

ARTICLE 67

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 67

1. Each member of the Economic and Social Council shall have one vote.
2. Decisions of the Economic and Social Council shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. As in Supplement No. 1 to the Repertory, the General Survey of the present study indicates only the frequency of application of the methods followed by the Economic and Social Council in reaching decisions. During the period under review, no question arose regarding Article 67 that required treatment under the headings which are marked with a double asterisk.

I. GENERAL SURVEY

****A.** Article 67 (1) 1/**B.** Article 67 (2)

2. There was no change during this period in the relevant rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council. During the period, the Council adopted 247 resolutions, 158 of which were adopted unanimously, 2/ seventy-five by a majority of at least ten affirmative votes and four by a majority of fewer than ten affirmative votes.

3. As regards the method of voting, 236 resolutions were adopted in plenary meetings by a show of hands and ten were adopted without a vote, that is, by tacit consent. One resolution 3/ was adopted in plenary meeting by roll-call vote, and a roll-call was taken in plenary meetings on separate paragraphs of two resolutions 4/ which were later adopted in their entirety on a show of hands.

4. The Council elected its officers 5/ by acclamation at its twenty-third, twenty-fifth and twenty-seventh sessions.

II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

****A.** The meaning of the term "decision"****B.** Majority required****C.** Methods of taking decisions 6/****D.** Question of the application of Article 67 to voting rules in the subsidiary bodies of the Council****E.** Question of the validity of decisions of the Council, raised in connexion with the representation of a Member State 7/

1/ See this Supplement, under Article 61, section II C, "Question of the representation of a Member State".

2/ During the period covered by Supplement No. 1 to the Repertory, seventy-nine of the 152 resolutions adopted by the Council had been adopted unanimously (vol. II, under Article 67, para. 4).

3/ E S C resolution 709 B (XXVII); E S C (XXVII), 1060th mtg., para. 61.

4/ E S C resolution 652 J (XXIV), operative paras. 2 and 3; E S C resolution 671 (XXV); E S C (XXIV), 989th mtg., para. 117 and E S C (XXV), 1017th mtg., para. 14, respectively.

5/ President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President.

6/ For frequency of application of various methods of taking decisions, see paras. 3 and 4 above.

7/ See this Supplement, under Article 61, section II C, "Question of the representation of a Member State", and under Article 68, section II F, "The question of the representation of a Member State in the organs established by the Council".