

ARTICLE 70

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 70

The Economic and Social Council may make arrangements for representatives of the specialized agencies to participate, without vote, in its deliberations and in those of the commissions established by it, and for its representatives to participate in the deliberations of the specialized agencies.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. There were few developments in the period under review that bore upon the application of Article 70, as may be seen in the present study, which is arranged under headings corresponding to those in previous Repertory studies of this Article.

I. GENERAL SURVEY

2. The arrangements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies for reciprocal representation, without vote, which were included in the agreements between the Economic and Social Council and the agencies, did not change during the period under review. These arrangements became effective with respect to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) when it came into existence in 1958. Arrangements were made with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) which were similar to those in effect with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. 1/

1/ E S C resolution 635 (XXII), resumed session.

3. The agreement between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), approved by the General Assembly in 1957, included the provision that the Director General of IAEA should be entitled to attend and participate without vote in meetings of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, as appropriate. 2/ The agreement also entitled the Secretary-General of the United Nations "to attend and participate without vote on matters of common interest in sessions of the General Conference and of the Board of Governors of the Agency". 3/ Each was authorized to designate any person as his representative.

II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

***1. Invitations for reciprocal representation 4/*

***2. Participation of the United Nations in meetings of specialized agencies 5/*

3. Participation of specialized agencies in meetings of the United Nations

4. In addition to the questions of reciprocal representation dealt with in paragraph 2 above, the question of the participation of specialized agencies in meetings of the United Nations also arose in connexion with the functional and regional economic commissions.

5. The terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) provided for the participation of representatives of the specialized agencies "without vote, in its deliberations with respect to items on its agenda relating to matters within the scope of their activities". 6/

6. In its resolution 691 B (XXVI), the Economic and Social Council invited the specialized agencies, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements (ICCICA) and the contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), to participate in a forthcoming session of the Commission on International Commodity Trade (CICT).

4. Representation of regional inter-governmental organizations

7. The terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Africa provided for the invitation of "observers from such other inter-governmental organizations as it may consider desirable, in accordance with the practices of the Economic and Social Council". 7/

2/ G A resolution 1145 (XII), annex, article VII, para. 2; see also this Supplement, under Article 57.

3/ Ibid., para. 1.

4/ See the General Survey, above.

5/ See the General Survey, above.

6/ E S C resolution 671 A (XXV), para. 11.

7/ E S C resolution 671 A (XXV), para. 11.

8. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs had taken the initiative at its eleventh session in having an observer from the League of Arab States, and had expressed the hope that a representative would be able to attend regularly in the future, in line with similar action taken by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in respect of their own sessions. At its thirteenth session, the Commission adopted 8/ a resolution in which it invited the League of Arab States (Permanent Anti-Narcotics Bureau) to be represented at forthcoming sessions of the Commission.

9. An observer from the Organization of American States (OAS) attended the seventh session of the Commission on International Commodity Trade (CICT) in 1959 and made a statement on the relevant activities of OAS. 9/ Acting upon the request of OAS, CICT had agreed to invite this observer after some discussion. The view was expressed during the discussion that OAS could not be compared with other regional organizations and that the General Assembly had been of that opinion when, in resolution 253 (III), it had requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to invite the Secretary-General of OAS to be present as an observer at the sessions of the General Assembly; it was suggested that the invitation by CICT in the current instance should not serve as a precedent for other organizations. It was also pointed out 10/ by the Chairman of CICT, before the decision was taken, that the question of a standing invitation was not involved.

****5. Written statements**

****6. Appointments of representatives**

8/ E S C (XXVI), Suppl. No. 9 (E/3133), annex II, resolution IV.

9/ E S C (XXVIII), Suppl. No. 6, E/3225, para. 3.

10/ E/CN.13/SR.98 (mimeographed).

