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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, 2 and 3. 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 the period under review.

I. GENERAL SURVEY

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

4. The practice of the past regarding the mention of observers in the summary records of the Council1 and the issuance of invitations to observers2 was maintained. States which were not Members of the United Nations continued to send observers to attend sessions of the Council.3

5. 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 1 September 1966 to 31 December 1969:

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<th>Session</th>
<th>Invitations</th>
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<tr>
<td>Forty-first (resumed)</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Forty-second</td>
<td>No invitations by the Council, one by the Economic Committee and ten by the Social Committee</td>
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<td>Forty-third</td>
<td>Sixteen invitations by the Council, one by the Economic Committee and four by the Co-ordination Committee</td>
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<td>Forty-third (resumed)</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Forty-fourth</td>
<td>One invitation by the Council, two by the Economic Committee and five by the Social Committee</td>
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<td>Forty-fifth</td>
<td>Three invitations by the Council, one by the Economic Committee and two by the Co-ordination Committee</td>
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<td>Forty-fifth (resumed)</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Forty-sixth</td>
<td>No invitations by the Council and four by the Social Committee</td>
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<td>Forty-seventh</td>
<td>Four invitations by the Council, two by the Economic Committee and three by the Co-ordination Committee</td>
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<td>Forty-seventh (resumed)</td>
<td>None</td>
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1See Repertory, Supplement No. 1, vol. II, under Article 69, paras. 6 and 8; and Supplement No. 2, vol. III, under Article 69, para. 4. However, beginning with the forty-fourth session, the list of participants (Council members and non-members) has been omitted from the individual summary records of the Council.

2Ibid., paras. 7, 9 and 10; and ibid., para. 4, respectively.

3One of the non-member States sent observers to the forty-second session, four to the forty-third, one to the forty-fourth, three to the forty-fifth, none to the forty-sixth and four sent observers to the forty-seventh session.
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1. REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS

6. As in the past, a considerable number of Members of the United Nations, not members of the regional economic commissions, participated in a consultative capacity in those bodies in accordance with their respective rules of procedure:

Economic Commission for Europe

Twenty-second session: Algeria, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, India, Israel, Japan, Nigeria, United Arab Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Twenty-third session: Algeria, Australia, Canada, Chile, Cuba, India, Israel, Japan and United Arab Republic.

Twenty-fourth session: Australia, Canada, Cuba, Israel, Japan and United Arab Republic.

Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Twenty-third session: Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ethiopia, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia.

Twenty-fourth session: Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden and Yugoslavia.

Twenty-fifth session: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia.

Economic Commission for Latin America

Twelfth session: Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Japan, Poland, Romania, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yugoslavia.

Twelfth session of the Committee of the Whole: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Japan, Poland and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Thirteenth session: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Poland, Romania, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yugoslavia.

Economic Commission for Africa

Eighth session: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, India, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Syria, Trinidad and Tobago, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

Ninth session: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

2. COMMITTEES AND FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS

7. By resolution 1189(XLI), the Economic and Social Council, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2188 (XXI), inter alia, decided that the sixteen-member Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) should be enlarged by five additional member States, to be designated by the President of the General Assembly for a period not exceeding three years for the purpose of undertaking the tasks set forth in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2188(XXI), and requested the Committee to invite the experts appointed by the five member States designated by the President of the General Assembly to participate in the work of the Committee without the right to vote.

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

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

2. REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS

9. During the period under review, the Council did not invite any non-member States to attend sessions of the regional economic commissions.

3. FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS

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

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*These states were: Czechoslovakia, Jordan, Malta, Trinidad and Tobago, and United Arab Republic.

*Fourteen such States sent observers to participate in the proceedings of the twenty-first session; twenty-two in the twenty-second session; and twenty-three in the twenty-third session.

*See this Supplement, under Article 68.

*The Republic of Viet-nam was invited to send observers to the Commission's twenty-second and twenty-third sessions, and the Republic of Korea to the twenty-third session.