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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.¹ 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 54,² in effect 28 members, rather than 14, would be required to be present and voting to constitute a rule 60 majority.³

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,⁴ and a roll-call was taken on separate paragraphs of 4 resolutions.⁵ 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.⁶ No roll-call was taken on separate paragraphs of resolutions.

6. The Economic and Social Council elected its officers⁷ by acclamation at its forty-eighth, fifty-second,
fifty-fourth, fifty-sixth, fifty-eighth, sixtieth, sixty-second and sixty-fourth sessions. At the fiftieth session, the President of the Council was elected by secret ballot and the three Vice-Presidents by acclamation.

**II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE**