

of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity,⁷⁴

Expressing its regret that for lack of time it was not possible for the Commission to prepare a draft convention on the non-applicability of statutory limitation to war crimes and crimes against humanity,

Recalling its resolution 1158 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, in which it decided to submit a draft convention for adoption by the General Assembly at its twenty-second session,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the General Assembly will adopt at the earliest possible moment a convention on the non-applicability of statutory limitation to war crimes and crimes against humanity;

2. *Transmits* to the General Assembly the preliminary draft convention on the non-applicability of statutory limitation to war crimes and crimes against humanity prepared by the Secretary-General⁷⁵ and the

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4322 and Corr.1), para. 181.

⁷⁵ E/CN.4/928.

report of the Working Group established by the Commission on Human Rights,⁷⁶ together with all the proposals submitted to the Commission⁷⁷ and the records of the discussions in the Commission on this item,⁷⁸

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly take the documents mentioned in paragraph 2 above into consideration in the preparation and adoption of a convention on the non-applicability of statutory limitation to war crimes and crimes against humanity;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the provisional agenda of the twenty-second session of the General Assembly the question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity, as a separate item.

1478th plenary meeting,
6 June 1967.

⁷⁶ E/CN.4/L.943.

⁷⁷ E/CN.4/L.917, E/CN.4/L.946-948, E/CN.4/L.957-959, E/CN.4/L.962 and 963.

⁷⁸ E/CN.4/SR.919, E/CN.4/SR.921, E/CN.4/SR.931, E/CN.4/SR.933-935.

OTHER QUESTIONS

1202 (XLII). Transport development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 935 (XXXV) of 9 April 1963 and 1082 A (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on transport development,⁷⁹

Bearing in mind the need of the developing countries to improve their transport system in order to promote their economic and social progress,

Recognizing the close relationship between international transport and the trade of developing countries,

Noting the increased assistance provided in recent years to developing countries in the transport field,

Conscious of the need for improved interagency co-ordination in the field of transport,

Taking note with appreciation of the progress made by the United Nations system of organizations in the field of transport and, in particular, in the field of shipping and ports by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other United Nations agencies,

Bearing in mind the resolution of the Committee on Shipping of the Trade and Development Board which reaffirmed that the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is competent to provide substantive support, in co-ordination, as appropriate, with other United Nations bodies, to technical assistance activities in maritime transport (including ports) and recommended that the Secretary-General of the United Nations be asked to consider ways of avoiding duplication of activities among the United Nations Secretariat units dealing with shipping and ports,⁸⁰

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Secretary-General on transport development;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to:

⁷⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second session, Annexes*, agenda item 4, documents E/4304 and Add.1 and 2.

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, document E/4304/Add.1, annex V, appendix.

(a) Consider ways of avoiding duplication of activities within the United Nations Secretariat units dealing with shipping and ports and report thereon to the Economic and Social Council not later than at its forty-fourth session;

(b) Continue to study the application of the latest scientific and technological advances to the transport development of developing countries and report thereon to the Council at its forty-fourth session;

(c) Examine, in consultation, as appropriate, with the specialized agencies concerned, the ways in which the activities of the United Nations system of organizations in the transport field can best be co-ordinated and improved and report thereon to the Council at its forty-fifth session through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

1469th plenary meeting,
26 May 1967.

1203 (XLII). 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 resolution 1129 (XLI) of 26 July 1966 concerning the arrangements for an international conference to replace the Convention on Road Traffic and the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals, done at Geneva, 19 September 1949,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 16 March 1967, as amended by his note of 3 April 1967,⁸¹

Decides that the time-table for the conference set out in resolution 1129 (XLI) should be amended:

(a) In paragraph 3 of that resolution, by deleting the words following "Vienna" and substituting therefor the words "from 30 September to 1 November 1968";

⁸¹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 28, document E/4308.

(b) In paragraph 5, by substituting "six months" for "four months" in sub-paragraph (a) (i) and by substituting "three months" for "two months" in sub-paragraph (b).

*1469th plenary meeting,
26 May 1967.*

1213 (XLII). Land reform

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the 1966 World Land Reform Conference,⁸² organized by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization in association with the International Labour Organisation and held at Rome from 20 June to 2 July 1966,

Considering that land reform occupies a central position in the strategy of the economic and social development of developing countries,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the 1966 World Land Reform Conference, which the Secretary-General has submitted to it for its consideration;

2. *Recommends* this report to Governments as a useful reference document and endorses the resolution of the 1966 World Land Reform Conference contained in part two, section V, thereof;

3. *Approves* the work programme outlined in paragraph 24 of the note by the Secretary-General,⁸³

4. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1078 (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965, in which it recommended that Governments should take measures for rapid implementation of land reform in the interest of landless and small peasants and agricultural hired labourers so that the land would become, for the man who tilled it, the basis of his economic and social welfare;

5. *Recommends* to Governments the importance of supporting institutional measures in the fields of credit, marketing, rural extension, co-operatives and peasant organizations and other related measures necessary for the implementation of effective agrarian reform;

6. *Re-emphasizes* the need for Governments concerned to establish an economic and social infrastructure in the agricultural sector in conformity with the objectives of land reform;

7. *Urges* Member States to intensify the exchange of experts, personnel and trainees in the field of agrarian reform;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned to hold seminars and regional study groups, in co-operation with the regional economic commissions, national agencies and other organizations, on various aspects of land reform having direct and immediate relevance to specific problems.

*1473rd plenary meeting,
1 June 1967.*

1212 (XLII). Action to be taken following the flooding of the river Euphrates

The Economic and Social Council,

Expressing its grave concern over the consequences of the disastrous floods which have occurred in the

Euphrates valley and have devastated large areas in Iraq and in the Syrian Arab Republic,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) of 7 December 1965 on assistance in cases of natural disaster,

1. *Conveys* its sympathy to the peoples and Governments of Iraq and Syria for the tragic loss of life and damage;

2. *Appeals* to Member States to provide such assistance as they may be in a position to make available to relieve the distress in the areas concerned;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to give the utmost consideration to the needs of the people stricken by the disaster and to provide such assistance as may be within the limits of their possibilities.

*1471st plenary meeting,
29 May 1967.*

1219 (XLII). Non-governmental organizations: applications and reapplications for consultative status

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,⁸⁴

1. *Decides* to defer for one year consideration of the request of the International Christian Union of Business Executives for category B consultative status;

2. *Decides* to defer for one year consideration of the request of the International Council for Building Research, Studies and Documentation for reclassification from category B to category A consultative status;

3. *Decides* to grant the request of the Soroptimist International Association for reclassification to category B consultative status;

4. *Decides* to grant the request for category B consultative status of the following organizations:

Inter-American Federation of Public Relations Associations;

International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions;

Mutual Assistance of the Latin American Government Oil Companies;

World Muslim Congress;

World Peace Through Law Centre;

5. *Decides* to place the following organizations on the Register of the Secretary-General:

International Confederation of Associations of Experts and Consultants;

International Police Association;

6. *Decides* to grant the reapplication of the Women's International Democratic Federation for category B consultative status;

7. *Decides* to grant the reapplication of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers for category B consultative status.

*1476th plenary meeting,
5 June 1967.*

⁸² E/4298 (to be issued as a United Nations publication).
⁸³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 8, document E/4310.

⁸⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 20, document E/4321.