

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, 2, 3, 4 and 5* of the *Repertory*, 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)¹

B. Article 67 (2)

3. There was no change during this period in the relevant rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council. However, it should be noted that, following the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations enlarging the membership of the Council from 25 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 During the period, the Council adopted 464 resolutions, 341 of which were adopted unanimously⁴ and 123 resolutions were adopted by a majority of at least 28 affirmative votes.

4. As regards the method of voting, 228 resolutions were adopted in plenary meetings by a show of hands, 218 were adopted without a vote, by tacit consent, and 13 were adopted in plenary meeting by roll-call vote.⁵ Roll-call votes were taken in plenary meeting on separate paragraphs of five resolutions, which were later adopted in their entirety by show of hands.

5. The Council elected its officers⁶ at its twenty-ninth to thirty-ninth sessions by acclamation.

¹See the present *Supplement*, under Article 61, sect. II.C.

²GA resolution 2847 (XXVI). See *Supplement No. 5*, under Article 61.

³Rule 60 (1) states: "Decisions of the Council shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting."

⁴During the period covered by the previous *Supplement*, 550 of the 734 resolutions adopted by the Council were adopted unanimously (*Repertory, Supplement No. 5*, vol. III, under Article 67, para. 2).

⁵E S C resolution 1979/75, E/1979/SR.40, para. 38; E S C resolution 1980/23, E/1980/SR.21, para. 42; E S C resolution 1982/33, E/1982/SR.27, para. 90; E S C resolution 1983/42, E/1983/SR.39, para. 22; E S C resolution 1983/43, E/1983/SR.39, para. 41; E S C resolution 1983/70, E/1983/SR.41, para. 11; E S C resolution 1984/52, E/1984/SR.48, para. 19; E S C resolution 1984/53, E/1984/SR.48, para. 19; E S C resolution 1984/55, E/1984/SR.48, para. 41; E S C resolution 1984/56, E/1984/SR.48, para. 54; E S C resolution 1984/64, E/1984/SR.49, para. 64; E S C resolution 1984/81, E/1984/SR.50, para. 28; E S C resolution 1984/83, E/1984/SR.50, para. 65.

⁶President and four Vice-Presidents.

****II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE******A. The meaning of the term “decision”******B. Majority required******C. Methods of taking decisions⁷******D. Question of the application of Article 67 to voting rules
in the subsidiary bodies of the Council******E. Question of the validity of decisions of the Council, raised in
connection with the representation of a Member State⁸**

⁷For the frequency of application of various methods of taking decisions, see paras. 3 and 4 above.

⁸See the present *Supplement* under Article 61, sect. II.C, and under Article 68, sect. II.F.