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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 application of Article 70 did not raise any issues of Charter interpretation. The present study, therefore, merely records some new practice under this Article. Its organization follows that of Article 70 in the Repertory and its Supplements Nos. 1 and 2, except that the heading of section II.4 has been extended to cover both regional and other intergovernmental organizations.

I. GENERAL SURVEY

2. During the period under review, there was no change in the arrangements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies for reciprocal representation, without vote, which were included in the agreements between the United Nations and the agencies, in the procedures followed in cases such as the representation of the specialized agencies at special international conferences. Arrangements for reciprocal representation were made with the International Development Association, which were similar to those in effect with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.¹

² See this Supplement, under Article 63, para. 8.

II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

**1. Invitations for reciprocal representation

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

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

4. Representation of regional and other intergovernmental organizations

3. The Economic and Social Council made provisions for inviting observers of the Organization of African Unity to attend its sessions.³

4. Several functional commissions took the initiative of having observers from regional intergovernmental organizations at their sessions. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs had observers from the Permanent Anti-Narcotics Bureau of the League of Arab States from its fifteenth to its twentieth sessions, the Commission on Human Rights had an observer from the League of Arab States at its sixteenth session and an observer from the Organization of American States at its twenty-second session and the Commission on the Status of Women had observers from the Inter-American Commission of Women of the Organization of American States at its sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth sessions.

5. At its forty-first session, the Economic and Social Council invited the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the presence of observers from the Council of Europe, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States, and from other regional intergovernmental bodies particularly concerned for human rights, at sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.⁴

6. At its thirty-sixth session, the Economic and Social Council approved a list of the intergovernmental economic organizations, all but one of which

³ E S C (XXXIX), 1397th mtg., para. 1. Similar arrangements were made under G A resolution 2011 (XX). See this Supplement, under Article 21.

⁴ E S C resolution 1159 (XLI).

⁵ E S C (XXXVI), 1306th mtg., paras. 57-73.
were regional in character, to be invited as observers to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to attend the third session of the Preparatory Committee of the Conference.\(^5\)

7. At its thirty-ninth session,\(^6\) the Council decided to establish relations with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and requested the Secretary-General to take steps to provide, \textit{inter alia}, for the representation of that Organization at meetings of United Nations organs dealing with matters of mutual interest.

8. As pointed out in the \textit{Repertory} and in its \textit{Supplement No. 2},\(^7\) the terms of reference of the regional economic commissions provide for the invitation of observers from intergovernmental organizations. Accordingly, observers from such organizations attended as a rule the sessions of these commissions. For example, the Commission for Technical Co-operation in Africa South of the Sahara and the League of Arab States had observers at the second session of the Economic Commission for Africa, and the African and Malagasy Organization for Economic Co-operation attended the fifth session of that Commission.

9. An agreement, signed on 15 November 1965 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, provided for the reciprocal representation of that Organization and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.\(^8\)

\*\*5. Written statements

\*\*6. Appointment of representatives


\(^6\) E S C resolution 1053 (XXXIX).

\(^7\) See \textit{Repertory}, vol. III. under Article 70, para. 19, and \textit{Supplement No. 2}, under Article 70, para. 7.