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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)**

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, in effect 28 members, rather than 14, would be required to be present and voting to constitute a rule 60 majority. During the period, the Council adopted 464 resolutions, 341 of which were adopted unanimously 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. 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 officers at its twenty-ninth to thirty-ninth sessions by acclamation.

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1See the present Supplement, under Article 61, sect. II.C.
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).
6President and four Vice-Presidents.
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7 For the frequency of application of various methods of taking decisions, see paras. 3 and 4 above.

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