

ARTICLE 70

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 70

The Economic and Social Council may make arrangements for representatives of the specialized agencies to participate, without vote, in its deliberations and in those of the commissions established by it, and for its representatives to participate in the deliberations of the specialized agencies.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. During the period under review, the Council's practice in relation to the application of Article 70 has not undergone any important change. The few developments which appear to bear on the question as discussed in the Analytical Summary of Practice in the corresponding study in the Repertory have been treated below under the heading "Participation of specialized agencies in meetings of the United Nations".

I. GENERAL SURVEY

2. There has been no change in the arrangements for reciprocal representation, without vote, between the United Nations and the specialized agencies - which were included in accordance with Article 70, in the agreements entered into between the Economic and Social Council and the agencies brought into relationship with the United Nations before 1 September 1954 under the terms of Article 63 (1). No new relationship agreements of the type contemplated in Article 63 (1) have been entered into during the period under review.

II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

** 1. *Invitations for reciprocal representation* 1/

** 2. *Participation of the United Nations in meetings of the specialized agencies*

3. *Participation of specialized agencies in meetings of the United Nations*

3. The participation of the specialized agencies in meetings of the Economic and Social Council, which is provided for in the agreements between the United Nations and the agencies and in rule 78 of the rules of procedure of the Council, has also been governed during the period under review by a resolution 2/ adopted in August 1954 whereby the Council specifically invited the executive heads of the specialized agencies to take an active part in the discussion of certain items on its agenda. The extent of compliance by the agencies with this invitation was referred to during the debates at the twenty-second session. 3/

4. Like rule 73 in the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, rule 74 of the rules of procedure of the Commission on International Commodity Trade, approved by the Council in August 1955 4/ provides that the specialized agencies shall be entitled to be represented at meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies. It further provides that they shall be entitled "To participate, through their representatives, in the deliberations with respect to items of concern to them, and to submit proposals regarding such items, which may be put to the vote on request of any representative on member of the Commission or on of the subsidiary body concerned."

5. As noted in paragraph 16 of the study of Article 70 in the Repertory, rule 8 of the rules for the calling of international conferences of States, approved by the General Assembly under resolution 366 (IV), provides that the Council "may invite specialized agencies in relationship with United Nations ... to take part in conferences called under these rules". In pursuance of resolutions adopted by the Council, four such conferences have taken place during the period under review, and two further conferences are in preparation. In the case of three of these conferences, 5/ the Council resolution specifically provided for the participation of specialized agencies. In one other case, 6/ in which the resolution 7/ requested the Secretary-General "to take the necessary steps for the issue of invitations to the governments concerned,

1/ See para. 4 below.

2/ E S C resolution 557 B, II (XVIII).

3/ For texts of relevant statements, see E S C (XXII), 943rd mtg.: Netherlands, paras. 48-68, 115 and 116; ILO, paras. 101-114; 944th mtg.: Yugoslavia, paras. 21-34.

4/ E S C resolution 582 (XX). See also E S C (XX), Suppl. No. 7 (E/2745-E/CN.13/10), p. 9, annex.

5/ United Nations Conference on Maintenance Obligations, convened under E S C resolution 572 (XIX); Second Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East, to be convened in accordance with E S C resolution 600 (XXI); United Nations Conference on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, to be convened in accordance with E S C resolution 604 (XXI).

6/ United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East.

7/ E S C resolution 556 (XVIII).

and to complete the other arrangements for the holding of the conference after consultation with the competent specialized agencies", the Secretary-General issued invitations to specialized agencies before the conference was convened. In the two remaining cases, 8/ the Council resolutions 9/ calling the conferences made no mention of specialized agencies and invitations were not extended to them before the conferences were convened. In each case, however, such invitations were subsequently extended by the Conference itself. 10/

**** 4. Representation of regional inter-governmental organizations**

**** 5. Written statements**

**** 6. Appointment of representatives**

8/ United Nations Conferences on Statelessness and on Slavery.
9/ E S C resolutions 526 (XVII) and 608 (XXI).
10/ E/CONF.17/SR.1; E/CONF.24/SR.2.

