

ARTICLE 13 (1) (b) AND (2)

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 13 (1) (b) and (2)

1. The General Assembly shall initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of:

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(b) promoting international co-operation in the economic, social, cultural, educational, and health fields, and assisting in the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.

2. The further responsibilities, functions, and powers of the General Assembly with respect to matters mentioned in paragraph 1 (b) above are set forth in Chapters IX and X.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. Article 13 (1) (b) and (2) of the Charter sets forth, in part directly and in part by reference to other Articles of the Charter, the functions and powers of the General Assembly in the fields of economic and social activity and of human rights.

2. Under these provisions of the Article the Assembly is empowered to initiate studies and to make recommendations, for the purpose of (i) promoting international co-operation in the economic, social, cultural, educational and health fields and (ii) assisting in the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion. In addition, Article 13(2) refers to the further responsibilities, functions and powers with respect to these matters, which are set forth in Chapters IX and X.

3. In considering the practice of the Assembly relative to the application of Article 13 (1) (b), it is necessary to bear in mind the close parallel between Article 13 (1) (b) and Article 55. The latter is the first of six Articles under the general heading "International Economic and Social Cooperation" 1/ and refers to the Purposes of the United Nations as a whole in these fields.

4. A comparison of the provisions contained in Article 13 (1) (b) with those in Article 55 shows that, despite slight differences in wording, the objectives are the same, but that the latter Article contains a more specific description of the particular areas in which measures of international co-operation should be promoted. By reason of this, the study on Article 55 covers the substance of the question of international co-operation in the fields of economic and social activity and of human rights, whereas this study on Article 13 (1) (b) is limited to indicating the range and types of action taken by the General Assembly in the exercise of its functions to initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of furthering economic and social co-operation and assisting in the realization of human rights.

1/ Article 1, which sets forth the Purposes of the United Nations, also refers to this aspect of international co-operation.

5. The competence of the General Assembly to deal with certain subjects in the fields of economic and social activity and of human rights has been the subject of some discussion in which occasional reference has been made to Article 13 together with other Articles of the Charter. ^{2/} The constitutional discussions on these occasions centred mainly on the provisions of Articles 2 (7) and 107, and have been treated in this Repertory under those Articles.
6. Action taken by the General Assembly in these fields has been of two types: the Assembly has initiated studies under the provisions of Article 13 (1) (b), and it has made recommendations. The two types of action are treated separately in the Summary of Practice, under sections A and B respectively.
7. Section A is supplemented by a tabulation, appended as an annex, which presents a list of the studies initiated by the Assembly and entrusted to the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary organs, to the Secretary-General, to other bodies, and individual specialized agencies, to several bodies jointly, and to Member States.
8. Section B deals with the terminology used by the Assembly in making its recommendations, the addressees of the recommendations, their subject matter and the types of action envisaged in them. No attempt has been made to enumerate exhaustively the relevant recommendations of the Assembly; instead it is intended to present, through appropriate examples, a balanced picture of the variety of the recommendations which have been made by the General Assembly.
9. The study of the application of Article 13 (1) (b) draws upon the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Second and Third Committees, sitting separately or as a joint Committee. ^{3/} Many of the resolutions adopted by the Assembly on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee which relate to economic, social or human rights problems in Non-Self-Governing or Trust Territories have been dealt with in this Repertory under the Articles in Chapters XI and XII of the Charter.
10. In connexion with certain items referred to in the First and Ad Hoc Political Committees, some consideration was given to their economic, social and human rights implications. However, only with respect to one item - the question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa - did a resolution adopted by the Assembly on the recommendation of these Committees contain a reference to Article 13.

^{2/} Examples are provided by the discussions in connexion with the following agenda items:

"Having regard to the provisions of the Charter and of the peace treaties, the question of the observance in Bulgaria and Hungary of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including questions of religious and civil liberties, with special reference to recent trials of church leaders: item proposed by Bolivia and by Australia." (G A (III/2), Plen., 190th mtg., p. 24; 201st mtg., p. 236; 202nd mtg., pp. 246 and 248; 203rd mtg., p. 270.)

"Complaints of failure on the part of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to repatriate or otherwise account for prisoners of war detained in Soviet territory: reports of the Third Committee (A/1690) and the Fifth Committee (A/1718)." (G A (V), Plen., vol. I, 325th mtg., pp. 668 and 669.)

^{3/} Resolution 275 (III) dealing with the study of the social problems of the aboriginal populations and of other under-developed social groups of the American continent, was recommended by the Ad Hoc Political Committee, but the item had initially been assigned to the Third Committee.

11. For the consideration of the further responsibilities, functions and powers of the General Assembly with respect to matters mentioned in Article 13 (1) (b) - which, as stated in Article 13 (2), are set forth in Chapters IX and X - reference is made to the studies in this Repertory under the Articles of those Chapters. ^{4/}

SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

A. Studies initiated by the General Assembly

12. Studies have been initiated by the General Assembly under Article 13 (1) (b) at each of the eight regular sessions reviewed here. They have been tabulated in an annex under the following headings:

- I. Studies requested from the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary organs;
- II. Studies requested from the Secretary-General;
- III. Studies requested from other bodies and individual specialized agencies;
- IV. Studies requested from several bodies jointly;
- V. Studies requested from Member States.

In each case, the number, the title and the pertinent provision of the resolution have been included.

B. Recommendations of the General Assembly

13. Of the 806 resolutions adopted by the General Assembly during its first eight regular and two special sessions, 180 have been submitted by the Second and Third Committees, sitting separately or as a joint Committee. Most of these have included recommendations which, although bearing upon specific provisions contained in Chapters IX and X of the Charter, also constitute an application of Article 13 (1) (b) inasmuch as their objective was promotion of international co-operation in the economic, social and related fields or assistance in the promotion of human rights or fundamental freedoms.

Terminology

14. The General Assembly has not followed a consistent pattern in its use of terminology. While the word "recommends" has been used in a great number of resolutions, several other wordings have also been employed. The following terms

^{4/} Principal questions are dealt with in this Repertory under the following Articles:

Under Articles 60 and 66 (1) and (2), relative responsibilities of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for the discharge of the functions of the Organization set forth in Chapter IX.

Under Article 61, election by the General Assembly of members of the Economic and Social Council.

Under Article 62 (3), preparation of conventions for submission to the General Assembly.

Under Article 66 (2), performance of services.

Under Article 59, creation of new specialized agencies.

Under Articles 57 and 63 (1), establishment of relationships with specialized agencies.

Under Articles 58 and 63 (2), co-ordination of activities of specialized agencies.

have been employed by the Assembly: "urges", "emphasizes", "requests", "invites", "affirms", "reaffirms the principle", "appeals", "reiterates", "expresses its deep concern", "expresses the earnest hope", "calls upon", "draws the attention of" and "draws renewed attention to".

Addressees

15. Most of the recommendations 5/ made by the General Assembly under Article 13 (1) (b) have been addressed to States, Governments, the Economic and Social Council and its commissions, the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies.

16. Recommendations to States have been addressed to States Members of the United Nations, States members of the specialized agencies, States in general and non-member States. Certain recommendations have been addressed to categories or groups of States interested in or affected by a particular problem.

17. Recommendations to Governments have been addressed to all Governments of Member States or to a specific group of Governments, such as the Governments of under-developed countries. In one instance, a recommendation was addressed to "all governments and authorities". 6/

18. Certain recommendations have been addressed to all countries or to groups of countries.

19. Recommendations have also been addressed to subsidiary organs of the United Nations, inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, voluntary agencies and, in a certain instance, to "peoples of all countries". 7/

5/ Examples of recommendations made have been as follows:

<u>Addressee concerned</u>	<u>General Assembly resolution</u>
States	314 (IV)
Each Government.	308 (IV)
Economic and Social Council.	732 (VIII)
Commissions of the Economic and Social Council	738 (VIII)
Secretary-General.	119 (II)
Specialized agencies	311 A (IV)
States Members of the United Nations	211 A (III)
States members of the specialized agencies	724 B (VIII)
States in general.	423 (V)
Non-member States.	211 A (III)
States interested in or affected by a particular problem.	538 B (VI)
Governments of Member States	524 (VI)
A specific group of Governments.	401 (V)
All countries.	45 (I)
Groups of countries.	45 (I)
Subsidiary organs of the United Nations.	722 (VIII)
Inter-governmental organizations	46 (I)
Non-governmental organizations	639 (VII)
Voluntary agencies	57 (I)
Private persons.	536 (VI)

6/ Resolution 741 (VIII).

7/ Resolution 215 (III).

20. A few recommendations have taken the form of general statements 8/ and appeals have been addressed to "private persons".

Subjects dealt with in the recommendations

21. The General Assembly has made recommendations on most of the matters dealt with by the United Nations in the fields of economic and social activity and of human rights. These matters have related to such topics as standards of living, 9/ full employment, 10/ inflationary pressures and measures to combat inflation, 11/ the world economic situation, 12/ the question of world economic surveys, 13/ conditions for the flow of private foreign capital to under-developed countries, 14/ fair and equitable international prices for primary commodities, 15/ financing of economic development of under-developed countries, 16/ the question of establishing an international mechanism for financing productive private enterprises, 17/ national income data, 18/ organization and collection of economic data, 19/ training of apprentices and technical workers, 20/ technical assistance, 21/ commercial agreements and policies, 22/ industrialization, 23/ integrated economic development, 24/ land reform, 25/ methods to increase world productivity, 26/ development of arid land, 27/ development of natural resources, 28/ the right to exploit freely natural wealth and resources, 29/ food and famine, 30/ wastage of food, 31/ international commodity problems, 32/ statistics on living standards, 33/ preparation of a report on the world social situation, 34/ a programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and

8/ See, for example, resolution 518 (VI).

9/ Resolution 527 (VI).

10/ Resolution 308 (IV).

11/ Resolution 527 (VI).

12/ Resolution 406 (V).

13/ Resolution 118 (II).

14/ Resolution 626 (VII).

15/ Resolution 623 (VII).

16/ Resolution 520 A (VI).

17/ Resolution 724 C (VIII).

18/ Resolution 403 (V).

19/ Resolution 407 (V).

20/ Resolution 201 (III).

21/ Resolution 200 (III).

22/ Resolution 523 (VI).

23/ Resolution 521 (VI).

24/ Resolution 623 (VII).

25/ Resolution 625 (VII).

26/ Resolution 522 (VI).

27/ Resolution 402 (V).

28/ Resolution 523 (VI).

29/ Resolution 626 (VII).

30/ Resolution 525 (VI).

31/ Resolution 202 (III).

32/ Resolution 623 (VII).

33/ Resolution 527 (VI).

34/ Resolution 280 (III).

the specialized agencies, 35/ protection of migrant and immigrant labour, 36/ internal migration, 37/ recognition and enforcement abroad of maintenance obligations, 38/ housing and town and country planning, 39/ child welfare, 40/ suppression of traffic in persons, 41/ suppression of the circulation of, and traffic in, obscene publications, 42/ international control of narcotic drugs, 43/ limitation of the manufacture and regulation of the distribution of new synthetic drugs capable of producing addiction, 44/ the problem of the coca leaf, 45/ relief needs after the termination of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), 46/ economic reconstruction of devastated areas, 47/ rehabilitation of children and adolescents of countries which were victims of aggression, 48/ the question of refugees, 49/ the solution of the problem of prisoners of war of the Second World War, 50/ assistance to Palestine refugees, 51/ relief and rehabilitation of Korea, 52/ slavery 53/ and human rights. 54/

Types of action envisaged in the recommendations

22. Recommendations to Governments and States have envisaged a variety of actions, for example: adoption of certain measures and taking of steps in matters falling within the economic and social fields, 55/ signing of international agreements, 56/ participation in certain relief programmes, 57/ implementation of previous recommendations of the General Assembly, 58/ submission of reports and information, 59/ acceptance of the constitution of a specialized agency, 60/ refraining from taking certain actions, 61/ accession to a convention, 62/ ratification of a convention, 63/

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- 35/ Resolution 535 (VI).
 - 36/ Resolution 315 (IV).
 - 37/ Resolution 733 (VIII).
 - 38/ Resolution 734 (VIII).
 - 39/ Resolution 537 (VI).
 - 40/ Resolution 57 (I).
 - 41/ Resolution 317 (IV).
 - 42/ Resolution 126 (II).
 - 43/ Resolution 54 (I).
 - 44/ Resolution 211 (III).
 - 45/ Resolution 134 (II).
 - 46/ Resolution 48 (I).
 - 47/ Resolution 46 (I).
 - 48/ Resolution 57 (I).
 - 49/ Resolution 8 (I).
 - 50/ Resolution 427 (V).
 - 51/ Resolution 212 (III).
 - 52/ Resolution 410 (V).
 - 53/ Resolution 278 (III).
 - 54/ See in this Repertory under Article 55.
 - 55/ Resolutions 45 (I), 525 (VI) and 731 (VIII).
 - 56/ Resolution 54 (I).
 - 57/ Resolution 57 (I).
 - 58/ Resolution 119 (II).
 - 59/ Resolution 127 (II).
 - 60/ Resolution 131 (II).
 - 61/ Resolutions 136 (II) and 424 (V).
 - 62/ Resolution 277 C (III).
 - 63/ Resolution 279 (III).

making of contributions to voluntary programmes of the United Nations, 64/ co-operation with the Secretary-General in carrying out a particular task, 65/ prompt payment of contributions to the specialized agencies, 66/ full participation in the specialized agencies, 67/ co-operation in a particular programme, 68/ conclusion of bilateral or multilateral agreements in a certain field 69/ and acting in conformity with international agreements. 70/

23. Recommendations to the Economic and Social Council, other than those initiating studies which are treated under A above, have called for the following types of action: reference of a particular item to one of the functional or regional commissions, 71/ convocation of an international conference, 72/ application of certain principles to the consideration of a particular question, 73/ making of recommendations to the General Assembly, the specialized agencies concerned and Members of the United Nations on a particular subject, 74/ reporting to the General Assembly on steps taken to give effect to the recommendations of the Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council on a particular matter, 75/ the establishment of a subsidiary body, 76/ consideration of certain facts in the distribution of membership in subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council, 77/ inclusion in the calendar of conferences for a particular year of a session of a particular subsidiary organ, 78/ participation of Member States in the work of the Economic and Social Council, 79/ giving of priority to the consideration of a particular item, 80/ paying attention to specific aspects of questions under its consideration, 81/ encouragement of governmental action to give effect to recommendations of the General Assembly to Member States, 82/ reporting to the General Assembly on a particular problem 83/ and continuation of the work in a particular field and prolongation of the mandate of a subsidiary organ. 84/

24. Among the recommendations to the Secretary-General, several have requested him to take actions of a procedural character, for example: to include an item in the agenda of a particular organ, 85/ to invite Members or specialized agencies to submit their views concerning a particular subject, 86/ to transmit reports, drafts,

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- 64/ Resolutions 304 (IV) and 318 (IV).
 - 65/ Resolution 405 (V).
 - 66/ Resolution 411 (V).
 - 67/ Resolution 414 (V).
 - 68/ Resolutions 428 (V) and 430 (V).
 - 69/ Resolutions 623 (VII) and 624 (VII).
 - 70/ Resolution 741 (VIII).
 - 71/ Resolution 43 (I).
 - 72/ Resolution 59 (I).
 - 73/ Resolution 60 (I).
 - 74/ Resolution 118 (II).
 - 75/ Resolution 119 (II).
 - 76/ Resolutions 46 (I) and 199 (III).
 - 77/ Resolution 207 (III).
 - 78/ Resolutions 419 (V) and 420 (V).
 - 79/ Resolution 208 (III).
 - 80/ Resolutions 306 (IV) and 736 A (VIII).
 - 81/ Resolutions 308 (IV) and 406 (V).
 - 82/ Resolution 523 (VI).
 - 83/ Resolution 525 (VI).
 - 84/ Resolution 532 (VI).
 - 85/ Resolution 282 (III).
 - 86/ Resolutions 421 H (V) and 543 (VI).

resolutions or records to Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies or other parties 87/ and to thank a subsidiary organ for the work it has performed. 88/

25. In many cases, recommendations to the Secretary-General have contained a request for a particular study 89/ or for a report on a particular subject. 90/ In a few cases, the recommendations have involved instructions to perform certain functions or to render certain services to Governments. The recommendations dealing with technical assistance 91/ and with the assumption of functions previously exercised by the League of Nations under certain protocols 92/ are typical of this kind of recommendation. Some of the recommendations have also dealt with questions of co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and were related to the agreements between the United Nations and each of the specialized agencies. 93/

26. Other recommendations have called upon the Secretary-General to: prepare material relating to certain fields for the use of Governments, 94/ call the attention of a subsidiary organ to the necessity of giving due consideration to certain items, 95/ take steps for convening a particular conference, 96/ assist the Economic and Social Council in carrying out certain recommendations of the General Assembly, 97/ place emphasis on specific aspects of particular problems under consideration, 98/ provide assistance and facilities to a subsidiary organ in the discharge of its duties, 99/ submit a programme of action in a particular field, 100/ request information from Governments, 101/ prepare drafts for submission to Governments and to the Economic and Social Council, 102/ continue to co-operate with the specialized agencies in a particular programme, 103/ report to the Economic and Social Council on the implementation of a resolution of the General Assembly, 104/ take steps for the implementation of a particular resolution 105/ and to report to the General Assembly on action taken as a result of a resolution. 106/

27. Most of the recommendations to the specialized agencies have been included in resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Joint Second and Third Committee or of the Joint Second, Third and Fifth Committee, and have dealt with questions of co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized

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- 87/ Resolutions 426 (V), 622 (VII) and 724 B (VIII).
 - 88/ Resolution 632 (VII).
 - 89/ See paras. 13-15 above.
 - 90/ Resolution 524 (VI).
 - 91/ Resolution 200 (III).
 - 92/ Resolution 54 (I).
 - 93/ See in this Repertory under Articles 57, 58, 59, 63 and 64.
 - 94/ Resolution 407 (V).
 - 95/ Resolution 408 (V).
 - 96/ Resolutions 429 (V) and 519 A (VI).
 - 97/ Resolution 520 A (VI).
 - 98/ Resolutions 520 B (VI), 625 B (VII) and 633 (VII).
 - 99/ Resolution 427 (V).
 - 100/ Resolution 736 A (VIII).
 - 101/ Resolution 740 (VIII).
 - 102/ Resolution 319 A (IV).
 - 103/ Resolution 624 (VII).
 - 104/ Resolution 200 (III).
 - 105/ Resolution 212 (III).
 - 106/ Resolution 212 (III).

agencies 107/ or have been related to the implementation of the agreements between the United Nations and each of the agencies. 108/

28. The specialized agencies have also been requested to undertake, independently or jointly with other organs, certain studies, as noted in A above.

29. Other actions envisaged in the recommendations to the specialized agencies have included the following:

30. All the specialized agencies concerned with the problems of economic reconstruction of devastated areas have been urged to take all possible steps, within their respective fields of activity, which might lead to the early solution of those problems. 109/

31. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), has been asked to consider certain principles in its study of the question of the translation of the classics. 110/

32. The International Labour Organisation (ILO), has been recommended to pursue urgently, in collaboration with the United Nations and in conformity with the resolution of the International Labour Conference concerning international machinery for safeguarding trade union rights and freedom of association, the study of the control of their practical application. 111/

33. UNESCO has been invited to assist Members of the United Nations, at their request, in the implementation of a programme for the teaching of the Purposes and Principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations in the schools of Member States. 112/

34. All specialized agencies have been recommended to give further and urgent consideration to the whole problem of the economic development of under-developed countries in all its aspects. 113/

35. The ILO has been requested to do all in its power to expedite the ratification and application of a convention dealing with migration for employment. 114/

36. The specialized agencies concerned have been asked to facilitate the work of the group of experts to be appointed by the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the national and international measures required to reduce unemployment and under-employment in under-developed countries. 115/

37. The specialized agencies have been asked to take all possible measures to ensure that technical assistance rendered was consistent with, and made the maximum contribution to, integrated plans of economic and social development. 116/

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- 107/ See in this Repertory under Article 58.
108/ See in this Repertory under Articles 57, 59 and 64.
109/ Resolution 46 (I).
110/ Resolution 60 (I).
111/ Resolution 128 (II).
112/ Resolution 137 (II).
113/ Resolution 198 (III).
114/ Resolution 315 (IV).
115/ Resolution 408 (V).
116/ Resolution 519 A (VI).

38. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Bank) has been invited to continue to expand its lending operations, keeping in mind the special situation of under-developed countries with low levels of annual per capita income. 117/

39. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), ILO and UNESCO have been urged to accord high priority to certain recommendations of the Economic and Social Council on the question of land reform, and to be prepared, upon the request of Governments, to make specific studies and recommendations for the economic and social betterment of the agricultural population of their countries. 118/

40. The specialized agencies, in particular the Bank, have been requested to continue their active co-operation in the equipment, transfer and technical training of groups of emigrants in the countries of emigration or immigration or both, by rendering such economic, financial or administrative assistance as was consistent with their respective constitutional provisions. 119/

41. The ILO has been asked to give early consideration to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Forced Labour. 120/

42. The Bank has been requested to (a) analyse in detail the questions raised and the views expressed by Governments and non-governmental institutions concerning the methods of furnishing the capital for an international finance corporation, its functions and operations; (b) conduct its consultations in a more intensive manner with regard to the question of the creation of an international finance corporation and with regard to the prospects of financial support for it; and (c) report to the Economic and Social Council on the above-mentioned subjects. 121/

43. Recommendations have been directly related to the terms of reference of the bodies concerned; for instance, the Conference on Freedom of Information has been recommended to study certain measures as being relevant to the discussion of certain items of its provisional agenda; 122/ the International Refugee Organization has been urged to contribute to the relief of Palestine refugees; 123/ the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has been requested to assist in the conduct of national campaigns for the benefit of children; 124/ the Technical Assistance Board has been instructed to be mindful of the economic unity and independence of Libya when giving technical assistance to that country; 125/ the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency has been given a series of recommendations for carrying out his functions; 126/ the Ad Hoc Commission on Prisoners of War has been requested to seek from the Governments or authorities concerned full information regarding such prisoners; 127/ the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds has received a series of recommendations within the scope of its terms of reference; 128/

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- 117/ Resolution 520 C (VI).
118/ Resolution 524 (VI).
119/ Resolution 624 (VII).
120/ Resolution 740 (VIII).
121/ Resolution 724 C (VIII).
122/ Resolution 127 (II).
123/ Resolution 212 (III).
124/ Resolution 215 (III).
125/ Resolution 398 (V).
126/ Resolution 410 A (V).
127/ Resolution 427 (V).
128/ Resolutions 621 (VII) and 722 (VIII).

the committee of experts set up under Economic and Social Council resolution 416 A (XIV) has been requested to consider the feasibility of financing programmes of agrarian reform and development projects designed to implement programmes of agrarian reform as one of the important fields of activity for the proposed special fund for grants-in-aid and for low-interest, long-term loans. 129/ A general recommendation to "United Nations bodies studying the problems of freedom of information" has been made in resolution 634 (VII), asking them to consider appropriate measures for avoiding the harm done to international understanding by the dissemination of false and distorted information.

44. Recommendations to non-governmental organizations, voluntary agencies and private persons have been very few in number and have been aimed at requesting contributions to certain United Nations programmes; for instance, non-governmental organizations interested in migration have been requested to give to refugees under the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees every possible opportunity in and benefit from projects to promote migration; 130/ voluntary agencies have been requested to give their generous support to UNICEF; 131/ and private persons have been asked to contribute to UNICEF. 132/

45. In one case, a recommendation has been addressed to "information media" to co-operate in the dissemination of information concerning the activities of UNICEF. 133/

129/ Resolution 625 A (VII).

130/ Resolution 639 (VII).

131/ Resolution 57 (I).

132/ Resolution 536 (VI).

133/ Resolution 641 (VII).

ANNEX

Tabulation of studies initiated by the General Assembly under Article 13 (1) (b)

I. Studies requested from the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary organs

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>Title of resolution</u>	<u>Pertinent provision</u>
8 (I)	Question of Refugees	"(a) <u>Decides</u> to refer this problem to the Economic and Social Council for thorough examination in all its aspects under item 10 of the agenda for the first session of the Council and for report to the second part of the first session of the General Assembly;"
24 (I)	Transfer of certain Functions, Activities and Assets of the League of Nations	"1. <u>Requests</u> the Economic and Social Council to survey the functions and activities of a non-political character which have hitherto been performed by the League of Nations in order to determine which of them should, with such modifications as are desirable, be assumed by organs of the United Nations or be entrusted to specialized agencies which have been brought into relationship with the United Nations."
43 (I)	Draft Declaration on Fundamental Human Rights and Freedoms	" <u>Resolves therefore</u> to refer the draft Declaration on Fundamental Human Rights and Freedoms to the Economic and Social Council for reference to the Commission on Human Rights for consideration by the Commission in its preparation of an international bill of rights;"
48 (I)	Relief Needs after the termination of UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration)	"8.(a) <u>Directs</u> the Secretary-General to consider the ways and means of collecting and utilizing contributions, from persons, organizations and peoples all over the world, equivalent to the earnings of one day's work, for the purpose of helping to meet relief needs during 1947; and to report on the results of such consideration to Member Governments and to the Economic and Social Council at the earliest possible date;
		"(b) <u>Requests</u> the Economic and Social Council to study the report made by the Secretary-General and to take whatever action it may deem appropriate in regard to this matter."

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>Title of resolution</u>	<u>Pertinent provision</u>
52 (I)	Provision of expert advice by the United Nations to Member States	"Decides to refer to the Economic and Social Council for study the question of providing effective ways and means for furnishing, in co-operation with the specialized agencies, expert advice in the economic, social and cultural fields to Member nations who desire this assistance."
53 (I)	Housing and Town Planning	"Decides to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it instruct the appropriate Commissions to expedite their study of housing problems, with special reference to the organization and unification of international exchanges of information relating, in particular, to town planning principles, building techniques and the climatic, economic and financial, legal and legislative aspects of housing and town planning questions;"
447 118 (II)	Reports on world economic conditions and trends	"2. <u>Recommends</u> to the <u>[Economic and Social]</u> Council <p>"(a) That it consider a survey of current world economic conditions and trends annually, and at such other intervals as it considers necessary, in the light of its responsibility under Article 55 of the Charter to promote the solution of international economic problems, higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development,"</p>
120 (II)	Study of factors bearing upon the establishment of an economic commission for the Middle East	"6. <u>Invites</u> the Economic and Social Council to study the factors bearing upon the establishment of an economic commission for the Middle East."
134 (II)	Enquiry concerning the mastication of coca leaves	" <u>Invites</u> the Economic and Social Council, without wishing to prejudge the issue in any way, to consider it <u>[inquiry concerning the mastication of coca leaves]</u> with all the urgency that it deserves."

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>Title of resolution</u>	<u>Pertinent provision</u>
213 (III)	Declaration of old age rights	" <u>Decides</u> to communicate the draft declaration of old age rights submitted by the Argentine delegation (A/C.3/213/Rev.1) to the Economic and Social Council in order that the latter may make a study thereof and report thereon to the General Assembly at one of its future sessions."
217 B (III)	International Bill of Human Rights B. Right of petition	" <u>Requests</u> the Economic and Social Council to ask the Commission on Human Rights to give further examination to the problem of petitions when studying the draft covenant on human rights and measures of implementation, in order to enable the General Assembly to consider what further action, if any, should be taken at its next regular session regarding the problem of petitions."
217 (III)	International Bill of Human Rights C. Fate of minorities	" <u>Refers</u> to the Economic and Social Council the texts submitted by the delegations of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia and Denmark on this subject contained in document A/C.3/307/Rev.2, and requests the Council to ask the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities to make a thorough study of the problem of minorities, in order that the United Nations may be able to take effective measures for the protection of racial, national, religious or linguistic minorities."
278 (III)	The problem of slavery	" <u>Requests</u> the Economic and Social Council to study the problem of slavery at its next session."
280 (III)	World social and cultural situation	" <u>Invites</u> the Economic and Social Council to consider, on the basis of a report by its Social Commission and after consultation with the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned, the possibility of drafting a general report on the world social and cultural situation."

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306 (IV)	Economic development of under-developed countries	"4. <u>Recommends</u> that the Economic and Social Council: "(a) Continue to give urgent attention to the problem of economic development of under-developed countries, giving due consideration to questions of a social nature which directly condition economic development;"
307 (IV)	Economic development and international economic and commercial policy	" <u>Recommends</u> that, in the Economic and Social Council's forthcoming work and studies on economic development, further attention should be paid to such questions of international economic and commercial policy as may influence the process of development of the economies of under-developed countries, with a view to making recommendations to the General Assembly."
308 (IV)	Full employment	"10. <u>Requests</u> the Economic and Social Council, during its consideration of full employment and economic development, to give attention to unemployment and under-employment, especially in under-developed countries and particularly in such critical fields as agriculture;"
400 (V)	Financing of economic development of under-developed countries	"1. <u>Recommends</u> that the Economic and Social Council, in giving further study to the problem of the financing of economic development, consider practical methods, conditions and policies for achieving the adequate expansion and steadier flow of foreign capital, both private and public, and pay special attention to the financing of non-self-liquidating projects which are basic to economic development;"
403 (V)	Volume and distribution of national income in under-developed countries	"3. <u>Requests</u> the Economic and Social Council to study and report on the volume and distribution of national income in the under-developed countries,"

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421 (V)

Draft International Covenant on Human Rights and measures of implementation: future work of the Commission on Human Rights

"5. Calls upon the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to study a federal State article and to prepare, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its sixth session, recommendations which will have as their purpose the securing of the maximum extension of the Covenant to the constituent units of federal States,

"6. Calls upon the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to study ways and means which would ensure the right of peoples and nations to self-determination, and to prepare recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixth session;

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"8. Calls upon the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to proceed with the consideration of provisions, to be inserted in the draft Covenant or in separate protocols, for the receipt and examination of petitions from individuals and organizations with respect to alleged violations of the Covenant; and to take into consideration in its studies of questions relating to petitions and implementation the proposals presented by Chile (A/C.3/L.81), Ethiopia and France (A/C.3/L.78), Israel (A/C.3/L.91/Rev.1) and Uruguay (A/C.3/L.93);"

520 A (VI)

Financing of economic development of under-developed countries

"1. Requests the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly at its seventh regular session a detailed plan for establishing as soon as circumstances permit, a special fund for grants-in-aid and for low-interest, long-term loans to under-developed countries for the purpose of helping them, at their request, to accelerate their economic development and to finance non-self-liquidating projects which are basic to their economic development;"

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520 B (VI)	Financing of economic development of under-developed countries	<p>"4. <u>Requests</u> the Economic and Social Council:</p> <p>"(a) To continue its studies of the problem of financing the economic development of under-developed countries;</p> <p>"(b) To study practical ways and means and comprehensive programmes for developing those countries;</p> <p>"(c) Within the framework of existing institutions, to pay particular attention to the problem presented by the financing of non-self-liquidating projects and, generally, by the establishment of a regular flow of international public capital;</p> <p>"(d) To consider additional methods of increasing the international flow of public funds for the economic development of under-developed countries."</p>
521 (VI)	Integrated economic development	<p>"<u>Requests</u> the Economic and Social Council:</p> <p>"(a) To promote studies of a programme of rapid industrialization of the under-developed countries, including the economic, social, fiscal, technical and organizational problems involved, and the role that the industrially advanced and under-developed countries have to play in such a programme;"</p>
522 (VI)	Methods to increase world productivity	<p>"<u>Requests</u> the Economic and Social Council:</p> <p>"(a) To study the varying ways in which the productivity of peoples everywhere can be increased by the application of existing scientific and technological knowledge;"</p>

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>Title of resolution</u>	<u>Pertinent provision</u>
535 (VI)	Development and concentration of the efforts of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the social field	"1. <u>Calls upon</u> the Economic and Social Council to examine in detail, and in the light of these considerations, the social activities undertaken by the United Nations together with the pertinent activities of the specialized agencies, in order to fulfil the various social tasks assigned to it by the Charter,"
622 A (VII)	Financing of economic development of under-developed countries	"5. <u>Requests the Economic and Social Council</u> to submit to the General Assembly at its eighth session the detailed plan referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly resolution 520 A (VI), including recommendations for a special fund for grants-in-aid and for low-interest, long-term loans and to keep in mind that, especially in the present state of world tension, it is necessary to give special attention to the problem of international financing of economic and social development through international co-operation within the framework of the United Nations;"
629 (VII)	Draft protocol relating to the status of stateless persons	"2. <u>Requests</u> the Economic and Social Council to study, if possible at its sixteenth session, the text of the draft protocol and the comments received from interested governments and, in the light of these comments, to take whatever action seems useful in order that a text may be opened for signature after the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees has entered into force."
633 (VII)	Information facilities in under-developed regions of the world	" <u>Taking note</u> with approval of the decision taken by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 442 E (XIV) of 13 June 1952 with regard to the study of ways and means of encouraging and developing independent domestic information enterprises, "."

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"1. Invites the Economic and Social Council to consider, in the light of the discussions at the seventh session of the General Assembly, the desirability of expanding the area of its study of this question;"

II. Studies requested from the Secretary-General

48 (I)

Relief needs after the termination of UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration)

"8.(a) Directs the Secretary-General to consider the ways and means of collecting and utilizing contributions, from persons, organizations and peoples all over the world, equivalent to the earnings of one day's work, for the purpose of helping to meet relief needs during 1947; and to report on the results of such consideration to Member Governments and to the Economic and Social Council at the earliest possible date;"

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403 (V)

Volume and distribution of national income in under-developed countries

"3. Requests the Economic and Social Council to study and report on the volume and distribution of national income in the under-developed countries,

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"4. Directs the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the Economic and Social Council a report to enable it to carry out the request made in paragraph 3 above;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General, in carrying out studies relating to the present resolution, to avoid any duplication with the study recommended in paragraph 16 of Economic and Social Council resolution 294 D (XI) of 12 August 1950."

Article 13 (1) (b) and (2)

Annex

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>Title of resolution</u>	<u>Pertinent provision</u>
527 (VI)	Living standards of the working population	"1. <u>Requests</u> the Economic and Social Council to continue to pay special attention to changes occurring in the standards of living of the working population, and to provide for the working out of adequate statistical methods and techniques so as best to facilitate the gathering and use of pertinent data in order to enable the Secretary-General to publish regular annual reports showing changes in absolute levels of living conditions in all countries and which would permit the study of this problem in the light of changing general economic conditions;"
622 C (VII)	Financing of economic development of under-developed countries	"1. <u>Requests</u> the Secretary-General: "(a) To include in an early future world economic report an analysis of the international flow of private capital, including the volume and direction of that flow as well as the types and the fields of application of such investment and any reasons for the continued inadequacy of such investment in under-developed countries, so as to facilitate the efforts of the Economic and Social Council in its formulation of constructive proposals;"
623 (VII)	Financing of economic development through the establishment of fair and equitable international prices for primary commodities and through the execution of national programmes of integrated economic development	"4. <u>Requests</u> the Secretary-General to include in the study being prepared in compliance with Economic and Social Council resolution 427 (XIV) an estimate of the financial repercussions which changes in the terms of trade between primary commodities and capital goods and other manufactured articles produce on the national incomes of countries in the process of development, and an analysis of the distribution of those incomes; "5. <u>Further requests</u> the Secretary-General to prepare, for submission to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly, a study on the impact of important synthetic products on the demand for natural primary products entering international trade;"

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633 (VII)

Information facilities in under-developed regions of the world

"Taking note with approval of the decision taken by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 442 E (XIV) of 13 June 1952 with regard to the study of ways and means of encouraging and developing independent domestic information enterprises,

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"2. Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the report called for under the above-mentioned resolution of the Council, also to elaborate a programme of concrete action which would include, inter alia,

"(a) Measures to reduce economic and financial obstacles in the field of information;

"(b) Measures to organize and promote among countries the exchange of information personnel;

"(c) Measures to assist the training of information personnel, the raising of professional and technical standards, the provision of fellowships and the holding of regional seminars;

"(d) All necessary measures in connexion with the supply of newsprint;"

III. Studies requested from other bodies and individual specialized agencies

48 (I)

Relief needs after the termination of UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration)

"1. Establishes a Special Technical Committee whose functions shall be:

"(a) To study the minimum import requirements of the basic essentials of life, particularly food and supplies for agricultural production of countries which the Committee believes might require assistance in the prevention of suffering or of economic retrogression which threatens the supply of these basic essentials;

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		"(b) To survey the means available to each country concerned to finance such imports;
		"(c) To report concerning the amount of financial assistance which it believes may be required in the light of (a) and (b) above."
127 (II)	False or distorted reports	" <u>Recommends</u> to the Conference on Freedom of Information that it study, with a view to their co-ordination, the measures taken or advocated in this connexion by the various States <u>measures to combat the diffusion of false or distorted reports likely to injure friendly relations between States</u> , as being relevant to the discussion of items 2 (d) and 5 (c) of Section II of its provisional agenda."
404 (V)	Economic development and international economic and commercial policy	" <u>Reaffirms</u> General Assembly resolution 307 (IV) of 16 November 1949 concerning economic development and international economic and commercial policy, and requests that the group of experts, to be appointed by the Secretary-General under Economic and Social Council resolution 290 (XI), paragraph 13, after consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization, pay due attention to the influence that prevailing commercial policies have on national plans for the economic development of under-developed countries."
616 (VII)	The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of <u>apartheid</u> of the Government of the <u>Union of South Africa</u>	"1. <u>Establishes</u> a Commission, consisting of three members, to study the racial situation in the Union of South Africa in the light of the Purposes and Principles of the Charter, with due regard to the provision of Article 2, paragraph 7, as well as the provisions of Article 1, paragraphs 2 and 3, Article 13, paragraph 1 b, Article 55 c and Article 56 of the Charter, and the resolutions of the United Nations on racial persecution and discrimination, and to report its conclusions to the General Assembly at its eighth session;"

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721 (VIII)	The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of <u>apartheid</u> of the Government of the Union of South Africa	<p>"4. <u>Requests</u> the Commission [<u>United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa</u>]:</p> <p>"(a) To continue its study of the development of the racial situation in the Union of South Africa:</p> <p>"(i) With reference to the various implications of the situation for the populations affected;</p> <p>"(ii) In relation to the provisions of the Charter and, in particular, to Article 14;"</p>
<u>IV. Studies requested from several bodies jointly</u>		
46 (I)	Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas	<p>"4. <u>Recommends</u> that the Economic and Social Council and its Commissions consider undertaking as soon as possible, in co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, a general survey of raw material resources needed for the economic reconstruction of devastated areas, with a view to recommending the adoption of the necessary measures to increase and promote production and to facilitate transportation of those materials from the producing areas to the devastated areas;"</p>
60 (I)	Translation of the Classics	<p>"1. <u>Decides</u> to refer this question to the Economic and Social Council for reference to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for suitable action;</p> <p>"2. <u>Recommends</u> to the Economic and Social Council and to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization the following principles to be considered in their study of this question: . . ."</p>

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>Title of resolution</u>	<u>Pertinent provision</u>
128 (II)	Trade union rights (freedom of association)	" <u>Recommends</u> to the International Labour Organisation on its tripartite basis to pursue urgently, in collaboration with the United Nations and in conformity with the resolution of the International Labour Conference concerning international machinery for safeguarding trade union rights and freedom of association, the study of the control of their practical application."
198 (III)	Economic development of under-developed countries	"3. <u>Recommends</u> that the Economic and Social Council and the specialized agencies give further and urgent consideration to the whole problem of the economic development of under-developed countries in <u>all</u> its aspects, and that the Economic and Social Council include in its report to the next regular session of the General Assembly (a) a statement on measures already devised by the Economic and Social Council and the specialized agencies, and (b) proposals for other measures designed to promote economic development and to raise the standards of living of under-developed countries;"
201 (III)	Training for apprentices and technical workers	" <u>Requests</u> the International Labour Organisation to: " <u>Examine</u> , in consultation with the United Nations and its regional economic commissions, the most appropriate arrangements for facilitating the admission to the world's centres of training for apprentices and technical workers of qualified persons from countries which suffer from a lack of technicians and specialists necessary to the development of their national economy;"
275 (III)	Study of the social problems of the aboriginal populations and other under-developed social groups of the American continent	"1. <u>Recommends</u> that, in accordance with Articles 13 and 62 of the Charter, the Economic and Social Council, with the assistance of the specialized agencies concerned, and in collaboration with the <u>Instituto Indigenista Interamericano</u> , study the <u>situation</u> of the <u>aboriginal populations</u> and of the above-mentioned under-developed social groups of the States of the American continent requesting such help;

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401 (V)	Land reform	<p>"2. <u>Invites</u> the Secretary-General to co-operate in such studies as are deemed necessary, in consultation with the interested Member States and taking into account the studies and conclusions of the <u>Instituto Indigenista Interamericano</u>, in compliance with the terms of this resolution."</p> <p>"1. <u>Recommends</u> that the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Food and Agriculture Organization and in consultation with other appropriate specialized agencies, prepare and submit to the thirteenth session of the Economic and Social Council an analysis of the degree to which unsatisfactory forms of agrarian structure and, in particular, systems of land tenure, in the under-developed countries and territories impede economic development and thus depress the standards of living especially of agricultural workers and tenants and of small and medium-sized farmers;"</p>
402 (V)	Development of arid land	<p>"1. <u>Recommends</u> that the Secretary-General prepare, in collaboration with the competent specialized agencies, a report on the practical measures adopted for the study of the problems of arid zones and on the technical and financial means employed by the specialized agencies for this purpose;"</p>
407 (V)	Guides for organization and collection of economic data in under-developed countries	<p>"<u>Recommends</u> that the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies, taking into account the different institutional circumstances in the under-developed countries; prepare material which may serve to guide governments wishing to make use thereof and which should set forth:</p> <p>"(a) The types of data considered necessary to provide up-to-date information regarding the level of economic activity, employment, unemployment and under-employment;</p>

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		<p>"(b) Procedures and methods suitable for obtaining and presenting such data;</p> <p>"(c) Other suggestions relating to the organization of adequate government machinery necessary for obtaining the said data."</p>
524 (VI)	Land reform	"6. Urges the Secretary-General, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as recommended by the Economic and Social Council, to accord high priority to the recommendations in paragraphs 5 and 6 of Council resolution 370 (XIII); and to be prepared, upon the request of governments, to make specific studies and recommendations for the economic and social betterment of the agricultural population of their countries;"
537 (VI)	Housing and town and country planning	"Requests the Economic and Social Council, enlisting for the purpose the services of the appropriate subsidiary bodies, including where suitable regional bodies, and in collaboration with the competent specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned, to give urgent attention to practical measures to assist governments in increasing available housing facilities for people in the lowest income groups,"
625 B (VII)	Land reform	<p>"2. Invites the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies, in carrying out their studies and activities on the questions of land reform to place particular emphasis on:</p> <p>"(a) The speeding up, at the request of the interested governments and according to the circumstances prevailing in different countries or regions, of such practical measures to encourage the promotion and the carrying out of their land reform programmes as:</p>

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"(b) Practical measures of technical assistance so as to increase agricultural output, especially of foodstuffs, to prevent the loss of, or decrease in, harvests of those foodstuffs and to improve production methods, increase sales and encourage equitable distribution;"

733 (VIII)

Studies on internal migration

"1. Invites the Economic and Social Council, in co-operation with the International Labour Organisation and other interested agencies, to develop, within available resources, an appropriate programme of studies on internal migration, especially in the economically less developed countries, to be carried out at the request of the countries concerned;"

V. Studies requested from Member States

127 (II)

False or distorted reports

"Invites the Governments of States Members

"1. To study such measures as might with advantage be taken on the national plane to combat, within the limits of constitutional procedures, the diffusion of false or distorted reports likely to injure friendly relations between States;"