

ARTICLE 62 (4)

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 62 (4)

It [the Economic and Social Council] may call, in accordance with the rules prescribed by the United Nations, international conferences on matters falling within its competence.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. The material in this study supplements that found in the previous Repertory studies of this Article. As in the past, the study relates only to the calling of conferences by the Economic and Social Council and does not include conferences called by the General Assembly on matters falling within the Council's competence. No issues requiring inclusion under an Analytical Summary of Practice arose during the period under review. There was no new material for two annexes which were formerly included: "Rules for the calling of international conferences of States" and "Rules for the calling of non-governmental conferences by the Economic and Social Council". The two remaining annexes have therefore been renumbered.

I. GENERAL SURVEY

A. General

2. During the period dealt with in this Supplement, the Economic and Social Council convened two conferences of States and decided upon convening two additional conferences at a later date. 1/ The former dealt with foreign arbitral awards and with cartography. Of the two to be held, one was to be convened for the purpose of concluding an international single convention on narcotic drugs; the other conference was to be on the subject of solar energy, wind power and geothermic energy. In addition, the Secretary-General continued, under the authorization of the Council, to convene conferences concerning primary commodity problems. 2/

3. A decision to convene a second conference of non-governmental organizations interested in the eradication of prejudice and discrimination 3/ was also taken by the Council during this period. Like the first conference, this one was held for the exchange of views concerning the most effective techniques for combating prejudice and discrimination, including legal, educational and community action. The Council took this action on the invitation of the Commission on Human Rights, after receiving a report on this subject from the Secretary-General. 4/

****B. Rules prescribed by the United Nations****C. Invitations and participation in connexion with international conferences of States 5/***1. Member States and non-member States*

4. In deciding to convene a conference of States for the adoption of a single convention on narcotic drugs, in accordance with Article 62 (4), the Council requested 6/ the Secretary-General to invite all Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

****2. *Dependent territories***

1/ See items A 3 and A 4 in annex I. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to consult Member States of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies concerned on convening, not later than 1961, the third United Nations regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East (ESC resolution 714 (XXVII)) and to set up a group of consultants which would report to the Council on the desirability of holding an international conference on the standardization of geographical names (E S C resolution 715 (XXVII)). The Secretary-General was also requested to report after appropriate consultations, indicated in the resolution, on the desirability of convening an international conference on the development of international travel and tourism (ESC resolution 724 B (XXVIII)).

2/ See annex I, section B.

3/ See annex II.

4/ E S C resolutions 651 D (XXIV), 683 E (XXVI).

5/ Invitations and participation relating to the two conferences held during the period covered by this Supplement were dealt with in the Repertory, Supplement No. 1, vol. II, under Article 62 (4).

6/ E S C resolution 689 J (XXVI).

3. *Specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations*

5. The Council requested the Secretary-General to invite the following organizations to the conference of States for the adoption of a single convention on narcotic drugs: the World Health Organization and other interested specialized agencies, with the same rights as they enjoyed at sessions of the Council; the Permanent Central Opium Board, the Drug Supervisory Body and the International Criminal Police Organization, with the same rights as they enjoyed at sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. 7/

****4. *Inter-governmental organizations* 8/**

D. Invitations and participation in connexion with non-governmental conferences

6. The Council invited non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council to attend the second conference of non-governmental organizations interested in the eradication of prejudice and discrimination; it also invited interested specialized agencies to make relevant studies available to the conference, to participate in the conference and to make such observations as they deemed appropriate. 9/

E. Preparatory and other arrangements

7. In requesting the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures for holding a United Nations conference on solar energy, wind power and geothermic energy, the Council particularly asked 10/ the Secretary-General, in consultation with interested Governments and the specialized agencies concerned, to convene preliminary meetings of experts for the exchange of relevant information, and to have reports on these meetings transmitted to the conference.

****II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE**

ANNEX I

List of international conferences of States

A

1. United Nations Conference on International Commercial Arbitration, called to conclude a convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards; New York, May-June 1958
Economic and Social Council resolution 604 (XXI)
2. Second United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East; Tokyo, October-November 1958
Economic and Social Council resolution 600 (XXI)

7/ E S C resolution 689 J (XXVI).

8/ See para. 5 above.

9/ E S C resolution 683 E (XXVI).

10/ E S C resolution 710 A (XXVII).

3. International conference of States for the adoption of a single convention on narcotic drugs, to be held after 31 December 1959
Economic and Social Council resolution 689 J (XXVI)
4. United Nations conference on solar energy, wind power and geothermic energy, to be held in 1961 if possible, but not later than 1962
Economic and Social Council 710 A (XXVII).

B

Inter-governmental conferences on primary commodity problems:

United Nations Sugar Conference, New York, May-June 1956, second session, Geneva, October-November 1956; United Nations Sugar Conference, 1958, Geneva, September-October 1958; United Nations Conference on Olive Oil, second session, Geneva, March-April 1958; United Nations exploratory meetings on copper and on lead and zinc, London, September 1958; United Nations Conference on Lead and Zinc, Geneva, November 1958; United Nations Wheat Conference, 1958-59, first session, Geneva, October-November 1958, second session, Geneva, January-March 1959; United Nations Lead and Zinc Committee, New York, April-May 1959; Inaugural Meeting for the International Lead and Zinc Study Group, New York, May 1959.

Economic and Social Council resolutions 296 (XI), 373 (XIII), 462 A (XV), 557 F (XVIII).

ANNEX II

Non-governmental conference

Second United Nations Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations Interested in the Eradication of Prejudice and Discrimination, Geneva, June 1959

Economic and Social Council resolution 683 E (XXVI).