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*Note on Organization of Council
handed to Mr. Ashkar
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G.E. YATES

1 February 1949

Number of sessions

1. There are two basic systems:
 - (a) 1, 2 or 3 regular sessions on present lines
 - (b) intermittent sessions
2. System (a). Secretariat view is that two sessions are the minimum necessary. One session required shortly before GA, so that Council can express its views on the recommendations of its subsidiary bodies to the GA; so that the Council's views can be taken account of in the budget proposals presented by the SG to the GA; and so that the Council can perform its coordination functions under Article 63 of the Charter. One session also required after the GA, to carry out directions of GA and give directions accordingly to subsidiary bodies; guidance to Secretariat. Two sessions also required because 12 months' interval too long for a proportion of the business which should come to the Council.
3. System (b). Intermittent sessions. This corresponds mutatis mutandis to the Security Council system. Council might meet X days every month, preferably commencing at a regular date of the month. There would be revised rules for ensuring due notice before any particular questions came up, adaptation of the Agenda Committee structure, etc., etc. The Council would deal with its business on a conveyor-belt principle over the first eight months of the year.
4. Important question arises. Would this system effect attendance of delegates of high standing, ministers? Would it tend to (a) a system of permanent representatives; (b) a reduced level of permanent representatives?

Also would mean far-reaching modifications in the coordination operations under Article 63 as now set up by the Council. Necessity to consult Specialized Agencies and the Administrative Committee on Coordination. Would also require much administrative re-planning. Necessary to give at least a year's notice to Secretary-General. Not necessarily more expensive in the long run, but financial implications would need examination where assumptions as to frequency and number of meetings per day etc., were known.

Character of sessions

5. By this is meant the possibility of selective sessions devoted entirely to economic, or to social, or it might be to human rights questions.

It should be noted that under either system (a) or (b) of sessions, a longish polyvalent session would be required before the GA. Subject to this, selective sessions could be held under system (a) if there were three sessions in the year — say one social, one economic, and one polyvalent session. Under system (b) such selective sessions could be more easily arranged. Selective sessions might encourage a greater attendance of experts. Would this be counter-balanced by reduced attendance of ministers, etc.?

6. Numerous variants possible in between the two: for instance a February and a July-August session, with a Committee of the Whole in May to which matters not otherwise sufficiently prepared might be referred.

Preparation for sessions

7. Concentrate attention not only on matters of timing documents etc. This aspect gives prominence in the French proposals to the Rules of Procedure Committee — but more fundamentally to the stage of study or preparation of questions. As a general rule, matters should not be considered in detail by Council unless preparatory work is available — by a Specialized Agency, Commission, Secretariat. Sometimes necessary to discuss principle first whether or not Council should direct studies on the question being considered then, but first stage should stop as soon as direction for study can be given.
8. In this connection, also, settle review of functions of Agenda Committee desirable (see E/AC.28/SR.7). There should be (1) stability as between the recommendations of Agenda Committee and the Council, and (2) an interval sufficient to allow delegates to make their dispositions for the session on that assumption before delegates from home countries leave. This would require (1) a broader based Agenda Committee, (2) interval of say two weeks before Agenda Committee meetings and Council.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. A. Messing-Mierzejewski,
Secretariat of the Economic and Social Council
FROM: Dr. D. Protitch *Dr. Protitch*
Principal Director in Charge of Security Council Affairs

SUBJECT: Election of Three Members of Economic Board for
Palestine

Date 1 Feb. 1949

Pursuant to your Memorandum of 31 January 1949, I enclose herewith:

- 1- Confidential Note to the Secretariat of the Economic and Social Council
Concerning the Council's Provisional Agenda Item No. 12.
- 2- A draft explanation for the Agenda Committee of the Economic and Social
Council dealing with this matter.

CONFIDENTIAL
1 February 1949

NOTE TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
CONCERNING THE COUNCIL'S PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 --

1- It is possible that a recommendation for the deletion of Item 12 from the Provisional Agenda of the Eighth Session of the Economic and Social Council might result in some controversy of a political nature.

2- The attitude of some Members of the United Nations, notably the USSR, the East European States, and some other States, as indicated in discussions in the General Assembly, has been that the Assembly's Partition resolution of 29 November 1947 should be implemented in its entirety or substantially. A recommendation for the deletion of the Item might result in a discussion of a political nature, and some States might urge that the Agenda Item be merely postponed until a final settlement is reached in Palestine.

3- Accordingly, in the attached explanation prepared for the Agenda Committee, it has been suggested that the Agenda Committee may wish to recommend either the deletion of the Item, or its postponement sine die, depending upon its assessment of the considerations set forth in the preceding paragraph.

1- General Assembly Resolution No. 181(II) on the Future Government of Palestine, adopted on 29 November 1947, recommended the adoption and implementation of a Plan of Partition with Economic Union. Under Part 4D, 3, of the Plan of Partition with Economic Union there was to be established a Joint Economic Board consisting of three representatives of each of the Arab and Jewish States and "three foreign members appointed by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations."

2- The Palestine Commission, which was established by the above Assembly resolution, reported to the Assembly its inability to implement the Plan of Partition with Economic Union, and on 14 May 1948 the General Assembly adopted Resolution 186(S-2) appointing a United Nations Mediator in Palestine and relieving the Palestine Commission from the further exercise of responsibilities under Resolution 181(II) of 29 November 1947.

3- On 11 December 1948, the General Assembly adopted a resolution (A/807) establishing a Conciliation Commission for Palestine.

4- In none of the resolutions respecting Palestine adopted subsequent to 29 November 1947 was there any reference to the further implementation of that resolution nor to the appointment of the members of the Joint Economic Board. Although the Partition resolution of 29 November 1947 has not been repealed or replaced, it has not been implemented in its entirety. A Jewish State, the State of Israel,

has been established in Palestine, but no Arab state has emerged, and no Economic Union is in existence. Since Committee I of the General Assembly in its Third regular session in Paris rejected a paragraph in a draft resolution on Palestine calling upon the Conciliation Commission to establish the Economic Union between Israel and the Arab state in Palestine, it appears unlikely that the Economic Union envisaged in the original Assembly Partition resolution will be created within the foreseeable future. Hence it seems questionable as to whether the Joint Economic Board will be established.

5- It would accordingly appear that the Agenda Committee of the Economic and Social Council may consider it practical to recommend (a) deletion of Item 12 in document E/1090 of its Provisional Agenda of the Eighth Session, providing for the election of three members for the Joint Economic Board for Palestine; or (b) the postponement of the Item sine die.

26 August 1948

TO: All Assistant Secretaries-General
FROM: Joint Division of Coordination and Liaison
SUBJECT: Session Dates ECOSOC and Functional Commissions

The following information was received today by teleprint from Geneva:

COUNCIL THIS MORNING APPROVED 7TH FEBRUARY AND 5TH JULY 1949 AS COMMENCING DATES FOR 8TH AND 9TH SESSIONS. NINTH SESSION TO BE HELD IN GENEVA. FINANCIAL ESTIMATE PRESENTED FOR GENEVA SESSION BEING \$142,000.

FOLLOWING THIS DECISION COORDINATION COMMITTEE THIS AFTERNOON RECOMMENDED FOLLOWING FUNCTIONAL COMMISSION SESSIONS. (A) ONLY ONE SESSION OF EACH FUNCTIONAL COMMISSION TO BE HELD IN 1949;

(B) 10 TO 28 JANUARY FISCAL COMMISSION (HEADQUARTERS)

21 MARCH TO 1 APRIL COMMISSION ON STATUS WOMEN (BEIRUT)

4 TO 22 APRIL POPULATION COMMISSION (HEADQUARTERS)

11 APRIL 20 MAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (GENEVA)

11 APRIL 22 APRIL TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (HEADQUARTERS)

25 APRIL 6 MAY STATISTICAL COMMISSION (HEADQUARTERS)

25 APRIL 20 MAY SOCIAL COMMISSION (HEADQUARTERS)

2 TO 27 MAY COMMISSION NARCOTIC DRUGS (HEADQUARTERS)

9 TO 20 MAY ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION (HEADQUARTERS)

COORDINATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION CONTINUING.

~~DONT SEND ANY TREC UNTIL I LET YOU KNOW GOING ON LOCAL TEST PLS~~

22 GENEVA 24 AUGUST 48

ECO 290 PROCORDIER COPY SEYMOUR EXYATES. REMAINDER YESTERDAYS
MESSAGE GA AGENDA FOLLOWS:-

SUBMISSIONS BY ECOSOC UNDER HEADINGS CONTAINED GA AGENDA 23RD JULY
FOLLOW:

GA ITEM 11 SEE MEMO 11 AUGUST AND TELEPRINTER MESSAGE ECO 245
OF 20 AUGUST.

ITEM 24 DRAFT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN UN AND IMCO AND IRO (COUNCIL
ACTION UNCOMPLETED)

(PROBABLY) SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS ON USE OF UN LAISSEZ PASSER
BY ICAO AND UPU (ARISES FROM CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE NOT COUNCIL
ACTION) ITEM 25 RESOLUTIONS DEALING WITH (I) REPORTS OF SPECIALISED
AGENCIES (II) ACTION REGARDING CERTAIN OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL OR-
GANISATIONS, TOGETHER WITH (III) MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL REGARDING CO-
ORDINATION IN ECOSOC REPORT. (COUNCIL ACTION UNCOMPLETED). ITEM 26
THREE DRAFT CONVENTIONS, POSITION STATEMENTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL,
AND POSSIBLY ALSO CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS (COUNCIL ACTION UNCOMPLETED).

ITEM 32 DRAFT CONVENTION ON GENOCIDE (COUNCIL ACTION UNCOMPLETED)

ITEM 33 COUNCIL DEFERRED THIS ITEM AND ASG PROMISED SECGEN WOULD REPORT
TO GA RECOMMENDING GA ALSO DEFER.

ITEM 35 RECORDS OF THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION 138 VI TOGETHER WITH
ACTION SAME SUBJECT NOT YET COMPLETED 7TH SESSION.

SPECIAL COMMENTS FOLLOW:

(I) DRAFT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL BY SOCIAL COMMITTEE REGARDING REFUGEES (GA RESOLUTION 136 (II)) CONTAINS FOLLOWING QUOTE REQUESTS THE SEC GEN TO TRANSMIT THE REPORT (E/816) TOGETHER WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND SUCH ADDITIONAL RELEVANT DATA AS MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM THE PCIRO TO THE GA AT ITS THIRD REGULAR SESSION FOR ITS INFORMATION, SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION, AND SUCH FURTHER ACTION AS IT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE UNQUOTE. WILL PROBABLY BE ADOPTED. TRANSMISSION COULD BE DONE EITHER IN ECOSOC REPORT OR AS SEPARATE ITEM: PLEASE INFORM YOUR PREFERENCE.

(II) ECOSOC ACTION ON FOLLOWING ITEMS ARISING OUT OF GA RESOLUTIONS CONTAINS ORS LIKELY TO CONTAIN NOTHING SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED TO GA AND WE THEREFORE ASSUME ECOSOC REPORT AND USUAL BUDGETARY PROCEDURE WHERE APPROPRIATE SUFFICIENT:

GA RESOLUTION 119 (II) IMPLEMENTATION. ACTION IN EFFECT POSTPONED.

GA RESOLUTION 120 (II) ECME. POSTPONED.

GA RESOLUTION 129 (II) GENEVA LIBRARY. FURTHER STUDY OF PLAN APPROVED.

GA RESOLUTION 161 (II) ELECTION THREE MEMBERS ECONOMIC BOARD FOR PALESTINE. POSTPONED.

(III) REGARDING GA RESOLUTION 134 (II) COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED RESOLUTION (E/968) WHICH CONTRARY TO USUAL AND PROPER PRACTICE INCLUDES WORDS QUOTE RECOMMENDS THAT THE GA APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY UNQUOTE. NO OTHER REASON WHY THIS COCA LEAF INQUIRY SHOULD BE SEPARATE GA ITEM AND WE ASSUME WILL BE COVERED BY ECOSOC REPORT AND USUAL BUDGET PROCEDURE.

(IV) REGARDING ITEM 28 ON ECOSOC AGENDA E/830 WORK PROGRAMMES OF COMMISSIONS AND DRAFT CALENDAR 1949, NO RESOLUTION BEFORE COUNCIL YET BUT JUST POSSIBLE MAY BE INTRODUCED ON ONE/BOTH THESE ITEMS WHICH MUST NECESSARILY BE TAKEN END OF SESSION.

(V) ITEM 50 ON ECOSOC AGENDA E/830 CONFERENCE FOR AMAZON BASIN ACTION NOT YET OPENED. THEORETICALLY RESOLUTION ADDRESSED TO GA POSSIBLE BUT UNLIKELY IN FACT.

ITEM 5 IN YESTERDAY'S MESSAGE SHOULD READ:

(TRANSFER TO THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE FUNCTIONS EXERCISED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT UNDER THE AGREEMENT OF 18 MAY 1904 AND THE CONVENTION OF 4 MAY 1910 FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC AND UNDER THE AGREEMENT OF 4 MAY 1910 FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS. (E/1004.))

SENT AB 1806

Nueva York, E.E.UU.
Agosto, 2, 1948.

No. 269.

La Delegación Permanente de la República Dominicana ante las Naciones Unidas presenta sus saludos a la Secretaría General de las Naciones Unidas en ocasión de rogarle tenga a bien informar al Consejo Económico y Social de la Organización Mundial, actualmente reunido en Ginebra, Suiza, así como a los organismos subsidiarios de la División de Asuntos Sociales de las Naciones Unidas, que el Gobierno Dominicano, por expresa disposición del Excelentísimo Señor Presidente de la República Dominicana, ratifica el ofrecimiento hecho por nuestro país tanto en la II Sesión Regular de la Asamblea General del año 1947 como recientemente al disponer su contribución para el Fondo Internacional de Emergencia para la Infancia en el sentido de recibir un número de niños europeos desamparados para que encuentren un hogar y educación en la República Dominicana, dándoseles la oportunidad de una vida pacífica y esperanzadora al amparo de las instituciones oficiales dominicanas.

Al ratificar dicha oferta, el Gobierno de la República Dominicana formula su deseo de coadyuvar modestamente con las Naciones Unidas en la tarea humanitaria que se ha impuesto para con la infancia desamparada a consecuencia de la últi-



Nota No.269
Sec.Naciones Unidas.

ma conflagración mundial ,independientemente
de la aportación material de nuestro país al
Fondo de Emergencia para la Infancia.

A la Secretaria General de las
Naciones Unidas.-
Lake Succes, N.Y.-----



Translated from Spanish

New York

No. 269

2 August 1948

The Permanent Delegation of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to request him to inform the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, now in session at Geneva, Switzerland, and the subsidiary bodies of the Division of Social Affairs of the United Nations that the Dominican Government, acting on instructions from the President of the Dominican Republic, confirms the offer made by our country both at the second regular session of the General Assembly in 1947 and more recently, when submitting our contribution to the International Children's Emergency Fund; namely, to receive a number of abandoned European children and provide a home and education for them in the Dominican Republic, affording them the opportunity to live a life of peace and hope under the protection of the official Dominican institutions.

In confirming this offer, the Government of the Dominican Republic takes the opportunity to express its desire to assist the United Nations, within our country's modest limits, in its humanitarian efforts to aid the children left destitute as a result of the recent world war; this apart from our country's material contribution to the International Children's Emergency Fund.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations
Lake Success, New York

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REFERENCE:

EGA 55/04

20 July 1948

TO: All Assistant Secretaries-General (Also to ICEF and UNAC)
 FROM: Joint Division of Coordination and Liaison
 SUBJECT: Agenda for seventh session of ECOSOC

The following information was received by cable from Geneva on 16 July and confirmed on 19 July.

The Council Agenda Committee has recommended that the Council agenda items (see document E/830) be handled as follows:

1. To be referred to Committees without previous discussion in plenary meetings:

- No. 16 Report of the Secretary-General on Refugees
- 18 Final Act on Freedom of Information
- 19 Draft Convention on Crime of Genocide
- 23(1) Report of the third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
- 26 Relations with and coordination of specialized agencies
- 28(1) Report of the Secretary-General on organization of the Economic and Social Departments of the Secretariat and on work programme of the Commissions of the Council
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- 47 Procedure for consideration of the financial implications of the decisions of the Council
- 48 Action for the solution of legal difficulties arising from absence, due to war events or persecution, of persons whose death cannot be conclusively established

2. The above items are to be discussed in plenary as soon as the Committees present their reports, and will take precedence over the following items, some of which may not yet have been reached:

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- 15 Report of the third session of the Social Commission

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- No. 25 Reports on the United Nations Appeal for Children
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- 5 Report of the third session of the Economic and Employment Commission
- 6 Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization on progress in the coordination of studies of suitable measures to bring about an increase in food production
- 11 United Nations Scientific Conference on the conservation and utilization of resources
- 14 Report of the third session of the Population Commission
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- 44 Report of the Secretary-General and of UNESCO on teaching principles, etc.
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4. By a vote of three to two, the Agenda Committee recommended that Item No. 2 (Survey of Forced Labor and Measures for its Abolition - item proposed by the American Federation of Labor) be postponed to the eighth session of the Council. On Item No. 49 (Infringements of Trade Union Rights - item proposed by the World Federation of Trade Unions), the Committee was split and decided to make no recommendation on either item until debated in plenary.

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SEE REVISIONS IN CABLE OF 20 JULY
FROM GENEVA - NO. 112 EXBALLOU

Agenda - 7th sess

Dr. W.B. Sutch, New Zealand Delegation
Georges Dumontet

6 July 1948

Please find attached three copies of the French letter, the Australian letter and the Secretary-General's note concerning the Agenda Committee of the seventh session and also the answer from Dr. Malik to the cable asking his view for changing the date of the meeting of the Agenda Committee.

File Agenda

2 JULY 1948

G. DUMONTET X

DR. CHARLES MALIK
SS QUEEN ELIZABETH

RADIO CABLE NEW YORK

SANTA CRUZ WANTS POSTPONE OPENING MEETING AGENDA COMMITTEE FROM
15 TO 16 JULY STOP KAMINSKY IN FAVOR STOP SUTCH AND
WINTTEVEEN AGAINST STOP SANTA CRUZ INFORMED THESE VIEWS
STATES WILL NOT ARRIVE GENEVA BEFORE 16TH WHATEVER DECISION
IS STOP WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR DECISION TO COMMUNICATE
~~STOP~~ SUTCH LEAVING BY AIR 9TH KAMINSKY LEAVING 13TH OR 14TH STOP
CABLE COMMUNICATED YATES GENEVA STOP

E. Ranshofen-Wertheimer, Chief
Overseas Office Division

To: Mr. Gilbert E. Yates

From: Georges Dumontet

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): PCCB request
7. Item 21: Humphrey note
8. Item 27: Steinig note
9. Item 25: Ordning note

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.

G. Dumontet

ECA 55/04/GB

30 June 1948

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 3 June 1948 proposing an item for inclusion in the agenda of the forthcoming session of the Economic and Social Council.

I have the honour to inform you that this item has been placed on the provisional agenda of the Council (Document E/830, item No. 38), and that the text of the resolution attached to your letter has been circulated as document E/824.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A.D.K. Owen
Assistant Secretary-General
in charge of Economic Affairs

Mr. W.H. Tuck,
Executive Secretary,
Preparatory Commission for the International
Refugee Organisation,
C/o United Nations,
Palais des Nations,
Geneva,
Switzerland.

G. Dumontet

ECA55/03/GD

29 June 1948

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 13 June 1948 proposing an item for inclusion in the agenda of the forthcoming session of the Economic and Social Council.

I have the honour to inform you that this item has been placed on the provisional agenda of the Council (Document E/S30), item No. 50, and that the draft resolution attached to your letter has been circulated as document E/826.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A.D.K. Owen
Assistant Secretary-General
in charge of Economic Affairs

His Excellency,
Mr. Carlos Holguin de Lavallo,
Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations,
Permanent Peruvian Delegation to the United Nations,
Room 6207,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York 1, N. Y.

26 juin 1948

Monsieur,

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de votre lettre du 15 juin 1948 par laquelle vous me transmettez la lettre de votre Ministère des Affaires Etrangères au sujet de l'ordre du jour de la prochaine session du Conseil économique et social.

Cette communication sera portée à la connaissance des membres du Comité de l'Ordre du Jour qui se réunira à Genève les 15 et 16 juillet 1948.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma considération la plus distinguée.

Charles Malik
Président du Conseil économique et social

Monsieur Jacques de Folin
Délégation française permanente
aux Nations Unies

New York, N.Y.

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26 juin 1948

Monsieur le Ministre,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre lettre No.28 du 10 juin 1948 qui m'a été transmise par M. Jacques de Polin de la délégation française, et qui a trait à l'organisation du travail de la septième session du Conseil économique et social.

Je vous suis vivement reconnaissant de vos suggestions, qui reprennent celles que M. Mendès-France avait préalablement faites dans sa lettre du 12 mars 1948, sur la méthode que le Conseil pourrait suivre pour la discussion des nombreux points à l'ordre du jour de sa septième session.

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer que le Comité de l'Ordre du Jour du Conseil qui se réunira les 15 et 16 juillet à Genève sera saisi de vos suggestions, aux fins de recommandations que ce Comité doit présenter au Conseil à sa première séance plénière du 19 juillet.

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

Charles Malik
Président du Conseil économique et social

Monsieur le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères
Secrétariat des Conférences
Ministère des Affaires Etrangères
Quai d'Orsay

Paris, France

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Dear Gilbert,

I am sending you herewith Mr. Andersen's memo to Mr. Price on financial statements. Mr. Green suggested that, as a first step, the state of preparedness of financial estimates should be included in the annotations to the provisional agenda. I do not think that it would be possible to prepare a summary of financial implications before the first of July. For your orientation, I am enclosing a paper showing the state of preparedness in that field.

Hope to see you very soon,

Very sincerely yours.

A handwritten signature, likely of A. Henry, is written in cursive below the typed signature.

Mr. Gilbert Yates
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Geneva. (Switzerland)

Mr. Byron Price, Assistant Secretary-General, Administrative & Financial Services.

H.C. Andersen, Director, Bureau of Administrative Management and Budget.

Financial Statements to be Presented to the
Seventh Session of the Economic and Social Council.

June 1948.

You will remember that the Members of the Economic and Social Council at the end of the Sixth Session discussed at some length methods of complying with Regulation 38 of the Provisional Financial Regulations. The estimates supplied by the Secretary-General on each project before the Council and in summary in document E/732/Rev.1, stimulated statements by a number of delegations and the United Kingdom and Australian representatives, in particular, made a number of suggestions, expressing the hope that they be considered between the Sixth and Seventh Sessions of the Council.

We have summarized these suggestions in the paragraphs below and made certain recommendations concerning the way in which the estimates for the forthcoming Council Session at Geneva may be handled.

I. United Kingdom Statement (11 March 1948).

Emphasizing the complexity of the problem in light of the fact that the Council is not (and should not) be a budgetary body, Mr. Phillips stressed the role of the Council in giving guidance to the Secretary-General on the urgency and importance of economic and social projects. He suggested concretely that

- 1) a summary estimate of the cost of all proposals coming before the Economic and Social Council (even though some were extremely tentative) should be circulated to the Members some weeks before a session to give delegations an opportunity to decide on their comparative priority;
- 2) revisions of this summary should be made at frequent intervals throughout the session to give the Council a running record of the cost of its proposals as far as practical;
- 3) in respect of the individual estimates on each proposal before the Council, the Secretary-General should indicate, on a purely factual basis whether or not the item was budgeted for and fell into the first category and, if it did not, how far it could be met by transferable resources which were already budgeted for and which might be put off;
- 4) Council members would discuss and vote upon the category to which the project should be assigned before voting on the substance of the project.

These priority categories are defined in the remarks as follows:-

- A. Items already included in the budget. In the United Kingdom view, these must be given first priority because they have been approved by the General Assembly and on the simple administrative ground that they cannot be stopped halfway. However, in exceptional cases the Council might ask the Secretary-General to defer action on such items in order to make provision for more important work.
 - B. Items which cannot wait until the next budget. These are items for which the Secretary-General has authority, under General Assembly resolution, to draw up to \$2,000,000 from the Working Capital Fund for economic rehabilitation.
 - C. Other projects which may be
 - 1.) Financed from the Working Capital Fund with Advisory Committee concurrence;
 2. Deferred until the General Assembly has had opportunity to vote a supplemental appropriation for carrying out such a project in the last quarter of the current year;
 3. Deferred until the General Assembly has acted on the succeeding year's estimates.
- 5) At the end of the session, the Council should review the priority ratings made on each individual project. However, debate on each item should not be reopened. (the United Kingdom had no suggestion in March for resolving this difficulty).

II. Australian Statement (11 March 1948).

Prophesying that the Council would face great difficulties in defending its programme for 1948 in the General Assembly, the Australian representative (Mr. Tange) stated that there would be a very serious reduction in the effectiveness of the Economic and Social Council if the Assembly were to impose the conditions that any steps involving extraordinary expenditure had to wait until the expenditure was approved by the General Assembly. Further, he stated that his delegation was not happy about the existing situation in which the Advisory Committee has a veto on policy decisions of the Council. His concrete suggestions for improving the situation follow:-

- 1) the Secretary-General, when presenting a bill for supplementary expenditures, should make clear which organ initiated the projects involving such expenditures. (For example, the General Assembly itself, not the ECOSOC, initiated the Latin American Commission and UNAC).
- 2) the Secretary-General should foresee in his regular budget more of the expenditures for ECOSOC activities. (This point is implied rather than direct).

- 3) the Secretary-General should circulate, with the provisional agenda, a single summary statement of additional costs involved for all proposals for which it is practicable. The document should recapitulate the relevant sums already provided in the budget, and a record of any supplementary expenditures already agreed upon at previous sessions of the Council in the current financial year. Revisions of this document should be circulated at appropriate intervals throughout the Council's session.
- 4) the President and Chairman of Committees of the Council, aided by the persistence of Council officers, should make the financial statement a basic document in the discussion of each project in plenary sessions and in Committee. A representative of the Secretary-General, responsible for financial administration, should appear before the Council (and if necessary, its Committees) to give guidance and hear Council's views.
- 5) the individual financial statements should uniformly show the Secretary-General's own intentions as to the method of finance he proposes to follow. This would offer a tangible basis on which the Council could discuss priority of the project.

III. BAMB Analysis.

These statements, while indicating the growing sense of financial responsibility in the Council and offering some concrete suggestions on procedure in the Council, do not furnish much that is new in analysis of the substance of the problem. Neither statement adds to nor clarifies the categories of priority which the Council might assign to its projects, but takes off rather from the three methods for financing projects described in our paper to the Sixth Session of the Council (E/732 and 732/Rev.1). Both statements assume the necessity for continuation of two series of papers; viz., individual estimates for each project before the Council and a summary statement, to be revised from time to time throughout the Council session.

The suggestions on timing of the first summary statement offers some difficulties to this Bureau unless there is an material speeding up of documentation for the Council. At present writing (5 weeks before the opening of the Seventh Session on 19 July) only a few of the reports and resolutions are available. However, we agree with the objective and will make every effort to comply.

The suggestions on content of the papers imply that the Secretary-General should make a proposal on priority to accompany the estimates. This will cause some difficulties in light of the fact that the Secretary-General will not have the whole picture before him when making such proposals. However, in the more extreme cases (that is, obvious urgency or obvious lack of urgency) it can be done - although the Secretary-General should realize that this will entail some political difficulties with particular delegations having pet projects}.

The United Kingdom suggestion that the Council should vote upon urgency (or rather, financial category) before voting on the substance of a proposal appears to us unsound. Not only will the Members not have the comprehensive programme in view when voting on the earlier projects, but presumably only those intending to vote affirmatively on the project would vote first on its urgency. This is a question for the Secretary to the Council, however, rather than for this Bureau.

The most serious weakness in consideration thus far, however, appears to us to be the failure to develop a real priority system. The contention that an A priority be given to a project simply on the grounds that it is included in the budget does not seem well founded. As you know, the basis for the budget estimates is simply a factual analysis of projects already approved by Councils and Commissions and the derivative work load. Economic developments in a 12-months period may well impose a higher priority on a new project for expert assistance to a particular area than on a long-run research project already included in the budget. While the administrative simplicity argument is appealing, we believe criteria of absolute urgency must be developed.

IV. Recommendations for Procedure under Regulation 38 for Seventh Session of the Council.

- (1) The Departments of Economic and Social Affairs should be reminded to furnish estimates of cost of commissions or other proposals to the Council at earliest possible date for review by the Bureau of Administrative Management and Budget.
- (2) Individual estimates for each project, noting additional cost (if any) and the Secretary-General's proposal for method of financing should be circulated within a few days after release of original documents.
- (3) A first summary paper, including notes on sums already in the budget, and financial status of items agreed at Sixth Session should be circulated by 1 July for all proposals then available. This appears to be the logical point at which the Secretary-General should make his recommendations for priority ratings of the projects. Such recommendations must consider more than financial points: for example, judgement on the results to be obtained from such work, notice of other organizations working in the same field, political timeliness, etc. (Messrs. Owen, Laugier and Jackson will be in Geneva during the Council Session to make and defend such judgements for the Secretary-General).
- (4) Mr. Coidan will be available in Geneva for the period 19 July - 4 August and Miss Henderson from 4 August to close of the Council to make revisions in these estimates as the proposals are modified and to furnish financial information to the Council Secretariat and Committees.
- (5) The Council Secretariat should be asked to ensure proper attention to the estimates and as much guidance to the Secretary-General on priorities as the Council is willing to give.

V. Other Questions.

(1) In considering its rules of procedure, the Council should be asked to recommend to its regional economic commissions the adoption of rules similar to Rule 30 (which incorporates Financial Regulation 38) since the problem of priorities in the regions is apt to develop to serious proportion, especially in the Far East and Latin America.

(2) The question of financial implications of Council recommendations to specialized agencies is likely to become more important during this session of the Council. All agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies include a financial clause by which in the event of the specialized agencies being faced with the necessity of incurring substantial extra expense as a result of any request that United Nations may make for special reports, studies or assistance in accordance with the provisions of the agreement, consultation should take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner in which such expenses shall be borne. Examples of such projects thus far have been the assignment of translation of the classics to UNESCO, equal pay for equal work and trade union rights to ILO. No request for financial aid to these agencies has been made thus far, however, and we believe it is sound to refrain from precipitating the question at this session.

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See E/787
See E/631

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June 1948

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 the progress in coordination of studies of suitable measures to bring about an increase in food production
7. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe covering the period 15 July 1947 to 8 May 1948
8. Report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.
9. Report on 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
16. Migration^x

x This question arises under Items 14 and 15, but it may be convenient to treat it as a separate item.

17. 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.
18. Report of the third session of the Commission on Human Rights
19. Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information
20. Draft Convention on the Prevention and the Repression of the Crime of Genocide
21. Trade Union Rights (Freedom of Association)
22. 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)
23. Provisional questionnaire adopted by the Trusteeship Council under Article 88 of the Charter²⁴
24. Principle of equal pay for equal work for men and women workers
25. (i) Report of the third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
(ii) Administrative arrangements between the Council and the Permanent Central Opium Board
26. Reports of the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund
27. Report of the United Nations Appeal for Children
28. Relations with and coordination of specialized agencies
29. Reports of specialized agencies
30. (i) Report of the Secretary-General on work programmes of Commissions of the Council for 1949.
(ii) Report of the Secretary-General concerning the form and character of the reports of Commissions and other subsidiary organs
31. Draft calendar of meetings and conferences in 1949
32. Reports of the Committee on Negotiations with specialized agencies
33. Report of the Council NGO Committee
34. Report of the Secretary-General on implementation by ICAO of General Assembly Resolutions Nos. 39 (I) and 50 (I) concerning Franco Spain
35. Report of the Secretary-General on international facilities for the promotion of training in public administration

24. This question arises under Items 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 25 but it may be convenient to treat it as a separate item.

36. Report of the Secretary-General on Records of the Council
37. Translation of the classics
38. Confirmation of members of Commissions
39. 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

Question of terms of office of Members of Commissions
40. Question of the election of three members of the Economic Board for
Palestine
41. Election of members of Agenda Committee
42. Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Trade and
Employment Conference
43. Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Maritime
Conference
44. Draft rules for the calling of international conferences
45. Question of plan for the use of the central library at Geneva by the
United Nations and specialized agencies
46. 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
47. Revision of Rules of Procedure of the Council
Item proposed by the delegation of France
48. Report of the Council to the General Assembly
49. Procedure for consideration of the financial implications of the decisions
of the Council
Item proposed by the delegation of the United Kingdom
50. 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 of the International
Refugees Organization
51. Infringements of trade union rights
Item proposed by the World Federation of Trade Unions
52. Economic Conference on the Amazon Basin countries
Item proposed by the delegation of Peru

The list above does not represent the order in which the items will be taken up by the Council ; the Agenda Committee will make recommendations on this point for consideration by the Council at its first plenary meeting.

The Agenda Committee (consisting of the President, the two Vice-Presidents 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 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. Document E/620 and E/620/Add. 1 distributed on 9 April 1948
Document E/620/Add. 2 distributed on 24 June 1948: Report of the Secretary-General
5. Documents E/790 and E/790/Add. 1 distributed on 7 June 1948
6. 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~~ on 9 June 1948
8. Council Resolution No. 105 (VI)
Report to be circulated by the end of June
9. Report on the Economic Commission for Latin America to be circulated by 10 July 1948
10. Document E/AC.26/16 distributed on 8 June 1948
Document E/814 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, Document 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
15. (i) Report of the third session of the Social Commission
Documents E/779 and E/779/Corr. 1 distributed on 9 June 1948
On matters of coordination 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 (for action by the Council and by the General Assembly)

(iii) Report of the Secretary-General on activities and coordination 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: Report of the Secretary-General (for information)

(iv) Note by the Secretary-General on transfer to the United Nations of the functions exercised by the French Government under the International Agreement of 18 May 1904 and the International Convention

of 4 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)

16. Council Resolution No. 85 (V)
Reports of the Population and Social Commissions
Documents E/805, paragraphs 7-10, and E/779, paragraphs 35-44

It is understood that the information requested by the Council from the ILO will not be available by the time of the seventh session

17. General Assembly Resolution No. 136 (II)
Council Resolution No. 122 (VI)
Documents E/816 and E/816/Add. 1, distributed on 16 June 1948
18. Council Resolutions Nos. 46 (IV) and 116 (VI) F
Document E/800 to be distributed on 24 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.4/151,
E/CN.4/145, E/CN.4/147, E/CN.4/153 distributed on 24 June 1948
E/CN.4/SR.31 to be distributed on 30 June 1948

19. General Assembly Resolution No. 59 (I)
Council Resolutions Nos. 74 (V) and 118 (VI)
Document E/CONF.6/79 distributed on 25 May 1948

- (ii) Council Resolution No. 74 (V)
~~Annexed to the Commission's report~~
Document E/727 distributed on 8 March 1948 and E/727/Add. 1 distributed on 9 April 1948

20. 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
21. General Assembly Resolution No. 128 (II)
Council Resolution No. 84 (V)
Report of the ILO
22. Documents E/615, E/615/Corr. 1 and E/615/Add. 3 circulated on 17 June 1948
Document E/829, to be circulated on 28 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 at its seventh session
23. Council Resolution No. 88 (V)
Note by the Secretary-General to be circulated during the first week of July (for information)
24. Council Resolution No. 121 (VI)
Report of the ILO

25. (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/CB/2, pages 28-29

26. Document E/796 distributed on 8 June 1948: Report of the Executive Board to be issued after the meeting of the Board commencing 16 July 1948

27. 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

28. (i) Report of the Coordination Committee;
Report to be issued immediately after the meeting of the Coordination 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 coordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies:

Report to be issued after consideration by the current session of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, probably by 24 July 1948 (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 coordination 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 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 action)

- (v) Report of the Secretary-General on catalogue of economic and social studies:
Document E/813 distributed on 8 June 1948 (for 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 Coordination Committee on 16 July 1948 (for action)
- 29. Council Resolution No. 128 (VI) A
Reports submitted by the specialized agencies as listed in Document E/815 distributed on 11 June 1948
- 30. (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
 - (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
- (ii) Council Resolution No. 128 (VI) D
Report of the Secretary-General to be circulated by the second week of July
- 31. 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 session of the Council
- 32. Council Resolution No. 130 (VI)
Document E/818 distributed on 15 June
Documents E/C.1/37 and E/C.1/38 distributed on 10 and 15 June 1948
- 33. Council Resolution No. 133 (VI)
Document E/710 distributed on 28 February 1948
Report of the NGO Committee to be issued in the first week of the seventh session of the Council
- 34. Council Resolution No. 129 (VI) B
Report of the Secretary-General to be issued on 30 June 1948 (for information)
- 35. Council Resolution No. 132 (VI)
Report of the Secretary-General to be issued in first week of July (for information)
- 36. Council Resolution No. 138 (VI)
Report of the Secretary-General to be issued in the second week of July (for information and action)
- 37. Council Resolution No. 53 (IV)
Document E/823 distributed on 17 June 1948: Report of UNESCO
- 38. Document to be circulated in the latter part of the Council session
- 39. Document E/788, distributed on 11 May 1948 Note by the Secretary-General to be issued in the early part of the seventh session of the Council

40. General Assembly Resolution No. 181 (II)
Special Assembly Resolution No. 186 (S-2) Document A/555
Council Resolution No. 112 (VI)
~~Document E/33/Rev. 4, Rule 14~~ Note by the Secretary-General (containing
list of nominations communicated by Member Governments under Resolution
112 (VI))
(to be distributed by 19 July 1948)
41. Document E/33/Rev. 4, Rule 14
42. Document E/807 distributed on 4 June 1948 (for information)
43. Report of the Secretary-General to be issued in the first week of July
(for information)
44. General Assembly Resolution No. 129 (II)
Council Resolution No. 135 (VI)
Document containing draft rules prepared by the Secretary-General to be
issued during the first week of July
45. General Assembly Resolution No. 129 (II), paragraph 2
Report of the Secretary-General to be issued about 30 June (for information)
46. 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
47. Documents E/751, E/751/Corr. 1 and 2 distributed on 5 March 1948
Document E/C.3/4
Note by the Secretary-General to be issued
48. Document to be issued during the first week of July
49. Documentation to be received
50. Document E/824 distributed on 24 June 1948
51. Document E/822 distributed on 24 June 1948
52. Document E/826 distributed on 21 June 1948

15 June 1948

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.

7th Section
ECWloc

1 June 1948

Dear Gilbert;

With regard to Work Programmes the position is as follows:

In hand are

- i. relevant sections sent by the Employment and Economic Development and the Narcotics Divisions;
- ii. Social Activities and Status of Women sections were sent back to Divisions for re-drafting;
- iii. the Statistical Office and the Transport and Communications sections are being finished today;
- iv. with regard to the Regional Economic Commissions, no data, as yet, has been received. Dr. Sze is taking this up at the Directors' meeting.

The financial estimates are slowly but regularly coming in. Do you wish to see and clear them before we put them out in document form?

I hope you are doing well, and enjoying the fresh breeze from the Lake.

Very sincerely,

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SECRETARY GENERAL

ACCORDING TO RULE 14 OF PROCEDURE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL I HAVE THE HONOUR ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT TO REQUEST THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEM BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE AFORESAID COUNCIL "INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGE"

FURTHER DOCUMENTATION ON THE OBVIOUS IMPORTANCE OF THIS ITEM SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THIS DELEGATION AT AN OPPORTUNE STAGE. I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BE YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT

CARLO HOLGUIN DE LAVALLE PERUVIAN PERMANENT DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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J. G. [signature]

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TEXT OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED 29 AUGUST REGARDING 1949 CALENDAR
FOLLOWS: QUOTE

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INCOMING MESSAGE

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

IN PURSUANCE OF RULES 2 AND 6 OF ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE
AND RULES 1, 2 AND 3 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE FUNCTION-
AL COMMISSIONS,

DECIDES THAT ITS EIGHTH AND NINTH SESSIONS SHOULD COMMENCE
ON 7 FEBRUARY AND 5 JULY 1949 RESPECTIVELY, AND THAT ITS
NINTH SESSION SHOULD BE HELD AT GENEVA;

DECIDES THAT ITS FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS, AND THEIR SUB-COMMISS-
IONS, SHOULD EACH HOLD ONE SESSION IN 1949, EXCEPT
THAT THE SOCIAL COMMISSION SHOULD HOLD TWO SESSIONS; AND THAT
THE SESSIONS OF THE POPULATION AND STATISTICAL COMMISSIONS
SHOULD BE HELD IN GENEVA, AND CONFIRMS ITS DECISION TAKEN AT
THE SIXTH SESSION THAT THE SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN SHOULD BE HELD IN LEBANON;

DECIDES THAT ITS REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS SHOULD HOLD
ONE SESSION IN 1949, THE QUESTION OF FURTHER SESSIONS TO BE
REVIEWED IF NECESSARY AT THE NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL;

EXPRESSES ITS GENERAL APPROVAL OF THE SALENDAR OF CONFERENCES
SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AS AMENDED DURING
THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (DOCUMENT E/1000);

AUTHORISES THE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS
ESTABLISHED UNDER RESOLUTION 101 (V) TO CONSULT WITH THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL, (I) IN MAKING ADJUSTMENTS IN THE CALENDAR
OF CONFERENCES OF THE SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE COUNCIL,
AND (II) IN PLANNING THE DRAFT CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES FOR
SUCCEEDING YEARS;

AUTHORISES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS, TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN THE CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES, AND

REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT ANNUALLY A DRAFT CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS SESSION IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE SPECIALISED AGENCIES, TO INCLUDE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE MAJOR ANNUAL CONFERENCES FOR WHICH THE SPECIALISED AGENCIES ARE RESPONSIBLE.

SUMMARY OF E/1000 AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL FOLLOWS :
MEETINGS AT HEADQUARTERS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

10 - 28 JANUARY FISCAL

THE SECOND DATES ARE TARGET TERMINAL DATED BASED ON THE BEST ESTIMATES THAN CAN BE MADE OF REQUIREMENTS. THEY DO NOT PRECLUDE EITHER THE EARLIER TERMINATION OF THE CONFERENCES CONCERNED, WHERE WORK PERMITS, OR NECESSARY EXTENSIONS OF LENGTH OF SESSION.

JANUARY AGENDA COMMITTEE

JANUARY EXECUTIVE BOARD ICEF

SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF ICEF WILL BE HELD AT HEADQUARTERS OR ELSEWHERE, AND EXACT DATES SETTLED, HAVING REGARD TO REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD.

FEBRUARY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION - 83

7 FEBRUARY - 18 MARCH ECOSOC (8TH SESSION)

7 - 11 MARCH ~~SEISM~~ ^{ICCICA}

21 MARCH - 1 APRIL STATUS OF WOMEN (BEIRUT)

21 MARCH - 3 APRIL ECE (GENEVA)

21 MARCH - 1 APRIL SUBCOM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

21 MARCH - 1 1 APRIL TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

APRIL ECLA (HAVANA)

1 - 22 APRIL POPULATION (GENEVA) (DATES SUBJECT TO REVIEW)

PRECEDED BY MEETING COMMITTEE DEMOGRAPHIC DICTIONARY,
STARTING 4 APRIL

11 APRIL - 20 MAY HUMAN RIGHTS

11 - 22 APRIL SUBCOM ECONOMIC STABILITY

APRIL EXECUTIVE BOARD ICEF

APRIL (FIRST HALF) PCOB

25 APRIL - 6 MAY STATISTICAL (GENEVA) (DATES SUBJECT TO REVIEW)

PRECEDED BY MEETINGS COMMITTEE STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATIONS,
ON 19 APRIL, AND COMMITTEE ON WORK PROGRAMME, ON 21 APRIL
2 - 20 MAY SOCIAL COMMISSION
PRECEDED BY MEETING OF AGENDA COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL COMMISSION,
STARTING 25 APRIL.
2 - 20 MAY NARCOTIC DRUGS
9 - 20 MAY ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT
MAY ECAFE (IN FAR EAST)
23 MAY - 3 JUNE SUBCOM FREEDOM INFORMATION
JUNE CONFERENCE ON CONSERVATION AND UTILISATION RESOURCES
(HEADQUARTERS OR ELSEWHERE IN USA)
13 - 27 JUNE SUBCOM PREVENTION DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION
MINORITIES
JUNE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION
JUNE SECOND HALF EXECUTIVE BOARD ICEF
JUNE OR JULY AGENDA COMMITTEE
5 JULY - 12 AUGUST ECOSOC (GENEVA)
NOTE LATER THAN AUGUST WORLD ROAD CONFERENCE (GENEVA)
SEPTEMBER PCOB (GENEVA)
SEPTEMBER NARCOTIC SUPERVISORY BODY (GENEVA)
SEPTEMBER (ONE WEEK) ICCICA
5 - 16 SEPTEMBER SUBCOM STATISTICAL SAMPLING
OCTOBER EXECUTIVE BOARD ICEF
OCTOBER ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION
NOVEMBER PCOB (GENEVA)
NOVEMBER NARCOTIS SUPERVISORY BODY (GENEVA)
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER SOCIAL COMMISSION.

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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;

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(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 in plenary 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 committees:

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

Item No. 3 - Implementation of economic and social recommendations
Item postponed from the sixth session

Item No. 4 - Report of the Secretary-General on the question of establishment of research laboratories of the United Nations - Item postponed from the sixth session

Item No. 5 - Report of the third session of the Economic and Employment Commission

Item No. 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

Item No. 7 - Report of the third session of the Economic Commission for Europe

Item No. 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

Item No. 9 - Report of the first session of the Economic Commission for Latin America

Item No. 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

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- Item No. 15 - Report of the third session of the Social Commission
- Item No. 15a- Migration - reports of the Population and Social Commissions
- Item No. 16 - Report of the third session of the Commission on Human Rights
transmitting Draft Bill of Human Rights
- Item No. 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
- Item No. 19 - Trade Union Rights (Freedom of Association)
- Item No. 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 situa-
tion of children removed from their country of origin during
the course of the war
- Item No. 22 - The principle of equal pay for equal work for men and women
workers
- Item No. 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
- Item No. 24 - Reports of the Executive Board of the International Children's
Emergency Fund
- Item No. 25 - Report on the United Nations Appeal for Children
- Item No. 27 - Reports of specialized agencies
- Item No. 30 - Reports of the Committee on Negotiations with inter-governmental
agencies
- Item No. 31 - Reports of the NGO Committee, including recommendations on
communications received from the World Jewish Congress
- Item No. 32 - Report of the Secretary-General on implementation by ICAO
of General Assembly Resolutions Nos. 39 (I) and 50 (I)
concerning Franco Spain

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(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
- Item No. 11 - United Nations Conference on the conservation and utilization of resources - Progress Report of the Secretary-General on arrangements for the conference
- Item No. 12 - Report of the second session of the Transport and Communications Commission
- Item No. 13 - Report of the third session of the Statistical Commission
- Item No. 14 - Report of the third session of the Population Commission
- Item No. 36 - Confirmation of Members of Commissions
- Item No. 37 - Election of one-third of members of eight functional commissions
- Item No. 38 - Election of three members of the Economic Board for Palestine
- Item No. 39 - Election of members of Agenda Committee
- Item No. 40 - Report on the United Nations Trade and Employment Conference
- Item No. 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
- Item No. 21 - Report of the second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (remainder of Report)
- Item No. 21a - Provisional questionnaire adopted by the Trusteeship Council under Article 88 of the Charter - Reports of Commissions
- Item No. 26 - Relations with and co-ordination of specialized agencies
- Item No. 28 - Work programmes of Commissions of the Council in 1949
- Item No. 29 - Calendar of economic and social meetings and conferences in 1949
- Item No. 34 - Records of the Council - Report of the Secretary-General
- Item No. 42 - Draft rules for calling of international conferences

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- Item No. 43 - Question of plan for the use of the central library at Geneva by the United Nations and specialized agencies
- Item No. 45 - Revision of Rules of Procedure
- Item No. 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~~
~~Item No. 35 - Translation of the classics - Report of UNESCO~~
~~Item No. 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~~

- Item No. 33 - International facilities for the promotion of training in public administration - Report of the Secretary-General
- Item No. 35 - Translation of the classics - Report of UNESCO
- Item No. 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
New Zealand Delegation to the
United Nations

Dr. Charles Malik
President, Economic and Social Council

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: M. Stéphane Hessel

FROM: Georges Dumontet

SUBJECT:
ECA
55/04

Date 24 May 1948

Je vous serais reconnaissant de bien vouloir attirer l'attention de M. Laugier sur les points suivants :

Comme vous le savez, une réunion préliminaire du Comité de l'Ordre du Jour du Conseil aura lieu mercredi 26 mai, à 2.30, salle de Conférence No. 11. M. Sutch (Nouvelle Zélande) a été le promoteur de cette idée qui a reçu l'approbation des autres membres du Comité (Président, M. Malik ; Vice-présidents MM. Santa Cruz et Kaminsky et les représentants des Pays-Bas et de la Nouvelle Zélande). D'autres membres du Conseil, notamment les Cinq Grands, officieusement consultés, sont entièrement d'accord.

Le Comité ne prendra aucune décision ferme mais examinera à titre préliminaire les problèmes que soulèvera la septième session du Conseil et son ordre du jour très chargé. Cette réunion ne donnera lieu à aucun rapport mais les points de vue échangés seront consignés dans un compte-rendu analytique qui sera à la disposition des membres de ce Comité lors de sa réunion régulière le 15 juillet à Genève.

M. Sutch qui vraisemblablement, avec l'assentiment du président, aura la direction de la discussion au cours de cette réunion préliminaire mercredi prochain, voudrait que lorsque ce Comité se réunira les 15 et 16 juillet il ait eu le bénéfice d'un examen préliminaire des questions sur lesquelles il fera alors des recommandations au Conseil.

Les points suivants seront donc probablement soulevés mercredi prochain :

1. Points de l'ordre du jour pouvant être éventuellement réjetés ou éliminés ;
2. Points de l'ordre du jour pouvant être éventuellement reportés à une autre session du Conseil ;
3. Points de l'ordre du jour pouvant être éventuellement traités directement en séance plénière sans être renvoyés à un Comité ;
4. Points de l'ordre du jour pouvant être éventuellement renvoyés directement à un Comité ;
5. Points de l'ordre du jour devant être traités en plénière, en Comité, et finalement en plénière ;
6. Ordre de priorité qui pourrait déjà être fixé pour l'étude des points de l'ordre du jour ;
7. Possibilité d'avoir des discussions en plénière portant sur un groupe points plutôt que sur chaque point séparément ;
8. Etablissement d'autres comités que ceux déjà existants (Social, Economique, Coordination) ;
9. Examen anticipé de la proposition française (E/C.3/4) concernant les fonctions du Comité de l'ordre du jour.

M. Sutch tient vivement à avoir l'avis du Secrétariat sur les points ci-dessus. Il est entendu qu'il ne s'agit que d'indications purement officieuses. Néanmoins, nous pourrions aider considérablement M. Sutch à guider la discussion de mercredi prochain en lui communiquant l'opinion du Secrétariat notamment sur les points 3, 4, 5, 6 et 8.

Ne croyez-vous pas qu'une consultation des directeurs à la réunion de lundi, deux heures, permettrait de recueillir les suggestions demandées ?

J'ai aussi attiré l'attention de M. Owen sur la requête de M. Sutch et la question doit être soulevée dans une réunion de directeurs du département économique lundi, 24 mai, à dix heures.

Si vous étiez d'accord sur une telle procédure, je pourrais, lundi soir ou mardi matin, faire part à M. Sutch des indications qu'il attend du Secrétariat.

Formula for
Mr. Agula of Council
(File in 7th news
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24 May 1948

TO : All Departments
FROM : Dr. Szeming Sze, Acting Director, Joint Division of
Coordination and Liaison
SUBJECT : Invitations to Specialized Agencies to attend
meetings of United Nations Organs

The following sample letter cancels and replaces Sample Communications (a) and (b) attached to the memorandum from the Joint Division dated 5 May 1948, and has been drafted in consultation with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General as a model for future invitations to the specialized agencies to attend meetings of United Nations organs:

May 1948

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him that the third session of the Trusteeship Council will open at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 June 1948, at Lake Success, and is expected to continue until the end of July 1948. A copy of the provisional agenda for the session is enclosed herein (document T/169).

*The Secretary-General accordingly has the honour to request that the names of the representatives who will attend the meetings of this session of the Council may be communicated to him as soon as possible.

The above letter to be sent to: ILO, FAO, UNESCO, ICAO, BANK, FUND.
(address as per card)

*In the case of ITU, UPU, WHO, PC.IRO, IC.IRO, IIEO, the second paragraph of the above letter should read as follows:

The Secretary-General accordingly has the honour to request that the name of the observer who will attend the meetings of this session of the Council may be communicated to him as soon as possible.

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24 May 1948

Dear Mr. Sutch:

Pursuant to your suggestion, I have prepared the attached draft which takes into account the indications which you gave me last Saturday, the suggestions made by Mr. Hyde, as well as suggestions which I have been able to gather from responsible officers of the Secretariat.

It seems to me that it might be advantageous, ~~however~~, before proceeding to the tentative allocation of items to Committees, to decide on whether or not additional Committees on Human Rights and on Procedure are to be established.

With respect to items which might be either dropped or postponed, I fear I was not able to secure much information; in any event, it is within the purview of the Committee to make recommendations on this point.

As you will realize, the attached is merely a draft and I am at your disposal to have the paper retyped in time for Wednesday's meeting after you have approved of it.

Yours sincerely,

Georges Dumontet
Secretariat of the Economic
and Social Council

attachment

Mr. Sutch
Secretary General of the
Permanent New Zealand Delegation
to the United Nations
Empire State Building, New York

PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE
OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 26 May 1948, at 2:30 p.m.
Lake Success, Conference Room No. 11

I.

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

The purpose 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.

II.

With respect to the preliminary list of agenda items for the Seventh Session (see document E/787) the following questions might be considered in the preliminary meeting of the Agenda Committee:

A. Items which might be handled in plenary meeting without being referred to Committees:

Item No. 4 -
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23(ii) -
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B. Items which might be referred immediately to Committees:

Item No. 3 -
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21 -
21a -
22 -
23 - (administrative arrangements ...)
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42 -
43 -
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46 -

Should a fourth Human Rights Committee be established, it might deal with:

Item No. 16 - (after consideration in plenary)
17 - (referred immediately to this Committee)
18 - { " " " }
19 - { " " " }
21 - { " " " }
22 - { " " " }

Should a fifth Committee on Procedure be established, it might deal with:

Item No. 29 -
34 -
42 -
45 -
46 -

Should the separate Human Rights Committee not be established and items 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22 referred to the regular Social Committee of the Whole, and a Committee on Procedure set up, then the Committee on Coordination and the Committee on Procedure could handle items such as:

Item No. 3 -
21a -
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46 -

C. Possibility of holding a single plenary debate at the beginning of the Session, during which each delegate could speak on all agenda items or as many items as he wished to. This would follow the practice of the General Assembly.

D. Items which might be dropped:

Item No. 2

E. Items which might be postponed:

Item No. 33 -
34 -
35 -
38 -
44 -

F. Items which might be recommended for consideration at the beginning of the Session:

Item No. 21 -
23(1) -
37 -

~~in a group: 4, 35 (if kept on agenda) and 44 (if kept on agenda).~~ -

Actual list sent out on 17 May 1948
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Resolution No. 45 (I) of the General Assembly: "World Shortage of Cereals and other Foodstuffs" (11 December 1946);

and the resolution of the Economic and Social Council No. 103 (VI) of 2 March 1948, concerning "Co-ordinated Action to Meet the Continuing World Food Crisis", (document E/733);

Resolution No. 46 (I) of the General Assembly: "Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas" (11 December 1946);

~~Resolution No. 47 (I) of the General Assembly: "Relief of Economic Distress in the World" (11 December 1946)~~
~~Resolution No. 48 (I) of the General Assembly: "Relief of Economic Distress in the World" (11 December 1946)~~

Resolution No. 54 (I) of the General Assembly: "Transfer to the United Nations of Powers exercised by the League of Nations under the International Agreements, Conventions and Protocols on Narcotic Drugs" (19 November 1946);

Resolution No. 55 (I) of the General Assembly: "National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies" (19 November 1946);

Resolution No. 56 (I) of the General Assembly: "Political Rights of Women" (11 December 1946);

Resolution No. 61 (I) of the General Assembly: "Establishment of the World Health Organization" (14 December 1946);

Resolution No. 62 (I) of the General Assembly: "Refugees and Displaced Persons" (15 December 1946);

Resolution No. 90 (I) of the General Assembly: The Crime of Genocide (11 Dec. 1946)

Resolution No. 125 (II) of the General Assembly: "Relations with and Co-ordination of specialized agencies and work programmes of the United Nations and specialized agencies" (20 November 1947);

Resolution No. 126 (II) of the General Assembly: "Transfer to the United Nations of the functions and powers exercised by the League of Nations under the international Convention of 30 September 1921 on Traffic in Women and Children, the Convention of 11 October 1933 on Traffic in Women of Full Age, and the Convention of 12 September 1923 on Traffic in Obscene Publications" (20 October 1947);

Resolution No. 127 (II) of the General Assembly: "False or Distorted Reports" (15 November 1947);

Resolution No. 130 (II) of the General Assembly: "Report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the regional conferences and assemblies", (17 November 1947);

Resolution No. 131 (II) of the General Assembly: "Entry into force of the constitution of the World Health Organization", (17 November 1947);

Resolution No. 133 (II) of the General Assembly: "Exchange of workers", (17 November 1947);

Resolution No. 135 (II) of the General Assembly: "Entry into force of the Protocol of 11 December 1946 on Narcotic Drugs", (17 November 1947);

Resolution No. 136 (II) of the General Assembly: "International co-operation for the prevention of immigration which is likely to disturb friendly relations between nations", (17 November 1947).

Resolution No. 137 (II) of the General Assembly: "Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations in the schools of Member States." (17 November 1947)

Resolution No. 2/9 of the Economic and Social Council: "Commission on Human Rights (para. 5)", (21 June 1946);

Resolution No. 41 (IV) of the Economic and Social Council: "Population", (29 March 1947);

Resolution No. 45 (IV) of the Economic and Social Council: "Proposal for Contributions of One Day's Pay to the International Children's Emergency Fund", (25 March 1947);

Resolution No. 48 (IV) of the Economic and Social Council: "Status of Women", (29 March 1947);

Resolution No. 49 (IV) of the Economic and Social Council: "Narcotic Drugs", (28 March 1947);

Resolution No. 67 (V) of the Economic and Social Council: "Fiscal Questions", (24 July 1947);

Resolution No. 77 (V) of the Economic and Social Council: "Genocide", (6 August 1947);

Resolution No. 103 (VI) of the Economic and Social Council: "Co-ordinated action to meet the continuing world food crisis", (2 March 1948);

Resolution No. 121 (VI) of the Economic and Social Council: "Principle
of Equal pay for equal work for men and women workers" (10 March 1948);
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Resolutions Nos. 123, ~~123~~ (VI) of the Economic and Social Council:
"Narcotic Drugs" (2 March 1948);

Resolution No. 131 (VI) of the Economic and Social Council: "Co-ordination
of cartographic services of specialized agencies and international
organizations" (19 February 1948)

12 May 1948

PRELIMINARY LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(State of Preparedness)

Items	Documentation already out or dead line to receive it	Person Responsible	Financial Estimates
1. Adoption of the Agenda (agenda committee to meet on - middle July)	E/787 ✓	ECOSOC Secretariat	
2. Survey of forced labour	E/596 ✓	ECOSOC Mr. Schwelb	-
3. Implementation of economic and social recommendations	30 June	ECOSOC Secretariat	
4. Question of establishment of research laboratories of the UN.	E/620 ✓ Add. 1 ✓	Mr. Chang	E/620/Add. 1 ✓
5. Report third session Economic & Employment Commission	E/790 ✓ Add. 1 ✓	Mr. Weintraub Mr. Varley	E/790/Add. 1
6. Report of FAO on progress in co-ordination of studies of suitable measures.....	10 June	H. Seymour G. Wan	-
7. Report of the third session of the Economic Commission for Europe	1st June E/791	S. Dell	✓
8. Report third session ECAFE	1st July	(S. Dell) Mr. Caustin	-
9. Report first session ECLA	1st July	Mr. Caustin Mr. Castillo	-
10. Report Ad Hoc on ECME	10 June	Mr. Dollinger Dollinger	- ✓
11. UN Conference on conservation and utilization of resources. (meeting on 9 June)	10 June E/792 ✓	Mr. Van Tessel	- ✓ Yes
Progress report of S.G. on arrangements for the conference			
12. Report second session Transport & Communications Commission	E/789	Mr. Lukac Mr. Pendar	- later
13. Report third session Statistical Commission	E/CN.3/50 ✓ E/795 E/795/Add. 1	Mr. Bruce	-
14. Report of third session Population Com.	E/805 ✓	Mr. Notestein Mr. Durand	-

15. Report third session Social Com.	E/779 ✓	Sir R?Cilento	-
i) Report on advisory welfare services			
ii) Report concerning co-ordination within the field of the Com.			
iii) Report of S.G. on activites & co-ord. of activities in the field of housing and town and country planning	25 May → E/802	Mr. Firth	
Migration		Mr. Langrod	
16. Report third session Commission on Human Rights	1 July	Dr. Humphrey Mr. Schwelb	
17. Freedom of Information and of the Press		Mr. Hogan	
Report of UN Conference on Freedom of Inf.	E/CONF.6/79		
Report of the S.G. on supply of newsprint	E/598 ✓ E/598/Add.1 ✓	E/687 (Unres) E/727 (S.G.)	
18. Draft Convention on Genocide	E/774		
Report of the Ad Hoc Committee	10 June ↓	Mr. Gordon	
19. Trade Union Rights	ILO Conf.	Mr. Schwelb Mr. Kolesnikov	
20. Report of S.G. on Reparation	15 June	Mr. Cilento Mrs. Sze	
21. Report of second session Commission on the Status of Women	E/615 ✓ E/615/Cor.1 ✓ E/615/Add.3 ✓	Miss Mitchell	
Questionnaire adopted by Trusteeship Council Reports of Commissions		Mr. Yates Mr. Dumontet	
22. Equal pay for Equal Work...	ILO Conf.	Mr. Schwelb Mr. Kolesnikov	
23. Report third session Commission on Narcotic Drugs	30 May E/798 ✓ E/799 ✓	Mr. Steinig Mr. Pastuhov	

24. Reports of ICEF	E/796 ✓ 1 June 10 July	Mr. Pate	-
25. Report of UNAC	10 July	Mr. Ordning Mr. Byrne (Kufledge (ICFT))	
26. Relations with Specialized Agencies) Report of Co-ordination Committee ii) Report of the S.G. iii) Reports of the S.G.	30 May 10 June	Dr. Sze Nessim Shalom	
27. Reports of Specialized Agencies FAO. WHO Fund Bank	15 May E/797 E/786 E/801 E/803	Dr. Sze N. Shalom	
28. Work programmes of Commissions Report of the Secretary-General on : i) Report organization in Economic and Social Departments ii) current work programmes	 10 July	Mr. Green Mr. Hessel Mr. A. Messing	
29. Calendar for 1949	1 June 10 July	Mr. Yates Mr. Dumontet	
30. Reports of Committee on Negotiations with Specialized Agencies 18 IMCO 120 IRO	August	Dr. Sze Mr. Kolesnikov	
31. Reports of NGO Committee		Mr. White Mr. Hamori	
32. Report of S.G. on implementation by ICAO of G.A. Resolution concerning Franco Spain	10 June E/831	G. Wen Dr. Sze -	

33. PUBLIC Administration	10 June	Mr. McDarmid	
34. Records of the Council	10 June	Mr. Delavenay Mr. LeBosquet Budget	
35. Translation of the classics Report of UNESCO			
36. Confirmation of Members of Com.	1 August	Mr. Messing	
37. Election of 1/3 of functional Com.	in Geneva	ECOSOC Secretariat	
38. Election of 3 members of Economic Board for Palestine		Mr. Reedman Mr. Dell	<i>see conf</i>
39. Election of members of Agenda Committee	<i>E/1988 ✓ E/</i>	ECOSOC Secretariat	
40. Report of UN Trade and Employment Conf.	<i>E/CONF.9/28 E/1988</i>	Mr. Ritchie	
41. Report of UN Maritime Conference.	<i>E/CONF.2/78 E/CONF.4/</i>	Mr. Lukac Mr. Pendar	
42. Draft rules for calling of intern. Conferences.	10 Juin	Mr. Dumontet Mr. Renouf	
43. Use of Library in Geneva by UN and Specialized Agencies	1 July	Mr. O'Ronney	
44. Teaching of purposes ...of UN;....		Miss Osborne	
45. Revision of Rules of Procedure	20 June	Mr. Dumontet Mr. Renouf	
46. Report of the Council to G.A.			

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le 11 mars 1948

Monsieur le Ministre,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre lettre du 24 février relative au compte rendu analytique de la 148ème séance du Conseil économique et social.

Conformément à votre demande, un nouveau compte rendu analytique de l'intervention de la délégation française sera préparé dès que possible et recevra la diffusion habituelle sous la forme d'un corrigendum au document E/SR.148.

Tout en regrettant vivement que certaines inexactitudes se soient glissées dans ce compte rendu, je me permets d'attirer votre attention sur deux faits. En premier lieu, le service des rédacteurs de séance n'a été reconstitué qu'en janvier 1948, et ses effectifs ne sont pas encore entièrement recrutés; il a donc

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fonctionné, pendant la sixième session du Conseil, dans des conditions anormales, et il a été astreint à des tâches disproportionnées à ses forces présentes. En second lieu, ses effectifs normaux ne sauraient être assez nombreux pour qu'un compte rendu soit rédigé simultanément dans les deux langues de travail; il est donc nécessaire de rédiger alternativement en français et en anglais, et de traduire ensuite le compte rendu dans la seconde langue de travail. Le compte rendu de la 148ème séance, rédigé en anglais, a ensuite été traduit en français; si nous avions été prévenus que la délégation française allait intervenir longuement dans le débat de cette séance, il aurait sans doute été possible de renverser l'alternance des rédacteurs et d'obvier ainsi aux inconvénients que présente la retraduction en français du compte rendu anglais d'un discours prononcé en français.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Ministre, les assurances de ma haute considération.

Trygve Lie
Secrétaire Général

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LAKE SUCCESS ORDRE DU JOUR PROVISOIRE CI-APRES :

1. ELECTION PRESIDENT ET VICE-PRESIDENTS POUR 1948.
2. RAPPORT COMITE ORDRE DU JOUR ADOPTION ORDRE DU JOUR.
3. ETUDES SUR SITUATION ET TENDANCES ECONOMIE MONDIALE.
4. RAPPORT PROVISOIRE COMMISSION ECONOMIQUE POUR EUROPE.
5. RAPPORT COMMISSION ECONOMIQUE POUR ASIE ET EXTREME ORIENT.
6. RAPPORT COMMISSION SPECIALE CHARGEE ETUDIER PROJET CREATION COMMISSION
ECONOMIQUE POUR AMERIQUE LATINE.
7. ETABLISSEMENT COMMISSION ECONOMIQUE POUR MOYEN-ORIENT.
8. CONFERENCE TECHNIQUE NATIONS UNIES SUR CONSERVATION ET UTILISATION
RESSOURCES NATURELLES.
9. CONFERENCE MARITIME NATIONS UNIES : DROIT DE VOTE.

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10. RAPPORT DEUXIEME SESSION COMMISSION STATISTIQUE.
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17. RAPPORT DEUXIEME SESSION COMMISSION STUPEFLANTS.
18. RAPPORT COMITE CENTRAL PERMANENT OPTIM.
19. RAPPORT CONSEIL ADMINISTRATION FONDS INTERNATIONAL SECOURS A ENFANCE.
20. APPEL NATIONS UNIES EN FAVEUR ENFANCE.
21. ADMISSION MONACO A UNESCO.
22. RELATIONS AVEC INSTITUTIONS SPECIALISEES ET COORDINATION DE LEUR ACTION.
23. PROGRAMMES TRAVAIL COMMISSIONS CONSEIL ECONOMIQUE SOCIAL POUR 1948.
24. RAPPORTS INSTITUTIONS SPECIALISEES.
25. RAPPORT COMITE COORDINATION.

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26. RAPPORT COMITE CHARGE NEGOCIATIONS AVEC INSTITUTIONS SPECIALISEES.
27. RAPPORT COMITE ONI DU CONSEIL.
28. RAPPORT SECRETAIRE GENERAL SUR PROBLEME ETABLISSEMENT LABORATOIRES DE RECHERCHES NATIONS UNIES.
29. CREATION INSTITUT INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION PUBLIQUE. POINT PROPOSE PAR DELEGATION BRÉSIL.
30. COORDINATION SERVICES CARTOGRAPHIQUES DES INSTITUTIONS SPECIALISEES, ET ORGANISATIONS INTERNATIONALES. POINT PROPOSE PAR DELEGATION BRÉSIL.
31. PREJUDICE CAUSE A REPUBLIQUE FEDERALE DES PEUPLES DE YOUGOSLAVIE DU FAIT ETATS UNIS AMERIQUE NE LUI RESTITUE PAS SES RESERVES OR. POINT PROPOSE PAR DELEGATION YOUGOSLAVIE.
32. PROPOSITION AUX TERMES LAQUELLE SEPTIEME SESSION CONSEIL ECONOMIQUE ET SOCIAL DEVRA/SE/ TENIR SINGE ORGANISATION NATIONS UNIES LAKE SUCCESS. POINT PROPOSE PAR DELEGATION DU ROYAUME UNI.

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33. COORDINATION MESURES DESTINEES A REMEDIER CRISE ALIMENTAIRE MONDIALE.
POINT PROPOSE PAR CAA.
34. ETUDE TRAVAIL FORCE ET MESURES TENDANT A L'ABOLIR. POINT PROPOSE PAR
FEDERATION AMERICAINE TRAVAIL.
35. PRINCIPLE EGALITE SALAIRE POUR TRAVAIL EGAL ENTRE MAIN D'OEUVRE MASCULINE
ET FEMININE. POINT PROPOSE PAR FEDERATION SYNDICALE MONDIALE.
36. EXAMEN DISPOSITIONS A PRENDRE CONCERNANT ELECTION PAR CONSEIL ECONOMIQUE
ET SOCIAL DE TROIS MEMBRES CONSEIL ECONOMIQUE MIXTE POUR PALESTINE.
37. ELECTION MEMBRES COMITE CENTRAL PERMANENT OPIUM.
38. PROJET REGLEMENTATION CONCERNANT CONVOCATION DES CONFERENCES INTERNATIONALES.
39. CONFIRMATION MEMBRES COMMISSIONS.
40. ELECTION MEMBRES COMITE ORDRE DU JOUR POUR SEPTIEME SESSION.

LISTE CI-DESSUS NE REPRESENTE PAS ORDRE DANS LEQUEL POINTS SERONT EXAMINES
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Sir Raphael Cilento, Director, Division of Social Activities.

Agenda of the Seventh Session of the ECOSOC.

15 April 1948.

1. Confirming our previous conversation, set out below are my comments with regard to your Circular No. 43 dated 9 Apl 48.
2. Item No. 15 should read as follows:

"Report of the Third Session of the Social Commission; also
(1) Report on advisory social welfare services under Resolution 58(I) (Resolution 122 (VI)).
(2) Report of the Secretary-General on activities and co-ordination of activities in the field of housing and town and country planning (Resolution 122 (VI)).
3. Item No. 23 to be amended to make specific reference to the resolution passed by ECOSOC VI (122 (VI)), Document E/767, in which a report is requested from the Social Commission of its work programme; a statement of gaps and overlaps; and recommendations with respect to solution; and an evaluation of the work of its Advisory Committee on Planning and Coordination.