

## 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. The structure of this study is the same as that of Article 67 in the *Repertory and Supplements Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4*. As in the previous studies, 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.
2. During the period under review, no question arose regarding Article 67 that required treatment under the headings marked with a double asterisk.

### I. GENERAL SURVEY

#### \*\*A. Article 67(1)

#### B. Article 67(2)

3. There was no change during the period in the relevant rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.<sup>1</sup> It should be noted, however, that, following the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations enlarging the membership of the Council from 27 to 54,<sup>2</sup> in effect 28 members, rather than 14, would be required to be present and voting to constitute a rule 60 majority.<sup>3</sup>

4. During the period under review, a total of 734 resolutions were adopted by the Economic and Social Council. Until 24 September 1973, 222 resolutions were adopted unanimously, 128 by a majority of at least 14 affirmative votes and 7 by a majority of less than 14 affirmative votes. From 25 September 1973 until 31 December 1978, 328 resolutions were adopted unanimously, 45 by a majority of at least 28 affirmative votes and 4 by a majority of less than 28 affirmative votes.

5. With regard to the method of voting, from 1 January 1970 until 24 September 1973, 201 resolutions were adopted in plenary meetings by a show of hands, 143 were adopted without a vote (that is, by tacit consent), 13 were adopted by roll-call vote,<sup>4</sup> and a roll-call was taken on sep-

arate paragraphs of 4 resolutions.<sup>5</sup> From 25 September 1973 until 31 December 1978, 42 resolutions were adopted in plenary meetings by a show of hands, 327 were adopted without a vote (that is, by tacit consent) and 8 were adopted by roll-call vote.<sup>6</sup> No roll-call was taken on separate paragraphs of resolutions.

6. The Economic and Social Council elected its officers<sup>7</sup> by acclamation at its forty-eighth, fifty-second,

1615 (LI); E S C (LI), 1791<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 76; E S C resolution 1616 (LI); E S C (LI), 1792<sup>nd</sup> mtg., para. 5; E S C resolution 1621 (LI); E S C (LI), 1798<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 19; E S C resolution 1720 (LIII); E S C (LIII), 1836<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 39; E S C resolution 1725 (LIII); E S C (LIII), 1837<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 10; E S C resolution 1737 (LIV); E S C (LIV), 1854<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 8; E S C resolution 1762 (LIV); E S C (LIV), 1857<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 71; E S C resolution 1763 (LIV); E S C (LIV), 1858<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 19; E S C resolution 1804 (LV); E S C (LV), 1876<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 11.

<sup>5</sup>E S C resolution 1572 (L); E S C (L), 1766<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 24; E S C resolution 1601 (LI), operative paras. 1 and 2; E S C (LI), 1785<sup>th</sup> mtg., paras. 25 and 26; E S C resolution 1615 (LI), paras. 1 and 2; E S C (LI), 1791<sup>th</sup> mtg., paras. 74 and 75; E S C resolution 1621 (LI); E S C (LI), 1798<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 19.

<sup>6</sup>E S C resolution 2026 (LXI); E S C (LXI), 2031<sup>st</sup> mtg., para. 10; E S C resolution 2056 (LXII); E S C (LXII), 2058<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 24; E S C resolution 2089 (LXIII); E S C (LXIII), 2078<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 83; E S C resolution 2100 (LXIII); E S C (LXIII), 2084<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 31; E S C resolution 1978/24 (LXIV); E S C (LXIV), 15<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 4; E S C resolution 1978/64 (LXIV); E S C (LXIV), 38<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 1; E S C resolution 1978/72 (LXIV); E S C (LXIV), 38<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 64; E S C resolution 1978/73; E S C (LXIV), 38<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 64.

<sup>7</sup>The officers of the Council were the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and Third Vice-President until 1973. In 1974 and 1975, rule 20 of the rules of procedure was suspended in order to enable the Council to elect four Vice-Presidents instead of three, and four Vice-Presidents were elected accordingly. In 1975, the rules of procedure were amended (S C resolution 1949 (LVIII); E S C (LVIII), 1952<sup>nd</sup> mtg., para. 26). Amended rule 18 of the rules of procedure provides that each year, at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The Vice-Presidents are elected based on geographical considerations. As of 1976, the Council elected a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President and Fourth Vice-President according to amended rule 18 of the rules of procedure.

<sup>1</sup>Rules 60 to 71 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provide for the implementation of Article 67 (2); see *Repertory and Supplements Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4* under Article 67 under this section.

<sup>2</sup>As adopted in G A resolution 2847 (XXVI) (entered into force on 24 September 1973). See this *Supplement*, under Article 61.

<sup>3</sup>Rule 60(1) states:

"1. Decisions of the Council shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting."

<sup>4</sup>See E S C resolution 1949 (LVIII), annex, rule 60(1).

<sup>5</sup>E S C resolution 1509 (XLVIII); E S C (XLVIII), 1694<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 39; E S C resolution 1535 (XLIX); E S C (XLIX), 1718<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 61; E S C resolution 1572 (L); E S C (L), 1766<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 25; E S C resolution 1601 (LI); E S C (LI), 1785<sup>th</sup> mtg., para. 27; E S C resolution

fifty-fourth, fifty-sixth, fifty-eighth, sixtieth, sixty-second and sixty-fourth sessions. At the fiftieth session, the Presi-

dent of the Council was elected by secret ballot and the three Vice-Presidents by acclamation.

## **\*\*II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE**