dispatch.

23. That the territorial governments give immediate consideration to the encouragement of cooperative marketing arrangements for agricultural and fishery products as a means of facilitating inter-Caribbean trade.

(b) Transportation

24. That the Caribbean Commission take note of the strong feeling existing throughout the area, and particularly among the smaller islands, that the principal shipping needs of the area, are:

- a. More and faster ships, particularly to and from Europe;
- b. Lower freight rates and elimination of discrimination, both as against the whole of the area and against particular colonies and territories within the area;
- c. More direct links by sea between the smaller islands (particularly in the case of the British West Indies), and the metropolitan countries and Canada;
- d. Regularity of shipping services.

25. That territorial governments should give immediate consideration to the possible means of augmenting the present fleets of interisland schooners with further similar vessels fitted with auxiliary engines and should assist schooner owners to obtain auxiliary engines for their present vessels.

26. That information regarding the operations of the Schooner Association recently formed in the Eastern Group of British West Indian Islands be furnished by the Caribbean Commission immediately to the Governments of the French and Netherlands territories in the area with a view to ascertaining whether the operations of that Association can be extended to those territories to mutual advantage.
27. That the metropolitan governments be invited by the Caribbean Commission to bear particularly in mind the needs of the area as regards increased and improved shipping services, more reasonable freight rates, and more direct sealinks between the outside world and the smaller islands in any international discussions on shipping in which the metropolitan governments may engage in the future.
28. That the metropolitan governments be informed by the Caribbean Commission that a pressing need of the area is increased and improved civil-air-transportation services, including freight-carrying services.
29. That the claims of the smaller islands and of other larger islands which are not at present served by direct north to south long-distance airlines be considered by the metropolitan governments.
30. That the recommendations in paragraphs 28 and 29 above be not lost sight of by the metropolitan governments in any international discussions regarding civil aviation in which they may engage in the future.
31. That adequate arrangements be made by the metropolitan governments for the views of the territorial governments in the area to be represented, either by delegations or advisory committees, at all future international conferences or negotiations concerned with the formulation of trade or commodity agreements affecting the area.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Correspondence Unit,
FROM: Executive Office of the
Secretary-General

Date 9 Sept.

SUBJECT:

Attached Copy of Communication

The attached communication has been
despatched by the Correspondence Unit in accordance
with instructions received from you.

Your original draft is returned herewith.

C. N.
for P. J. Bolton

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609-3-1-2-2-1/ESL

5 September 1947

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to refer to your letter number 83/10(b) of 23 May 1947 and to my letter number 609-3-1-2-2-1/ESL dated 9 July concerning the nomination by your Government of Major Dr. Louis van Schalkwijk as a member of the Social Commission of the Economic and Social Council in place of Mr. W. Dirkse-van-Schalkwyk.

I have the honour to inform you that the Economic and Social Council during its fifth session approved the nomination of Major Dr. Louis van Schalkwijk as a member of the Social Commission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Henri Laugier
Assistant Secretary-General
in charge of Social Affairs

Mr. Harry T. Andrews,
Minister of the Union of South Africa
to the United States of America,
South African Legation,
3101 Massachusetts Avenue,
Washington 8, D.C.

609-3-1-2-1/ESL

4 September 1947

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to refer to your letter number 55 433/2/47 of 5 July 1947 concerning the nomination of Mr. O.C. Allen, C.B., C.B.E., to serve in place of Sir Sydney Harris as the United Kingdom representative on the Social Commission of the Economic and Social Council.

In this connection I am directed to inform you that the Economic and Social Council during its fifth session approved the nomination of Mr. Allen as a member of the Social Commission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

B. Lukac

For the Assistant Secretary-General
in charge of Economic Affairs.

J.A.C.C. Alexander, Esq.,
First Secretary,
United Kingdom Delegation to the United Nations,
61st Floor,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York 1, N.Y.

Mr. Duarante

Mr. Yates - Coordination & Liaison Division

Dr. Fabry, Legal Department

Terms of Office of Members of Economic
and Social Commissions

30 June 1947

There is no ruling as to the beginning and ending of the terms of office of Members of the Commissions of the Economic and Social Council. The General Assembly decided in its Resolution 87 (1) - Changes in the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly concerning the Terms of Office of Members elected to Councils - that the term of office of members shall begin on the first of January following their election by the General Assembly and shall end on the 31 of December following the election of their successors. The reasons why the General Assembly decided so are to a certain extent applicable for the terms of office of members of the Commissions. The Sixth Committee in its report on the subject (A/182) stated that the fixed date for the beginning and ending of the terms of office is plainly desirable. It further stated that an interval between the election of a member and his taking office may be of advantage both to the members and to the Organization.

In view of these considerations, it is my opinion that a ruling similar to the amended Rule 87 of the General Assembly might be adopted by the Economic and Social Council with respect to the beginning and ending of terms of office of Members of the Commissions. It might be open for discussion if the dates, the first of January for the beginning and 31 of December for the ending of the terms of office, are the best possible ruling. The only difficulty would arise with respect to the Narcotic Commission which had its first meeting already in 1946, whereas other Commissions had their first meeting in 1947 only, and therefore the dates, the first of January and 31 of December for the beginning and ending of terms of office, respectively, could be appropriate.

306-3-1/AM

18 June 1947

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to His Excellency, the Ambassador of the Republic of Argentina, and has the honour to acknowledge his letter of 12 May, 1947, Ref. n° 52. U.N.

In accordance with His Excellency's request the Secretary-General transmits herewith the listing of various bodies set up by the Economic and Social Council, and of the Specialized Agencies brought into relationship with the United Nations.

His Excellency,
Dr. Jose Arce,
Argentine Ambassador to the United Nations,
Empire State Building,
New York, N.Y.

Drafted by : A. Messing
Cleared with : S. Dell

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18 June 1947

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UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
COMMISSIONS, SUB-COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

I. COMMISSIONS.

Eleven Commissions have so far been established by the Economic and Social Council;

Economic and Employment Commission established at the first session of the Council in London. First session of the Commission took place at Lake Success from 20 January to 5 February, 1947; the second session began on June 2 and is still going on.

15 members:

Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Byelorussian S.S.R., Canada, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Norway, Poland, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom, United States.

Transport and Communications Commission established at London. The first session at Lake Success, from 5 February to 14 February, 1947.

15 members :

Brazil, Chili, China, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, India, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Union of South Africa, U.S.S.R. ; United Kingdom, United States, Yugoslavia.

Statistical Commission established at London. First session at Lake Success from 27 January to 7 February.

12 members : Canada, China, France, India, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, Ukrainian S.S.R., United Kingdom, United States.

Human Rights Commission established at London. First session at Lake Success from 27 January to 10 February, 1947.

18 members, Australia, Belgium, Byelorussian S.S.R., Chile, China, Egypt, France, India, Iran, Lebanon, Panama, Philippines Republic, Ukrainian S.S.R., U.S.S.R., United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

Social Commission established at London.

First session at Lake Success from January 21 to February 4, 1947.

18 members : Canada, China, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Greece, Iraq, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Union of South Africa, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom, United States, Yugoslavia.

Commission on the Status of Women created at London as a Sub-Commission, raised at second session of Council to a full Commission.

First session at Lake Success from February 1 to February 14, 1947.

15 members : Australia, Byelorussian S.S.R., China, Costa Rica, Denmark, France, Guatemala, India, Mexico, Syria, Turkey, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela.

Fiscal Commission established at third session of Council.

First session at Lake Success from 19 to 29 May 1947.

15 members : Belgium, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Lebanon, New Zealand, Poland, Ukrainian S.S.R., Union of South Africa, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom, United States.

Population Commission established at third session of Council.

First session at Lake Success from February 6 to 19, 1947.

Twelve Members : Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Netherlands, Peru, Ukrainian S.S.R., U.S.S.R., United Kingdom, United States, Yugoslavia.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs established at London.

First session at Lake Success from November 27 to December 13, 1946.

15 members : Canada, China, Egypt, France, India, Iran, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Turkey, United Kingdom, U.S.S.R., United States, Yugoslavia.

Economic Commission for Europe, established at 4th session of the Council.

First session from 2nd May to 15 May 1947.

17 members : Belgium, Byelorussian S.S.R., Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, Ukrainian S.S.R., United States, U.S.S.R., Yugoslavia.

Economic Commission for Asia and Far East, established at 4th session of the Council.

First session began in Shanghai on 16 June.

Countries represented : Australia, China, France, India, Netherlands, Philippines Republic, Siam, United Kingdom, U.S.S.R., United States.

Membership

Members of the first 3 Commissions are representatives from the Members States of the United Nations, selected by the Council for each Commission ; the procedure being as follows : The Economic and Social Council selects the Countries which nominate representatives in consultation with the Secretary-General ; these representatives are then confirmed by the Council. The members of the Narcotics Commission, of the Economic Commission for Europe and of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East are representatives of governments.

Alternates

There is only one representative from each of the Members for each Commission. However, the Council decided at its 4th session for the Economic & Employment, Transport & Communication, Statistical, Fiscal, Social, Human Rights, Status of Women, and Population Commissions, that an alternate shall serve in the place of a representative unavoidably prevented from attending a session. It should be noted that this alternate is designated for one session only and has the same status as a regular member of the Commission, including the right of vote.

Terms of office.

The term of office is normally for three years, except for an initial period when 1/3 of the members shall serve for two years, 1/3 for three years and 1/3 for four years (See E/229 and E/229/ Corr.1 and 2). The term of office of the Narcotics Commission Members is for three years without initial period.

List of representatives.

For lists of members of Economic and Employment, Transport and Communication, Statistical, Fiscal, Social, Human Rights, Status of Women, Population Commissions, see E/427 and E/427/Corr.1.

Rules of Procedure.

A draft paper on rules of procedure of the Commissions of the Economic and Social Council will be circulated at the beginning of July. For reference, see also Document E/431.

II. SUB-COMMISSIONS.

Five Sub-Commissions have so far been established :

Sub-Commission on Statistical Sampling : 6 members : Mr. P.C.Mahalanobis, of India, to serve as Chairman, Mr. G. Darrois of France, Mr. W.E. Deming of the United States, Mr. F. Yates, of the United Kingdom, and a member from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, to be designated.

Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press : 12 members :

A. R. Christensen, Norway	Roberto Fontaina, Uruguay
S. Chafse, United States	André Geraud (Pertinax), France
P.H. Chang, China	Dr. G.J. Van Heuven Goedhart, Netherlands
R.J. Cruikshank, United Kingdom	J.M. Lomakin, U.S.S.R.
Lic. Jose Isaac Fabrega, Panama	Salvador Lopez, Philippines
George V. Ferguson, Canada	Lev Sychrava, Czechoslovakia

Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

12 members :

A.P. Borisev, U.S.S.R.	Miss Elizabeth Monroe, United Kingdom
Dr. C.F. Chang, China	Josef Nisot, Belgium
Jonathan Daniels, United States	Arturo Merises Parrales, Ecuador
Erik Eger Ekstrand, Sweden	Herard Roy, Haiti
William Morris	Rezaqada Shafaq, Iran
Jutson McNamara, Australia	
M. R. Masani, India	Samuel Spanien, France

Sub-Commission on Employment and Economic Stability (7 members)

Leslie G. Melville, Australia	Alexander Danilov, U.S.S.R.
M. Belin, France	R.F. Harrod, United Kingdom
Ragnar Frisch, Norway	Winfield Riefler, United States.
Oscar Lange, Poland	

Sub-Commission on Economic Development (7 members)

Jose Guimaraes, Brazil	Victor Urquidi, Mexico
D.K. Lieu, China	Alexander Morosov, U.S.S.R.
Emanuel Slechte, Czechoslovakia	Beardsley Ruml, United States
V.K.R.V. Rao, India	

Membership.

Members of Sub-Commissions are experts, that is, they serve in their personal capacity and not as governmental representatives.

Terms of Office.

The term of office : to be defined.

III. AGENDA COMMITTEE. *OF THE COUNCIL.*

Composed of the President and of 2 Vice-Presidents and two other members elected at each session of the Council to hold office until replaced at the next session. (See document E/33/Rev.3).

IV. STANDING COMMITTEES.

1) Committee on negotiations with Specialized Agencies. (11 Members)

Canada, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, Lebanon, Netherland, Norway, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom, United States.

Meetings held in London, in March 1946, at Lake Success in September 1946 and in March 1947.

2) Committee on Arrangements for consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations. (6 Members).

The President of the Council, and representatives of China, France, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom, United States.

Met three times last year and on February 25, 1947 at Lake Success.

V. AD HOC COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES.

The Council established, at each of its session, a certain number of ad hoc committees and sub-committees dealing with special matters. The table listing all ad hoc committees established during the 4th session can be found in document E/INF/13, page 2-4.

SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Agencies now related with the United Nations by agreements which were approved by the General Assembly at its last session, are :

International Labor Organization,

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization,

The International Civil Aviation Organization.

Agencies not yet brought into formal relationship are :

International Monetary Fund,

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

International Telecommunication Union,

Universal Postal Union (negotiations with the Standing Committee are taking place now in Paris).

Agencies not yet fully organized :

World Health Organization,

International Refugee Organization

International Trade Organization.

For the programme of the Economic and Social meetings for the remainder of 1947, I would refer to documents : E/280/Rev.1 and E/280/Rev.1/Add.1.

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. G. Yates, Coordination & Liaison Division

FROM: Mr. Wilfrid Benson, Director
Division of Non-Self-Governing Territories *WB*

SUBJECT: Cooperation with the Caribbean Commission

Date 10 June 1947

After consultation with Mr. Delierneaux of the Division of Social Affairs, it has been thought useful to see whether the Caribbean Commission or the Governments composing it would be interested in obtaining a social welfare grant under Resolution number 58 of the General Assembly. I attach a draft letter, raising this matter in a personal way, for your comments.

401-14-3-1

9 June 1947

Dear Sir Ramaswami:

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I am enclosing a tentative list of items for the Fifth Session of the Council which I have communicated informally to the Permanent Delegations here as you suggested.

The only important item that I know of that does not figure in this list is the proposal of an Economic Commission for the Middle East. The Council resolutions, you will recollect, referred only to the devastated areas not covered by the Economic Commission for Europe and for Asia, but it is probable that the Lebanon will propose the more extensive agenda item.

Yours sincerely,

G. E. Yates

Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar
Prime Minister of Mysore
Bangalore, Mysore, South India

File
Mr. P. Bolton

Mr. G. Dumontet

3 June 1947

Commissions and Sub-Commissions
of the Economic and Social Council.

I hope these brief data on Commissions and
Sub-Commissions of the Council will meet your
request. We would be glad to give you more
details if necessary.

3 June 1947

MEMORANDUM ON COMMISSIONS AND SUB-COMMISSIONS
OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

I. COMMISSIONS.

11 Commissions have so far been established :

Economic and Employment Commission (15 members) ;
Transport and Communication Commission (15 members) ;
Statistical Commission (12 members) ;
Fiscal Commission (15 members) ;
Social Commission (18 members) ;
Human Rights (18 members) ;
Status of Women (15 members) ;
Population Commission (12 members) ;

Narcotics Commission (15 members) ;

Economic Commission for Europe (17 members).
Economic Commission for Asia and Far East.

Membership

Members of the first 8 Commissions are representatives from the Members States of the United Nations selected by the Council for each Commission, the procedure being as follows : The Council selects the countries which nominate representatives in consultation with the Secretary-General ; these representatives are then confirmed by the Council. The members of the Narcotics Commission, of the Economic Commission for Europe and of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East are representatives of governments.

Alternates

There is only one representative from each of the Members for each Commission. However, the Council decided at its 4th session⁽¹⁾ that an alternate shall serve in the place of a representative unavoidably prevented from attending a session. It should be noted that this alternate is designated for one session only and has the same status that a regular member of the commission, including the right of vote.

(1) This decision of the Council (E/43) applies only to Economic and Employment, Transport and Communication, Statistical, Fiscal, Social, Human Rights, Status of Women, Population Commissions.

Terms of office.

The term of office is normally for three years, except for an initial period when 1/3 of the members shall serve for two years, 1/3 for three years and 1/3 for four years (See E/229 and corrigendum 1 and 2.). The term of office of the Narcotics Commission Members is for three years without initial period.

List of representatives.

For lists of members of Economic and Employment, Transport and Communication, Statistical, Fiscal, Social, Human Rights, Status of Women, Population Commissions, see E/427 and E/427/Corr.1.

The Members of the Narcotics Commission are :

Member Governments

Representatives

Canada	Col. C.H.L. Sharman
China	Dr. Szeming Sze
Egypt	Mr. Mohamed Amin Zaky
France	M. Gaston Bourgois
India	Mr. H. Greenfield
Iran	Mr. Mazrollah Entezam
Mexico	Dr. Secundino Ramos y Ramos
Netherlands	Mr. J.H. Delgorge
Peru	Dr. Jorge A. Lazarte
Poland	Dr. Stanislaw Tubiasz
Turkey	Dr. Camal Kiper
United Kingdom	Major W.H. Coles
United States	Mr. J. Anslinger
U.S.S.R.	Mr. Vassily Zuev
Yugoslavia	Mr. Stanc Krasovec

Heads of Delegations which attended the first session of the Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva from the 2nd to the 15 of May were :

Delegations :

Belgium	Vicomte A. Obert de Thieusies, Belgian Ambassador to London.
Byelorussia	A. Ghizov
Czechoslovakia	Jan Masaryk, Minister of Foreign Affairs.
Denmark	E. Waerum, Head, Economic Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
France	Andre Philip
Greece	A. Verdelis
Luxembourg	Lambert Schaus
Netherlands	Dr. A.B. Speekenbrink, Director-General, Foreign Economic Relations.
Norway	R.I.B. Skylstad, Norwegian Minister to Berne.
Poland	Jacek Rudzinski, Vice-President of the Central Planning Board
Sweden	Dr. Karin Kock, Minister
Turkey	Y.K. Karacasmannoglu
United Kingdom	Rt. Hon. Hector McNeill, Minister of State.
Ukraine	Vasily Garbusov
U.S.A.	W.L. Clayton, Under-Secretary of State.
U.S.S.R.	Valerian Zorin, Chief of the Delegation.
Yugoslavia	Leo Mattes, Director, Political Section, Foreign Affairs.

The list of the Economic Commission for Asia is not yet available.

II. SUB-COMMISSIONS.

Three Sub-Commissions have so far been established :

- Sub-Commission on Statistical Sampling (6 members, see E/264, page 7.)
- Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press (12 members.)
- Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (12 members.)

Two Sub-Commissions of the Economic and Employment Commission will be established at the next session of this Commission (2 June to 14 June 1947):

The Sub-Commission on Employment and economic stability (7 members)

The Sub-Commission on Economic Development (7 members).

Membership.

Members of Sub-Commissions are experts that is they serve in their personal capacity and not as governmental representatives.

For list of members of the Sub-Commissions on Freedom of Information and of the Press and on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, see E/379 and E/380.

Terms of Office.

The term of office : to be defined.

III. AD HOC COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES.

The Council establishes, at each of its session, a certain number of Ad Hoc Committees and Sub-Committees dealing with special questions. The table listing all Ad Hoc Committees established during the first, second, third, and forth Sessions was sent to your office on 9 May 1947.

Commission

2 June 1947

To: Mr. Hessel

From: G. E. Yates

Subject: Meetings of Commissions and Sub-Commissions for 1948 (E/431)

As required by one of the Resolutions of the Council contained in E/431, the Secretary-General will present to the Fifth Session of the Council a calendar covering, inter alia, meetings of Commissions and Sub-Commissions for 1948. In order to enable this to be constructed in detail, it is necessary now as a first stage to settle provisionally the question to which sessions of the Council the various Commissions should report in 1948. These Commission Sessions will in turn govern the sessions of the Sub-Commissions.

2. The meetings of Commissions and Sub-Commissions, for which the Department of Social Affairs is responsible, for which provision is made in the Council Resolutions in E/431, are as follows:

	<u>No. of Meetings</u>
Social Commission	2
Human Rights	2
Status of Women	1
Population	1
Narcotics	1
Sub-Commission on Freedom of the Press	1 or 2?
Sub-Commission on Discrimination and Minorities	1 or 2?

The Temporary Social Committee should no doubt also be taken into account on the same lines, and the spirit though not the letter of the Council Resolutions on Sub-Commissions would indicate that this Committee should not hold more than two separate meetings (apart from meetings at the time of the Session of the Social

Commission itself.) This gives a total of 11 - 13 conferences.

3. As regards the timing meetings of the Human Rights Commission and the Freedom of Information Sub-Commission, the ad hoc conference on Information has also to be taken into account; and as regards that of meetings of the Social Commission, the ad hoc Conference of Experts on Housing and Town Planning.

4. In the same series of resolutions, the Council fixed its own Sessions as follows:

"15 January; late April or early May; shortly before the General Assembly." In order to leave sufficient interval between this Session and the General Assembly, for technical reasons this Session is likely to commence in middle July.

The program of Commissions up to the end of 1947 including those which will report to the Council session on 15 January 1948 has already been settled - see E/280/Rev. 1 - and it is not expected that any additions can be made to this program. The primary question is therefore to determine which Commissions should report to the Council Sessions commencing in (i) late April 1948, (ii) mid-July 1948, and (iii) January 1949.

5. As regards meetings of Commissions proper, the Council resolution that reports to be considered at a particular session of the Council should be issued at least six (6) weeks before the commencement of that Session must be borne in mind.

6. It is of course highly desirable that the workload on the Secretariat of the Department and on the technical services should be so far as practicable evened out as between Council Sessions and inter-Council periods. Further, the Council itself has expressed the wish that an undue concentration of

Commission Reports at a single Session should be avoided.

The above considerations indicate that not more than five meetings of Commissions and Sub-Commissions and of the Temporary Social Committee, including not more than three meetings of Commissions proper, should be scheduled in each inter-Council period.

7. I should be glad if at an early Directors' meeting, or in any other convenient way, provisional decisions could be made of the inter-Council periods within which the necessary Sessions should be held. The settlement of precise dates will necessarily require to be left to a later stage, in the light of programming similar to the above for Sessions of other organs of the United Nations, and for certain conferences of Specialized Agencies.

Sub. Com.

Mr. David Weintraub

Mr. Oscar Schachter

Comments on election of members to sub-commissions

28 May, 1947.

I have already indicated to Mr. Varley my comments in regard to paragraph 1 of the proposed notes. In brief, they are as follows:

- (a) It is not proper for the Chairman to "rule" that the meeting shall be closed. Rule 37 merely requires that a secret ballot shall be taken. A secret ballot does not necessarily have to be taken at a closed meeting, and it would be contrary to precedent to adopt such an interpretation.
- (b) Nevertheless, the Chairman, or any member, may propose that a closed meeting be held pursuant to Rule 41. But that decision must be made by the Commission, not by the Chairman.
- (c) Accordingly, the desirable procedure would seem to be for the Chairman at an open meeting to explain the procedure for the election of the sub-commission members, and then to propose that the Commission agree to hold the next meeting in private in order to discuss the individual candidates. It seems to me that this procedure is preferable as a practical matter, in that it avoids the necessity of changing an open meeting into a closed meeting, and thereby requesting the members of the press and public to remove themselves.

cc: Mr. Yates ✓
Mr. Varley
Mr. Stavropoulos

Commissions

Montreal
13 May 1947

Dear Sir Ramaswami,

I have been waiting to send you a draft of the letter to Chairmen of Commissions which you contemplated, as after some talk with Tommy he said that the U.S. Delegation might wish to forward some informal suggestions. The result is the enclosure marked "A", transmitted strictly informally and unofficially by Stinebower. I have done letters to the Chairman of the Fiscal and Economic and Employment Commissions and the Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press, which can either be signed or used as drafts. They incorporate the bulk of the U.S. suggestions, with some modifications, on the principle that it is easier to leave out than put in additional material. If you let me have the letters back I will see that they get into the hands of the Chairmen. The Chairmen of the Fiscal Commission and of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of the Press, have, of course, not yet been elected; also it is unlikely that Professor Ragnar Frische, the Chairman of the Economic and Employment Commission, will be able to be present for the next session, in which case one of the Vice-Chairmen will take his place. The Fiscal Commission and the Sub-Commission on the Freedom of the Press are scheduled to meet on the 19th of May and the Economic and Employment Commission on the 2nd of June, so I would like these letters back as soon as is convenient

to you.

2. I also enclose a letter to the Chairman of the Commission on the Status of Women, dealing with the point about the suggested formation of coordinating agencies of nongovernmental organizations interested in problems relating to the Status of Women within each member State. The sending of this letter was suggested in and approved by a meeting of the Social Committee of the Council.

Yours sincerely,

G. E. Yates

Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, KCSI

Prime Minister of Mysore

Mysore, India

Enc.

Commission

April 24, 1947

TO: Mr. Gilbert Yates

File (en)

FROM: Mr. Louis K. Hyde, Jr.

The attached is being transmitted informally to you at the request of Leroy Stinebower. I understand that you may wish to transmit these comments informally to Sir Ramaswami, in connection with his proposed letter to the Chairmen of the Commissions. Tommy Tomlinson tells me that he mentioned this matter to you when you were in Washington earlier this week.

Sincerely,

Louis Hyde

BOND

CERTIFICATE

MEMORANDUM ON COMMISSION RELATIONSHIPS

After reviewing the Reports of all of the Commissions it might be desirable for the Council, through its President, to give some further general guidance to the Commissions (except the regional commissions) as the President has already proposed to do concerning the form of the reports. The following suggestions might be passed on informally to the President.

1. Relationships of the Commissions with the Secretariat.

While the Secretary-General is responsible for servicing the Commission during its meetings, he cannot be expected to undertake to make studies and reports to the Commissions without Council authorization. It is for the Council, under Article 62 of the Charter, to make or initiate studies and reports and for the Commissions under their terms of reference to advise the Council on studies and reports which, in their view, should be undertaken. On the other hand, it should be the responsibility of the Secretary-General to furnish the Commissions all relevant available information on matters which have been or are being dealt with by other Commissions or specialized agencies. It is not necessary, therefore, for a Commission to request the Council to authorize the Secretary-General to obtain such information unless it involves unforeseen expenditure.

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The Commissions should also bear in mind that the Secretary-General, as the chief administrative officer of the United Nations, is responsible for the functioning of the Secretariat. It is therefore inappropriate for the Commissions to make recommendations concerning the way in which the staff should be organized. This would not preclude the Commissions from making recommendations to the Council with regard to functions it considers should be performed by the Secretariat.

2. Priority of Work.

The Commissions, as advisory bodies of the Council, have the responsibility not only of dealing with matters referred to them by the Council, but likewise of initiating consideration of problems which fall within their terms of reference. Priority should, of course, be given to all those matters which are referred to them for study and report by a given date. In initiating a program of work, each Commission should consider carefully the relative importance and urgency of each proposed measure. The real value of the Commissions' work as well as that of the Council, will depend in part on the care with which each proposal or recommendation is considered. It is suggested that the Commissions refrain from sending to the Council formal endorsements of the work of another Commission.

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It is recognized that the work of a Commission may be expedited by the appointment of a Committee consisting of members of the Commission to perform certain tasks between sessions of the Commission. It is suggested that any such Committees which may be established by the Commissions hold their meetings immediately before or after the session of the Commission. Any meetings should be arranged only after consultation with the Secretary-General. Such Committees shall be subject to the approval of the Council if they involve an expenditure of funds.

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DATA ON FIRST SESSIONS OF COMMISSIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Held before the Fourth Session of the Council

1.) NUMBER OF MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS DURING THE SESSIONS:

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Day</u>
Transport and Communications Commission (6 to 18 February)	13	2
Economic and Employment Commission (20 January to 5 February)	23	2
Social Commission (20 January to 4 February)	23	1 to 2
Commission on Human Rights (27 January to 10 February)	22	2
Commission on the Status of Women (10 February to 24 February)	19	2
Commission on Narcotic Drugs (27 November to 13 December)	25	2
Statistical Commission (27 January to 7 February)	13	2
Population Commission (6 to 19 February)	16	2

2.) NUMBER OF MEETINGS OF SUBSIDIARY GROUPS ESTABLISHED DURING THE SESSIONS:

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Subsidiary Group</u>	<u>Number of Meetings</u>
Social Commission	Steering Committee	every day
Commission on Human Rights	Sub-Committee on Handling of Communications	3
	Sub-Committee on Rules of Procedure	1
	Sub-Committee on Terms of Reference and Composition of Sub-Commissions on Freedom of Information and of the Press, and Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities	4
Commission on Narcotic Drugs	Special Committee charged with the Study of the Question of the Control of Narcotics in Japan and Korea	2
Commission on the Status of Women	Sub-Committee on Handling of Communications	3

3.) SUBSIDIARY GROUPS TO BE ESTABLISHED AFTER THE SESSION

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Subsidiary Group</u>
Transport and Communications Commission	Conference of Experts to prepare for a World Conference on Passports and Frontier Formalities (to meet in April 1947)
	Meeting of Telecommunication Experts (to meet in June 1947)
	World Conference on Passports and Frontier Formalities (to meet in September, 1947)
	International Maritime Conference (to meet in November 1947)
	Inland Transport Conference (uncertain) (to meet in May 1947)
Social Commission	Temporary Social Welfare Committee (to have its next session from April 16 on)
Commission on Human Rights	Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press
	Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities
Commission on the Status of Women	Drafting Group for an International Bill of Rights
	Sub-Committee on Drafting Preliminary Report on Political Rights of Women
Statistical Commission	Committee on Industrial Classification
Population Commission	Ad hoc Committee on Migration

4.) GLOBAL NUMBER OF PAGES OF DOCUMENTS
PRODUCED

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Eng.</u>	<u>Fr.</u>	<u>Rus.</u>	<u>Chin.</u>	<u>Span.</u>
Transport and Communications Commission:					
(i) Before Session	270	270	42		
(ii) During Session	90	90			
(iii) After Session	120	120			
Economic and Employment Commission:					
(i) Before Session	150	150			
(ii) During Session	393	393	155		
(iii) After Session	45	45	45		
Social Commission:					
(i) Before Session	342	342			
(ii) During Session	56	56			
(iii) After Session	50	50			
Commission on Human Rights:					
(i) Before Session	75	75	40		
(ii) During Session	150	150			
(iii) After Session	10	10	10		
Commission on the Status of Women:					
(i) Before Session	50	50	50		
(ii) During Session	100	100			
(iii) After Session	25	25	15	15	15
Commission on Narcotic Drugs:					
(i) Before Session	754	806	70		
(ii) During Session	291	303	40		
(iii) After Session	257	259	100		
Statistical Commission:					
(i) Before Session	33	31	20		
(ii) During Session	61	55	16		
(iii) After Session	46	34	24		
Population Commission:					
(i) Before Session	29	29			
(ii) During Session	66	65	44		
(iii) After Session	15	15	15		

5.) TECHNICAL SERVICES

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Verb. Rep.</u>	<u>Sum. Records</u>	<u>Interpreters</u>
Transport and Communications Commission		x	Fr., Eng., Rus.
Economic and Employment Commission		x	Fr., Eng., Rus.
Social Commission	some	x	Fr., Eng., Rus., Sp.
Commission on Human Rights	x	x	Fr., Eng.
Commission on the Status of Women	x	x	simultaneous
Commission on Narcotic Drugs		x	Fr., Eng., Rus., Sp.
Statistical Commission		x	Fr., Eng., Rus.
Population Commission	x	x	Fr., Eng., Rus.

6.) SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION

<u>Commission</u>	<u>First Session</u>	<u>Future Sessions</u>
Transport and Communications Commission	no	no
Economic and Employment Commission	mostly	yes
Social Commission	some	yes
Commission on Human Rights	some	yes
Commission on the Status of Women	yes	yes
Commission on Narcotic Drugs	no	no
Statistical Commission	no	yes
Population Commission	no	yes

7.) AVERAGE DIVISION STAFF ENGAGED IN WORK OF COMMISSION

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>
Transport and Communications Commission	9
Economic and Employment Commission	5 to 6
Social Commission	12
Commission on Human Rights	20
Commission on the Status of Women	12
Commission on Narcotic Drugs	12
Statistical Commission	6
Population Commission	4

ANNEX A

SPECIAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON RELIEF NEEDS AFTER TERMINATION OF UNRRA
(6 January to 23 January)

- 1.) Total number of meetings: 30
Number of meetings per day: 2
- 2.) Number of meetings of subsidiary bodies established during the session:
3 working groups, approximately 4 meetings each.
- 3.) No subsidiary groups to be established after the session.
- 4.) Global number of pages of documents produced:

	Eng.	Fr.
(i) Before Session	13	13
(ii) During Session	490	490
(iii) After Session	27	27
- 5.) Technical Services:
Verbatim reporters: part of one meeting
Summary Records: for ten meetings
Whispering interpreters: some, for French and Russian

Simultaneous interpretation: Used for the majority of meetings.
There will be no next session.
- 6.) Average Division Staff engaged in the work of the Committee: 6

ANNEX B

WORKING GROUP FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST
(14 February to 7 March)

- 1.) Total number of meetings: 5
Number of meetings per day: 1
- 2.) Subsidiary groups established during the Session:
Sub-Group 1 - 11 meetings
Sub-Group 2 - 10 meetings
Joint Sub-Groups 1 and 2 - 7 meetings
- 3.) No subsidiary groups to be established after the Session.
- 4.) Global Number of pages of Documents produced:

	Eng.	Fre	Rus.
(i) Before Session	455	269	
(ii) During Session	59	59	4
(iii) After Session	42	150	150
- 5.) Technical Services:
Verbatim Reports: none
Summary Records: for most meetings
Interpreters: Simultaneous
- 6.) Simultaneous Interpretation: Used for all plenary and Joint Sub-Group meetings.
There will be no future sessions.
- 7.) Average Division Staff engaged in the work of the Working Group: 10.

SUMMARY

Including Data from Annexes A and B

1.) GRAND TOTAL Number of Meetings of Commissions: 189

2.) GRAND TOTAL Number of Subsidiary Groups: 53

4.) GLOBAL Number of Documents Produced:

English: 4,764 pages

French: 4,811 pages

Russian: 838 pages

Spanish: 15 pages

Chinese: 15 pages

GRAND TOTAL: 10,458

25 February 1947

Memorandum to:

Mr. Campion, Bruce,
Humphrey, Lukac,
Milhaud, Cornelissen,
Steinig, Pastuhov,
Weintraub, Varley,
Deperon (for information)
Notestein (Shawyer)
G. Dumontet

From:

Data on Sessions of Commissions

For purposes of further planning, it would be appreciated if you could supply Mr. G. Dumontet (room H-133), before 12 March, with the following information with regard to sessions of Commission held before 28 February:

- 1) number of meetings of Commissions: (i) global figure
(ii) per day
- 2) number of committees and sub-committees and other working groups (i) established during the session, (ii) to be established after the session (give titles); and number of meetings of such groups
- 3) technical services for these meetings: verbatim reports, summary records, interpretation (in how many languages)
- 4) global figures (in pages) of documents produced in each language: (i) before the session of the Commission, including working papers, (ii) during the session, (iii) after the session (reports, draft resolutions for the Council, etc...)
- 5) To what extent did you use simultaneous interpretation during these meetings, was it the general feeling that such simultaneous interpretation helped the work of the Commission? Will it be required for your next session?
- 6) What was the equivalent of average whole-time staff per day in your Division engaged directly in the work of the Commission?

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. G. E. Yates, Secretary of the Economic and Social Council

FROM: Miss M. Heath, Editor of the Handbook (Room CC-100)

SUBJECT: U.N. Handbook

Date 25 Feb. 1947

It is proposed to include in the next edition of the Handbook a list of members of the Commissions of the Economic and Social Council. I should be grateful if you would inform me whether the lists given in document E/252 can still be taken as accurate; also whether the vacancies which appeared in those lists, as follows, have yet been filled :

Economic and Employment Commission	Poland.
Transport and Communications Commission	Egypt, Poland, Union of South Africa.
Statistical Commission	Turkey.
Fiscal Commission	New Zealand, Poland, Union of South Africa.
Human Rights Commission	Iran.
Social Commission	Iraq, Poland, Union of South Africa.
Commission on the Status of Women	Guatemala, Turkey.

If they have, could you let me have the names of the representatives in question?

M. M. Heath
M. M. HEATH

MMH/ca

Mr. Dumontet
H-133

Composition
Commission

20 February 1947

Mr. Dumontet
Economic and
Social
Liaison

EGYPTIAN PERMANENT OFFICE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS,
ROOM 6201,
EMPIRE STATE BUILDING,
FIFTH AVENUE AND 34TH STREET,
NEW YORK 1, N.Y.

KINDLY BRING FOLLOWING TO ATTENTION YOUR GOVERNMENT:

BEGINS:

REFERENCE ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL'S CABLE 16 JANUARY DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION
URGENCY NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVE TO TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
HAVE HONOUR REQUEST THIS NOMINATION SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE COUNCIL SESSION
STARTING 28 FEBRUARY WILL PROCEED WITH CONFIRMATION MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS
ENDS

TRYGVE LIE SECRETARY GENERAL

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*Comp. J.
C. de N.*

FILE
*phoned OK
yes
L. de N.
Pres.*

5 February 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Yates
Secretary, Economic & Social Council

From: Jehan de Nove
Chief of Protocol

Jehan de Nove

The Protocol & Liaison Section would like to circulate to the Delegations the attached information relative to the Economic & Social Council.

If your office has no objection, would you be so kind as to confirm the accuracy of the information and return it to our office as soon as possible.

*Composition
Cassins*

3rd February, 1947.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 29th addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in which you informed him that Mr. E.C. Smith, Undersecretary, (Telecommunications) Posts and Telegraphs Department, will attend the First Session of the Transport and Communications Commission, as representative of the Union of South Africa.

I thank you for this communication, and have duly noted that it is not yet known when Mr. Smith will arrive in New York, but that this information will be sent at a later date.

Sincerely yours,

B. Lukac
Director
Transport & Communications Division

T.H. Eustace, Esq.,
Counsellor,
Legation of the Union of South Africa,
Washington 8, D.C.

COPY

Legation of the Union of South Africa,
Washington 8, D.C.

29th January, 1947.

Dear Secretary-General,

With reference to your telegram of the 16th January, 1947, in regard to the Transport and Communications Commission Conference to be held at Lake Success on the 6th February, I have to advise that this Legation has now been notified that Mr. E.C. Smith, Undersecretary, (Telecommunications) Posts and Telegraphs Department, will attend the Conference as the representative of the Union of South Africa.

It is not yet known when Mr. Smith will arrive in New York, but this information will be sent to you at a later date.

Yours truly,

T.H. Eustace (Sgd.)

Counsellor.

The Secretary-General,
United Nations,
Lake Success,
New York, N.Y.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mr. Gates
Correspondence Unit,
Executive Office of the
Secretary-General

30 January

FROM:

Date *3 Feb. 47*

SUBJECT:

Attached Copy of Communication

The attached communication has been
despatched by the Correspondence Unit in accordance
with instructions received from you.

Your original draft is returned herewith.

P. Price
for P. J. Bolton

605-2-1-2/HM

30 January 1947

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the letter which you addressed to the Secretary-General on 15 January 1947 regarding your Government's representatives on Commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

The resolution regarding Members of Commissions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its last meeting on 10 December 1946 last did not deal with the appointment and status of alternates, and the Council agreed that the question should be discussed at its next meeting on 28 February 1947. Accordingly, the replacement by Governments of members, who have been confirmed by the Council, by alternates having the same status does not appear to be authorized at the present stage. I suggest that the alternates mentioned in your letter should, therefore, attend the meetings of the Commissions and participate in their proceedings,

Mr. Gates
Com. P.
Com. S.

but without the right to vote. This procedure has been followed in the case of a number of members of the Economic and Employment and the Social Commissions now sitting.

As regards the nomination of the members themselves, to which you refer at the end of your last paragraph, where a member confirmed by the Council resigns he may be replaced by another representative nominated by the Government concerned who can serve with full rights pending confirmation by the Council at its next meeting, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Council on 10 December 1946.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. D. K. Owen
Acting Secretary-General

Mr. Paul Hasluck,
Counsellor in Charge,
Australian Mission to the United Nations,
4510 Empire State Building,
New York 1, N. Y.

23 January 1947

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A.D.K. Owen
Acting Secretary-General

Paul Hasluck *h*
Australian Mission
The United Nations
4510 Empire State Building
New York 1, New York

22 January 1947

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Assess*

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A.D.K. Owen
Acting Secretary-General

Paul Hasluck
Australian Mission^{to}
The United Nations
2510 Empire State Building
New York 1, New York

TO : The Secretary-General

FROM : Embassy of Uruguay
Washington, D. C.

The Minister of Uruguay presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and in reference to note No. 605-1-2/GD of December 17, 1946, has the honor to accept his nomination as Representative of Uruguay to the Commission on Human Rights.

Washington, January 16, 1947

CONSEIL D'ÉTAT

Paris, le 28 Décembre 1946.

Le Vice-Président

SEC. GÉNÉRAL PARTICULIER

Palais Malignon

57, Rue de Varenne

Comp. et Com.

Monsieur le Professeur John HUMPHREY,
Département des Affaires Sociales,
Division des Droits de l'Homme,
Lake Success,
NEW-YORK.

Monsieur le Directeur,

Je reçois aujourd'hui communication de votre lettre du 17 Décembre par laquelle vous m'informez que le Conseil Economique et Social a confirmé ma nomination à la Commission des Droits de l'Homme de l'U.N.O.

En acceptant cette nomination qui m'honore, je vous prie de vouloir bien adresser au Conseil d'Etat, Palais Royal, Paris-1^{er}, toutes les communications relatives aux travaux de la Commission.

Je suis impatient de savoir la date et le lieu de la prochaine réunion.

Veillez croire, je vous prie, Monsieur le Directeur et cher Collègue, à l'assurance de mes sentiments très dévoués et les meilleurs.

René Cassin

8 January 1947

HANDLING OF REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS
IN THE COUNCIL

1. It is clear that some member of the Commission must be present when a report is taken. This member will perhaps usually be most appropriately the Chairman, though another member can be appointed as Rapporteur, if necessary.
2. The Council will itself wish to examine the reports, and this cannot be done wholly in time-consuming plenary sessions. Functionally, there is much to be said in favor of an individual member of the Council being appointed to present the report of each Commission and to handle the Council proceedings on it. This was a successful arrangement in a number of League of Nations bodies. But the politics of the present Council make it unlikely that this arrangement would be acceptable; it is difficult to see the Council agreeing to make either an eastern or a western representative wholly responsible for initiating the comments of the Council on the report of the Economic Commission. We are, therefore, likely to be driven back on committees.
3. It would be more efficient if each committee handled several commission reports, instead of having one committee of the council for each report. A set-up following the former committees of the Council on the Commissions, one for Economic and one for Social would probably commend itself. The Commission chairmen would of course be invited to sit in.
4. It would be an attractive arrangement if the Big Powers, who are preponderantly represented on the Commissions themselves, would be willing to stand aside and let the remainder of the Council form these two committees. But perhaps this is too much to expect?

MEMORANDUM ON INDEX OF WORK PROJECTS

I. "Co-ordination Register" proposed by Economic and Employment Commission

The Economic and Employment Commission in its Report dated 5 February 1947 (E/255, Part IX, page 26, paragraph 2) suggests "that the Secretariat give consideration to the establishment of a 'Co-ordination Register.' The purpose of the Register should be to maintain at all times a systematically classified file of information of all substantial work in the economic and statistical fields under way or planned in all the Commissions, Sub-Commissions, Specialized Agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations on:

- (a) Collection of data;
- (b) Analysis of data; and
- (c) Operative tasks

To what extent the information should include details of the work will have to be decided in the light of experience. It may not be practicable to go very far in the putting of details on record."

II. Value of Index

The Index should be available to all organizations contributing information on economic and statistical projects. It is designed to be of value to the Economic and Social Council, its Commissions and Sub-Commissions and to the Specialized Agencies and the UN Secretariat. It will be useful

1. In making known the various research resources and materials available or being assembled, thus facilitating their most effective use and interchange.
2. In planning further research so as to avoid duplication of effort.
3. In bringing to light situations in which conferences or consultations may be needed among departments or organizations to clarify respective fields and to co-ordinate their work.

The value of the Index will depend on the promptness with which the information on new projects is reported and made available for distribution, as well as on the completeness and accuracy of the data. Its

usefulness to the United Nations and to the contributing organizations will be in direct ratio to the degree of co-operation in its preparation.

III. Scope of Index

A. Organizations to be included

It is suggested that at the beginning, the Index be limited to projects of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and Inter-Governmental Organizations which may become Specialized Agencies.

B. Types of projects to be included.

The Report of the Economic and Employment Commission indicates the general types of economic and statistical projects to be included in the Index. The definition and classification of projects to be included requires further discussion and consideration.

C. Period to be covered

The Report of the Economic and Employment Commission emphasizes the importance of assembling information on economic and statistical work now under way or planned.

Whether projects already completed should also be included in the initial issue of the Index is a matter which requires discussion. It is hoped that a first issue of the Index will be available for the next meeting of the Economic and Employment Commission to be held early in June 1947.

IV. Methods of Obtaining Information

The use of a simple questionnaire to obtain basic information would seem to be advisable, and two draft questionnaires are attached covering the projects undertaken by the United Nations or the Specialized Agencies.

V. Form in which Information in the Index will be issued

The information can be issued in a periodic (monthly or quarterly) summary bulletin. This will be kept as simple as possible and free from unnecessary detail and elaboration. Drafts of a proposed key to symbols and abbreviations, sample pages and notes on the Index are attached.

Questionnaire

SPECIALIZED AGENCY ECONOMIC AND STATISTICAL PROJECTS

Planned, in progress or completed

Name of Specialized Agency:

Title of project:

Brief description of project, its nature and origin:

Resolution, recommendation or other formal authorization for project:

Please give document number _____ specific section _____

Please attach copy of document, if possible, or copy of outline, or basic memorandum, or describe origin, purpose and scope of project:

Department of Specialized Agency concerned:

Division of Department:

Person in charge of project: _____
name title

_____ office address telephone

Other persons whose names
should be listed in con-
nection with this project

Names

Approximate starting date _____

Approximate date of completion _____

Final results: Collection of data for working purposes? _____

Report? _____; Title of report B _____; approximate
number of pages _____; submitted to whom? _____

printed? _____ mimeographed? _____; confidential? _____; restricted? _____

unrestricted? _____

Informal memorandum? _____; confidential? _____; available on application? _____

Other organizations providing informa-
tion or participating in project

Other information:

Draft

INDEX OF WORK PROJECTS

Key to Symbols and Abbreviations

Symbols

- (a) Resolution, recommendation or other formal authorization for project
- (b) Commission, Sub-Commission, Committee or Officer of UN or Specialized Agency or Inter-Governmental Organization immediately concerned
- (c) Department of UN, Specialized Agency, or Inter-Governmental Organization concerned
- (d) Division concerned
- (e) Name and title of person(s) in charge of project
- (f) Name(s) of other person(s) engaged in project
- (g) Approximate starting date of project
- (h) Approximate date of completion
- (i) Final results: whether collection of data for working purposes, report or memorandum; whether confidential, restricted or unrestricted distribution; approximate number of pages.
- (j) Other organizations providing information or participating in project
- (k) Other information

Abbreviations

BANK---International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ECAFE---Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
ECE---Economic Commission for Europe
FAO---Food and Agriculture Organization
FUND---International Monetary Fund
IEFEC---International Emergency Food Council
ILO---International Labor Organization
IRO---International Refugee Organization
ITO---International Trade Organization
PICAO---Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization
WHO---World Health Organization
UNESCO---United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNRRA---United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration

INDEX OF WORK PROJECTS

United Nations Economic and Statistical Projects

12. Study of Foreign Exchange Problems of the Devastated Countries of UN

The needs of devastated countries for long-term and short-term financing of urgent reconstruction requirements, the existing means of meeting such needs; special emphasis on the requirements of freely convertible foreign currency and the expected receipts of freely convertible foreign currency in the immediate future.

(a) Resolution of Economic and Social Council E/335, 28 March 1947; (b) Economic and Social Council; (c) Department of Economic Affairs; (d) Division of Economic Stability and Development; (e) James Baster, Economic Affairs Officer; (g) April 1947; (h) July 1947; (i) Report to Economic and Social Council to be issued as UN document, approximately 80 pages.

13. Post-War Balance of Payments Problems, World War I and World War II

Study intended to compare the speed of recovery of equilibrium of balance of payments after World War I and World War II.

(a) Originated in recommendation of Jacques Rueff (France) member of Economic and Employment Commission; (b) Economic and Employment Commission; (c) Department of Economic Affairs; (d) Division of Economic Stability and Development; (e) James Baster, Economic Affairs Officer; (f) Walter Chudson; (g) April 1947; (h) July 1947; (i) Report to Economic and Employment Commission, to be issued as UN document; (j) BANK, FUND.

14. Relief Needs after the Termination of UNRRA

Study of minimum import requirements of the basic essentials of life, particularly food and supplies for agricultural production, of countries which might require assistance in prevention of suffering or economic retrogression; survey of means available for each country to finance such imports; amount of financial assistance which might be required.

(a) General Assembly Resolution A/237, 11 December 1947, Section 6, paragraphs 1,2,3,4; (b) UN Special Technical Committee on Relief Needs after the Termination of UNRRA; (c) Department of Economic Affairs; (d) Division of Economic Stability and Development; (e) Joel Gordon, Chief, European Section; (f) James Baster; (g) 18 December 1946; (h) 15 January 1947; (i) Report to Secretary-General mimeographed as UN document, 30 pages, unrestricted; (j) UNRRA.

15. Study of Economic Reconstruction of Asia and the Far East

Background material on war devastation and reconstruction needs of Asia and the Far East, and methods of organizing international aid.

(a) Resolution of Economic and Social Council, 3 October 1946, Part III; (b) Temporary Sub-Commission on Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas, Working Group for Asia and the Far East; (c) Department of Economic Affairs; (d) Division of Economic Stability and Development; (e) Victor Purcell, Secretary of the Working Group for Asia and the Far East; (f) Eugene Staley, Adrian Alcan, Howard Daniel, Russell Shiman, T.Y. Wu; (g) Secretariat staff October 1946, Working Group February 1947; (h) March 1947; (i) Report of the Working Group for Asia and the Far East to Economic and Social Council, printed as UN document, 42 pages; (j) FAO, IEFC, UNRRA, US Departments of State, War, Commerce, US Public Health Service.

INDEX OF WORK PROJECTSSubject Index

Note: Projects will be indexed under subject headings. For example, the project on Relief Needs after the Termination of UNRRA, summarized as #14 in the sample page of the Index will appear under each of the thirteen countries included in the Report, and also under the following headings:

A.

Agriculture import requirements for agricultural production in UNRRA countries, #14

B.

Balance of payments ability to pay for imports of UNRRA countries, #14

I.

Import requirements minimum import requirements of UNRRA countries, #14

R.

Relief minimum import requirements of UNRRA countries, #14

U.

UNRRA post-UNRRA relief requirements, #14

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

*Sub. Comm.
General*

TO: M. G. Dumontet

FROM: P. Deperon

SUBJECT: Statut des membres des sous-commissions.

Date 26 novembre 1946.

Vous voudrez bien trouver ci-joint une note dans laquelle j'ai essayé de résumer les dispositions adoptées par le Conseil au sujet de la composition des sous-commissions et du statut de leurs membres.

Je ne crois pas que nous devions nous arrêter sur ce qui a été décidé au sujet de la Sous-commission des régions dévastées car en effet cette sous-commission est en réalité autonome, relevant directement du Conseil.

En ce qui concerne les autres sous-commissions, les seules pour lesquelles le Conseil soit entré dans le détail sont celles de la Stabilité et du Développement économique. Les débats qui ont eu lieu à leur sujet ont été très approfondis et ont fait état de considérations de portée générale applicables à toute sous-commission.

Il me semble en conséquence que les principes qui régissent maintenant ces deux sous-commissions pourraient être étendus aux autres sous-commissions, à savoir :

- 1) Limitation des membres des sous-commissions à un chiffre voisin de 7;
- 2) Désignation des membres par la commission en consultation avec le Secrétaire général et sous réserve de l'approbation du Gouvernement du pays dont chaque membre ou candidat est ressortissant;
- 3) Nominations à titre individuel plutôt qu'à titre de représentant gouvernemental;
- 4) Limitation de la durée du mandat à une période maxima de 3 ans.

Le nombre des membres de la sous-commission de sondages statistiques a déjà été fixé à 9. Mais cette question n'a pas été réglée par le Conseil en ce qui concerne les sous-commissions que la Commission des Droits de l'homme a reçu la faculté de créer.

Dans ces conditions il me semblerait que secrétaire de commission ferait bien d'établir, à titre d'avant projet pour être soumis à sa commission quand elle viendrait à discuter de la création d'une ou plusieurs sous-commissions un texte s'inspirant des règles approuvées au sujet de la Stabilité et du Développement économique.

the other Commissions (Transportation and Communications Commission, Commission on Human Rights, Social Commission and Commission on the Status of Women) should not have corresponding members.

As a matter of fact, after a long discussion where it was decided that the Commissions be composed of delegates or persons designated by Governments, the following amendment was put to a vote and adopted:

"The Economic and Social Council may, in addition, appoint in their individual capacity, 10-15 corresponding members with qualifications similar to those of the full members, from countries not represented on the commission. Such members shall be appointed with the approval of the governments concerned."

Although this amendment applies to the Economic and Employment Commission, it does not preclude the appointment of corresponding members to other Commissions.

Even more specifically, a text prepared jointly by the delegates of France and Greece was submitted at the second meeting of the Joint Committee. The second part of this text reads as follows:

"II. Corresponding Members. The Economic and Social Council shall invite Governments not represented on the Council to appoint corresponding members to be attached to various Commissions up to a number to be determined for each Commission. Members thus appointed by the Council in agreement with the Governments concerned may correspond direct with the competent Commission. They shall hold office for four years. They shall not receive remuneration."

Later on at this meeting, the above joint proposal was withdrawn. However, it should be noted that this was done after a discussion of the first part of the proposal dealing with the procedure of selecting the representatives (see Decision E/JC/2, page 3, paragraph b). Part II of the proposal, concerning corresponding members, was not discussed and, since it reads "...corresponding members to be attached to various commissions...", it is not clear whether the Joint Committee did not consider this a tacit understanding.

The President of the Joint Committee seemed to be in favor of this interpretation when he said, in connection with the composition of other

commissions, that the same clauses which apply to the Economic and Employment Commission should apply also to all other commissions (see clause (f) mentioned above).

In conclusion, although the Resolution speaks of corresponding members only for the Economic and Employment Commission and for the Statistical Commission, a) it does not preclude the appointment of corresponding members to other commissions, and b) the discussions indicate that it was intended to give a power to appoint corresponding members in the case of all commissions.

The fact that only the Economic and Employment Commission and the Statistical Commission have corresponding members according to the Resolution of the Council can be explained by the former presence of such members in the same Commissions functioning in the League of Nations. (MM. Loveday and Rosenberg strongly emphasized this point).

It seems that it may be desirable for each Commission to have corresponding members so that direct contacts may be established with governments not represented by regular members on such Commissions. Rather than using the usual diplomatic procedure, the presence of such corresponding members familiar with the work of the Commissions would facilitate a more effective and quicker liaison.