TEXT OF ARTICLE 69

The Economic and Social Council shall invite any Member of the United Nations to participate, without vote, in its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to that Member.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. The cases of the application of Article 69 during the period under review reveal no significant changes in the practice of the Economic and Social Council as described in the previous studies of this Article in the Repertory and its Supplements Nos. 1 and 2. The headings established in the earlier studies are accordingly maintained.

2. The account in the General Survey is limited to the general conditions governing the application of Article 69 that are relevant to the specific cases which occurred during this period.

I. GENERAL SURVEY

3. During the period under review, thirty invitations to participate, without vote, in the plenary sessions of the Economic and Social Council were extended to States Members of the United Nations but which were not members of the Council.

4. In accordance with the invitation contained in General Assembly resolution 1992 (XVIII), the Council by its resolution 999 (XXXVI) decided, “as an interim measure and pending the enlargement of the Economic and Social Council itself, to enlarge the Economic Committee, the Social Committee and the Co-ordination Committee by nine seats, whenever established”,¹ and elected the additional members at its resumed thirty-sixth session. At the 1314th meeting of the thirty-seventh session of the Council, these nine additional members were seated at the Council table and were invited by the President to participate fully in the debates of the Council and in the proceedings of the Committees. They did not vote or sponsor proposals in the plenary meetings but, where they so desired, their support of a proposal was recorded.

5. The practice of the past regarding mention of observers in the summary records of the Council² and the issuance of invitations to observers,³ were maintained. States which were not Members of the United Nations continued to send observers to attend the sessions of the Council.⁴

6. The following table shows, by session, the number of invitations issued by the Council or its Committees of the Whole to Members of the United Nations that were not members of the Council. It covers the period from September 1959 to August 1966:

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¹ See this Supplement, under Article 68, paras. 61—63.
² See Repertory Supplement No. 1, vol. II, under Article 69, paras. 6 and 8.
³ Ibid., paras. 7, 9 and 10.
⁴ Two of the non-member States sent observers to the twenty-ninth session; three sent observers to the thirtieth, one to the thirty-first, three to the thirty-second, two to the thirty-third, four to the thirty-fourth, none to the thirty-fifth, three to the thirty-sixth, four to the thirty-seventh, one to the thirty-eighth, three to the thirty-ninth, two to the fortieth and three sent observers to the forty-first session.
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1. REGIONAL Economic COMMISSIONS

7. An increasing number of Members of the United Nations, which were not members of the regional commissions, participated in a consultative capacity in the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE), the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA) and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA):

Economic Commission for Europe

Fifteenth session: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Ghana, India, Israel, Japan, Mexico, United Arab Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Sixteenth session: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Ghana, India, Israel, Japan, Mexico, United Arab Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Seventeenth session: Canada, Cuba, India, Israel, Japan and Venezuela.

Eighteenth session: Brazil, Canada, China, India, Israel, Japan and Venezuela.

Nineteenth session: Algeria, China, Cuba, India, Israel, Japan and Venezuela.

Twentieth session: Algeria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Cuba, Ghana, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Mexico, United Arab Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Twenty-first session: Algeria, Australia, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, China, Cuba, Ghana, Israel, Japan, Pakistan, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Sixteenth session: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia.

Seventeenth session: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Turkey, United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia.

Eighteenth session: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Turkey, United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia.

Nineteenth session: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Romania, Sweden and Yugoslavia.

Twentieth session: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

Twenty-first session: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Israel, Italy, Romania, Sweden and Yugoslavia.

Twenty-second session: Argentina, Austria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Norway, Poland, Romania, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia.

Economic Commission for Latin America

Ninth session: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, USSR and United Arab Republic.

Tenth session: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, USSR and Yugoslavia.

Eleventh session: Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, USSR and Yugoslavia.

Committee of the Whole of ECLA

Eight session: Austria, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Spain and USSR.

Ninth session: USSR.

Tenth session: Austria, Hungary, Poland and Spain.

Eleventh session: Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Japan, Poland, USSR and Yugoslavia.

Economic Commission for Africa

Second session: Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, USSR, United States and Yugoslavia.
THIRD SESSION: Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Turkey, USSR, United States and Yugoslavia.

FOURTH SESSION: Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Turkey, USSR, United States and Yugoslavia.

FIFTH SESSION: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Japan, Lebanon, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Sweden, USSR, United States and Yugoslavia.

SIXTH SESSION: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Turkey, USSR, United States and Yugoslavia.

SEVENTH SESSION: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Sweden, USSR, United States and Yugoslavia.

2. COMMITTEES AND FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS

8. During the period under review, the Council established the Committee for Industrial Development (CID), and included the following clause in its terms of reference:

"Any State Member of the United Nations or member of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency not represented on the Committee may bring to the attention of the Committee any problem relating to its industrial development and take part, in a consultative capacity, in the deliberations on the subject."

Under that provision, seven such observers participated in the first session of the Committee, twelve at the second session, five at the third, seven at the fourth and fifth, and thirteen at the fifteenth session.

9. The Council invited States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies not represented on the Commission on International Commodity Trade, but having experience of stabilization measures, to designate observers to participate in the sessions of the Commission.

10. As heretofore the Commission on Narcotic Drugs invited States, not members of the Commission, to participate in its deliberations.

11. At its thirty-fourth session, the Council expressed its appreciation to the Government of Lebanon for having sent an observer to assist in the discussions on the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and for making arrangements for the attendance of a technical observer at the eighteenth session of that Commission in connexion with the question of the fight against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs.

F. THE PARTICIPATION OF STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

1. THE COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES

12. At its twenty-ninth session, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the recommendation of the General Assembly, established the Committee for Industrial Development, the membership of the Committee to consist of all member States of the Economic and Social Council together with an additional six members to be elected... from amongst States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Federal Republic of Germany was elected to membership, having qualified for election by virtue of its membership in specialized agencies.

2. REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS

13. At its thirty-second session, the Council, by resolutions 860 (XXXII) and 861 (XXXII), invited Switzerland to attend sessions of ECAFE and ECLA, respectively.

3. FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS

14. As in the past, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs invited States that were not Members of the United Nations to participate in its sessions.

15. The Commission on International Commodity Problems invited members of various specialized agencies interested in commodity problems to participate as observers in its sessions. These included States that were not Members of the United Nations but were members of one or more of these agencies.

G. THE QUESTION OF THE INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 69 IN CONNEXION WITH THE ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS OF STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

participated in the sixteenth session; fifteen in the seventeenth session; thirteen in the eighteenth session; fifteen in the nineteenth session and twenty-one participated in the twentieth session proceedings.

E S C resolution 914 B (XXXIV).

G A resolution 1431 (XIV).

E S C resolution 751 (XXIX).

E S C resolution 783 (XXX); thirty such observers attended the ninth session, twenty-five attended the tenth session and forty-seven attended the eleventh session. See also E S C resolution 691 A (XXVI) and Repertory Supplement No. 2, vol. III, under Article 69, para. 10.

Eighteen such States sent observers to participate in the proceedings of the fifteenth session; twenty such observers