

been adopted by the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and of this resolution.

924th plenary meeting,  
3 May 1956.

#### 606 (XXI). Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights

*The Economic and Social Council*

Takes note of the information conveyed by the Secretary-General<sup>20</sup> and of the assurances received from the representative of Saudi Arabia<sup>21</sup> that his Government has the intention to transmit at an early date a reply to the invitation transmitted to it by the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 575 A (XIX) of 27 May 1955.

906th plenary meeting,  
20 April 1956.

#### 607 (XXI). Forced labour

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having considered the report on forced labour<sup>22</sup> prepared by the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the International Labour Office, in response to General Assembly resolution 740 (VIII) of 7 December 1953 and Council resolution 524 (XVII) of 27 April 1954,

Noting with satisfaction that the question of forced labour is to be considered at the forthcoming session of the International Labour Conference in June,

Having received the communication of the Director-General of the International Labour Office<sup>23</sup> transmitting the decision of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation to establish an *ad hoc* committee on forced labour and to seek the collaboration of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the International Labour Organisation has special responsibilities in this field and is giving particular attention to measures designed to assist in the elimination of forced labour,

1. *Condemns* all forms of forced labour, wherever they exist, which are contrary to the principles of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and, in particular, all systems of forced labour which are employed as a means of political coercion or punishment for holding or expressing political views, and which are on such a scale as to constitute an important element in the economy of a given country;

2. *Urges* that action be taken towards the elimination of forced labour wherever it may exist;

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 10, document E/2833.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-first Session, 906th meeting, para. 46.

<sup>22</sup> E/2815 and Add.1 to 5 and Add.4/Corr.1.

<sup>23</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 11, document E/2807.

3. *Commends* the International Labour Organisation for the action it has taken thus far, and expresses its interest in further action to be taken by the Organisation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in response to the communication from the Director-General of the International Labour Office referred to above, to transmit to the Director-General any information which he may receive relating to forced labour, notwithstanding the provisions of Council resolution 75 (V) of 5 August 1947, as amended;<sup>24</sup>

5. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation to include henceforth in its annual report to the Council an account of action taken in this field.

919th plenary meeting,  
1 May 1956.

#### 608 (XXI). Slavery

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having examined the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee<sup>25</sup> set up in accordance with Council resolution 564 (XIX) of 7 April 1955, to prepare a text of a draft supplementary convention to deal with those practices resembling slavery not covered in the International Slavery Convention of 1926,

Considering that it is desirable that the drafting of the convention should be completed by a conference of plenipotentiaries and that the convention should be opened for signature as soon as possible,

Having consulted the Secretary-General as prescribed in General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) of 3 December 1949, approving the rules for the calling of international conferences of States,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee and expresses its appreciation of the Committee's work;

2. *Decides*:

(a) That a conference of plenipotentiaries should be convened in order to complete the drafting of the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery and to open it for signature;

(b) That invitations to attend the conference should be extended to all States which are Members of the United Nations and to those States non-members of the United Nations which are members of any of the specialized agencies;

(c) That the conference should be held at Geneva as soon as possible after the end of the twenty-second session of the Council;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To make all necessary arrangements for the calling of the conference of plenipotentiaries in accordance with

<sup>24</sup> See Council resolutions 116 A (VI), 192 A (VIII) and 275 (X).

<sup>25</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document E/2824.

the terms of General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) and of the present resolution;

(b) To transmit the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee to those States which are invited to attend the conference.

917th plenary meeting,  
30 April 1956.

**609 (XXI). Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in schools and other educational institutions of Member States**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization entitled "Teaching of the Purposes and Principles, the Structure and Activities of the United Nations and Specialized Agencies in Schools and Educational Institutions of Member States",<sup>26</sup>

Observing with satisfaction that a large number of Governments have provided information on this subject,

Considering it important that information on the purposes, principles, structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies suitable for use at various age levels should be available for appropriate purposes in Member States,

1. Expresses its appreciation for the co-operation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the preparation of the report;

2. Notes with satisfaction the increasing interest reported from all areas in learning about the United Nations and the specialized agencies, both in classrooms and through extra-curricular and voluntary activities;

3. Commends the non-governmental organizations for their valuable contribution in disseminating information about the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and expresses the hope that they will continue and if possible intensify their efforts in this field;

4. Invites Governments of Member States to encourage in their educational institutions, through appropriate means, the study of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and of the participation of those States therein;

5. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue their co-operation in this field, as requested by the Council in resolution 446 (XIV) of 23 July 1952;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and invites the specialized agencies to provide, within the scope of their existing budgets, materials relating to their activities suitable for utilization at various age levels;

7. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations

<sup>26</sup> E/2837 and Corr.1 and 2.

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue their assistance to non-governmental organizations which provide teaching about the United Nations and the specialized agencies, or which are interested in such teaching;

8. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in collaboration with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to compile a similar report on this subject, on the basis of inquiries to Member States, for consideration by the Council in 1960.

914th plenary meeting,  
26 April 1956.

**610 (XXI). United Nations Children's Fund**

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*The Economic and Social Council,*

Takes note with satisfaction of the reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund,<sup>27</sup> which show the important work it is doing in execution of its programmes.

920th plenary meeting,  
1 May 1956.

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*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting that the number of Governments making voluntary contributions to the United Nations Children's Fund has increased steadily since 1950, and in 1955 reached seventy-two,

Considering that it would be desirable to separate the membership of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund from the membership of the Social Commission in order to provide for the direct election of all members of the Executive Board,

1. Recommends that the General Assembly replace paragraph 6 (a) of resolution 417 (V) of 1 December 1950 by the following:

"That the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund shall be reconstituted as from 1 January 1957 to consist of twenty-six States, Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, to be designated by the Economic and Social Council for appropriate periods, without prejudice to the terms of the States already elected and with due regard to geographic distribution and to the representation of the major contributing and recipient countries";

2. Requests the General Assembly to consider this proposal as a matter of urgency as soon as possible after the opening of its eleventh session;

3. Decides:

(a) That, upon the adoption by the General Assembly of this proposal, the members of the Executive Board of

<sup>27</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/2799) and Supplement No. 2 A (E/2848).