

## 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 the studies of this Article in *Supplements Nos. 1 and 2 of the Repertory*, the General Survey of this study indicates only the frequency of application of the methods followed by the Economic and Social Council in reaching decisions.

## I. GENERAL SURVEY

### \*\*A. Article 67 (1)<sup>1</sup>

#### B. Article 67 (2)

2. There was no change during this period in the relevant rules of procedure. The Council adopted 617 resolutions, 451 of which were adopted unanimously,<sup>2</sup> 158 by a majority of at least 10 affirmative votes and 3 by a majority of fewer than 10 affirmative votes.

3. As regards the methods of voting, 578 resolutions were adopted in plenary session by a show of hands, 34 were adopted without a vote (that is, by tacit consent), 5 were adopted by roll-call vote,<sup>3</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> During the period covered by *Repertory Supplement No. 2*, 158 of the 247 resolutions adopted by the Council were adopted unanimously (vol. III, under Article 67, para. 2).

<sup>3</sup> E S C resolution 849 (XXXII); E S C (XXXII), 1182nd mtg., para. 16; E S C resolution 927 (XXXIV); E S C (XXXIV), 1239th mtg., para. 60; E S C resolution 974 D III (XXXVI); E S C (XXXVI), 1294th mtg., para. 23; E S C resolution 1103 (XL); E S C (XL), 1414 mtg., para. 23; E S C resolution 1183 (XLI); E S C (XLI), 1445th mtg., para. 95.

and a roll-call was taken in plenary meetings on separate paragraphs of 4 resolutions.<sup>4</sup>

4. The Council elected its officers<sup>5</sup> at its twenty-ninth, thirty-third, thirty-fifth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and fortieth sessions by acclamation, but at the thirty-first session the President of the Council was elected by secret ballot and the two vice-presidents by acclamation.

5. A reference to Article 67 was made in the course of the discussion concerning the question<sup>6</sup> whether the Council could meet with a vacancy in its membership.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>4</sup> E S C resolution 812 (XXXI), preamb. para. 5; E S C (XXXI), 1146th mtg., para. 30; E S C resolution 864 (XXXIII), oper. paras. 1 and 2; E S C (XXXIII), 1189th mtg., paras. 7 and 8; E S C resolution 974 D III (XXXVI), oper. paras. 1, 2 and 3; E S C (XXXVI), 1294th mtg., paras. 20–22; E S C resolution 1164 (XLI), preamb. paras. 3 and 5 and oper. paras. 5; E S C (XLI), 1445th mtg., para. 26.

<sup>5</sup> President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President.

<sup>6</sup> Regarding this question, see this *Supplement* under Article 61, section II D.

<sup>7</sup> Summary record of the meeting of 17 members of the Council, held on 4 April 1961 (listed as 1137th mtg., para. 17).

## II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

### \*\*A. The meaning of the term "decision"

#### \*\*B. Majority required

#### \*\*C. Methods of taking decisions<sup>8</sup>

### \*\*D. Question of the application of Article 67 to the 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<sup>9</sup>

<sup>8</sup> For frequency of application of various methods of taking decisions, see paras. 3 and 4 above.

<sup>9</sup> 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".