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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, 5, 6 and 7 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.

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. At its organizational session for 1992, the Economic and Social Council adopted[2] amendments to rules 1, 2, and 9, paragraphs 1 and 4, of its rules of procedure.

4. During the period under review, the Economic and Social Council adopted 500 resolutions, of which 454 were adopted unanimously,[3] 35 resolutions were adopted by a majority of at least 28 affirmative votes, and 11 by a majority of fewer than 28 affirmative votes.

[1] See this *Supplement* under, Article 61, section II C, "Question of the representation of a Member State."
[2] E S C resolution 1992/2 of 7 February 1992, E/1992/SR.3.
[3] During the period covered by the *Repertory, Supplement No. 7*, 279 of 326 resolutions adopted by the Council were adopted unanimously.

5. As regards the method of voting, no resolution was adopted by a show of hands, 454 resolutions were adopted in plenary meetings without a vote, that is, by tacit consent. Roll-call votes were taken in plenary meetings on 11 resolutions[4] and on two separate paragraphs of one resolution.[5] Recorded votes were taken in plenary meetings on 30 resolutions,[6] one separate paragraph of a resolution,[7] and one amendment to a resolution.[8] Non-recorded votes were taken in plenary meetings on five resolutions[9] and on one amendment to a resolution.[10]

6. At its substantive session of 1993, in pursuance of a decision[11] taken at its organizational session for that year, the Economic and Social Council began the practice of approving agreed conclusions at its coordination segment. At that

[4] E S C resolution 1989/86 of 26 July 1989, E/1989/SR.35; E S C resolution 1989/95 of 26 July 1989, E/1989/SR.35; E S C resolution 1989/112 of 28 July 1989, E/1989/SR.37; E S C resolution 1990/59 of 26 July 1990, E/1990/SR.36; E S C resolution 1990/60 of 26 July 1990, E/1990/SR.36; E S C resolution 1991/54 of 26 July 1991, E/1991/SR.31; E S C resolution 1991/72 of 26 July 1991, E/1991/SR.32; E S C resolution 1993/15 of 27 July 1993, E/1993/SR.43; E S C resolution 1993/52 of 29 July 1993, E/1993/SR.45; E S C resolution 1993/55 of 29 July 1993, E/1993/SR.45; and E S C resolution 1993/78 of 30 July 1993, E/1993/SR.46.

[5] E S C resolution 1991/54 of 26 July 1991, E/1991/SR.31.

[6] E S C resolution 1989/25 of 24 May 1989, E/1989/SR.15; E S C resolution 1989/27 of 24 May 1989, E/1989/SR.15; E S C resolution 1989/28 of 24 May 1989, E/1989/SR.15; E S C resolution 1989/33 of 24 May 1989, E/1989/SR.15; E S C resolution 1989/34 of 24 May 1989, E/1989/SR.15; E S C resolution 1989/41 of 24 May 1989, E/1989/SR.15; E S C resolution 1989/45 of 24 May 1989, E/1989/SR.15; E S C resolution 1989/72 of 24 May 1989, E/1989/SR.15; E S C resolution 1989/73 of 24 May 1989, E/1989/SR.16; E S C resolution 1989/75 of 24 May 1989, E/1989/SR.16; E S C resolution 1990/11 of 24 May 1990, E/1990/SR.13; E S C resolution 1990/13 of 24 May 1990, E/1990/SR.13; E S C resolution 1990/34 of 25 May 1990, E/1990/SR.14; E S C resolution 1990/48 of 25 May 1990, E/1990/SR.14; E S C resolution 1990/49 of 25 May 1990, E/1990/SR.14; E S C resolution 1990/70 of 27 July 1990, E/1990/SR.37; E S C resolution 1991/2 of 29 May 1991, E/1991/SR.10; E S C resolution 1991/19 of 30 May 1991, E/1999/SR.12; E S C resolution 1991/20 of 30 May 1991, E/1991/SR.12; E S C resolution 1991/26 of 31 May 1991, E/1991/SR.13; E S C resolution 1991/32 of 31 May 1991, E/1991/SR.13; E S C resolution 1991/37 of 31 May 1991, E/1991/SR.13; E S C resolution 1992/3 of 20 July 1992, E/1992/SR.32; E S C resolution 1992/15 of 30 July 1992, E/1992/SR.40; E S C resolution 1992/16 of 30 July 1992, E/1992/SR.40; E S C resolution 1992/57 of 31 July 1992, E/1992/SR.42; E S C resolution 1992/58 of 31 July 1992, E/1992/SR.42; E S C resolution 1992/59 of 31 July 1992, E/1992/SR.42; E S C resolution 1994/44 of 29 July 1994, E/1994/SR.49; and E S C resolution 1994/45 of 29 July 1994, E/1994/SR.49.

[7] E S C resolution 1990/49 of 25 May 1990, E/1990/SR.14.

[8] E S C resolution 1989/75 of 24 May 1989, E/1989/SR.16.

[9] E S C resolution 1989/96 of 26 July 1989, E/1989/SR.35; E S C resolution 1990/51 of 24 July 1990, E/1990/SR.34; E S C resolution 1990/53 of 24 July 1990, E/1990/SR.34; E S C resolution 1991/68 of 26 July 1991, E/1991/SR.32; and E S C resolution 1991/69 of 26 July 1991, E/1991/SR.32.

[10] E S C resolution 1990/51 of 24 July 1990, E/1990/SR.34.

[11] E S C decision 1993/205 of 12 February 1993, E/1993/SR.3.

session, the Economic and Social Council approved agreed conclusions 1993/1[12] and 1993/2.[13]

7. At its substantive session of 1994, the Economic and Social Council approved agreed conclusions 1994/1[14] and 1994/2.[15]

8. The Council elected its officers[16] at its organizational sessions of 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994 by acclamation.

## ** II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

****A. The meaning of the term "decision"**
****B. Majority required**
****C. Methods of taking decisions[17]**
****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 State**

[12] For the text of the agreed conclusions, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No .3* (A/48/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 19; E/1993/SR.29 and 46.
[13] For the text of the agreed conclusions, see *Ibid*., para. 33; E/1993/SR.32 and 46.
[14] For the text of the agreed conclusions, see *Ibid., Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/49/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 17; E/1994/SR.48.
[15] For the text of the agreed conclusions, see *Ibid*., para. 34; E/1994/SR.48.
[16] President and four Vice-Presidents.
[17] For frequency of application of various methods of taking decisions, see paras. 4 and 5 above.