1129 (XLI). Arrangements for the convening of an international conference to replace the Convention on Road Traffic and the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals done at Geneva, 19 September 1949

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 967 (XXXVI) of 25 July 1963, 1034 (XXXVII) of 14 August 1964, and 1082 B (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965, on the revision of the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic and Protocol on Road Signs and Signals,

Considering, in conformity with the view already expressed in its resolutions 1034 (XXXVII) and 1082 B (XXXIX), that the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic and the 1949 Protocol on Road Signs and Signals need to be amended and amplified in order to facilitate road traffic,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General, 110 in particular paragraph 6, and bearing in mind the contents of its resolution 1082 B (XXXIX),

Noting further the invitation of the Government of Austria, 111

1. Decides that the international conference to be convened shall decide whether more than one instrument should be prepared to replace the 1949 Convention and Protocol and whether some provisions concerning road signs and signals should be obligatory or simply recommended practices;

2. Decides that all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency and, in an advisory capacity, the specialized agencies and also, as observers, interested intergovernmental organizations and interested non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Council, shall be invited to the conference;

3. Further decides that the conference shall be convened, for a period not exceeding twenty-five working days, at Vienna in March 1968 at a date to be determined by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Government of Austria;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and circulate as conference documents:

(a) A draft convention on road traffic;

(b) A draft convention on road signs and signals based on the drafts previously prepared 112 and taking into account any amendments proposed by the regional economic commissions;

(c) Commentaries on these draft conventions which shall:

(i) Clearly show any substantive difference between the new texts and those previously circulated;

(ii) Reproduce any amendments proposed by the regional economic commissions that have not been incorporated in the new texts;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General:

(a) When circulating the new draft conventions, to request:

(i) The Governments of States invited to the conference to communicate to the Secretary-General, not less than four months before the opening of the conference, any amendments to those texts which they may wish to propose;

(ii) The specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations invited to the conference to communicate, within the same time-limit, any suggestions for amending the technical provisions of the new draft conventions which they may desire to submit;

(b) To circulate the amendments and suggestions received under sub-paragraph (a) above not less than two months before the opening of the conference,

(c) To make the other necessary arrangements for the convening of the conference, including the preparation and circulation of draft provisions, rules of procedure for the conference and of any other requisite documents.

1439th plenary meeting, 26 July 1966.

1130 (XLI). International Tourist Year

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1108 (XL) of 7 March 1966 regarding the designation of 1967 as International Tourist Year,

Taking note with interest of the report of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations 113 on the preparations for International Tourist Year and the proposals contained therein for the promotion of tourism, in particular to developing countries,

1. Expresses its appreciation of the preparations being undertaken by all concerned for International Tourist Year;

2. Invites the States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and the international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, to take into account in their preparations the proposals contained in the above-mentioned report;

3. Draws the attention of the General Assembly to this report in pursuance of the Council’s recommendation to designate the year 1967 as “International Tourist Year”.

1439th plenary meeting, 26 July 1966.


The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1827 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, 1934 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963,

112 Ibid., agenda item 20, document E/4194.

111 Ibid., document E/4241.

113 Ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 23, documents E/3998 and Add.1 and E/3999 and Add.1.