

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 application of Article 70 raised no issues of Charter interpretation. The present study, therefore, merely records new practice under this Article. Its organization follows that of Article 70 in previous *Supplements of the Repertory*.

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. Arrangements for reciprocal representation were made with the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.² As adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1949 (LVIII), rule 75 of the Council's revised rules of procedure provided for participation and consultation with the specialized agencies in accordance with the agreements concluded between the specialized agencies and the United Nations.³

3. With regard to the participation of other intergovernmental organizations, during the period the Secretary-General pointed out that the Council had two different types of arrangement for the attendance of intergovernmental organizations: standing invitations issued under resolutions, and invitations by the Secretary-General, after approval of the Council, in accordance with 1267 B (XLIII) of 3 August 1967.⁴ At its fifty-eighth session, the Council revised its rules of procedure by formalizing its practice of inviting intergovernmental organizations to participate in its work under new rule 79 of its rules of procedure.⁵

¹E S C resolution 1890 (LVII), annex, art. 4.

²E S C resolution 2104 (LXIII), annex, art. II.

³See *Repertory*, under Article 70, para. 3.

⁴E/4961, para. 2. See para. 4 below.

⁵E S C resolution 1949 (LVIII). See para. 5 below; see also *Supplement No. 5*, under Article 72.

II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

****A. Invitations for reciprocal representation**

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

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

D. Participation of regional and other intergovernmental organizations

4. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1267 B (XLIII),⁶ the Secretary-General submitted

to the Council at its fiftieth session a report entitled "Relations with non-United Nations intergovernmental organizations in the economic and social field".⁷ The Secretary-General pointed out in the report that the Council had two different types of arrangement for the attendance of intergovernmental organizations: standing invitations issued under resolutions, and invitations by the Secretary-General, after approval of the Council, in accordance with Council resolution 1267 B (XLIII).⁸ In May 1971, the Council approved Secretary-General's recommendations:⁹

⁷E/4961.

⁸*Ibid.*, para. 2.

⁹E S C (L), Suppl. 1, p. 25, agenda item 12(a).

⁶See *Supplement No. 3*, under Article 70, para. 3.

(a) The Council extended a standing invitation to four intergovernmental organizations¹⁰ to participate, with the approval of the Council and without the right to vote, in the Council's debates on questions of concern to them.

(b) The Council authorized the Secretary-General to propose, "from time to time, as appropriate", invitations to other intergovernmental organizations to be represented as observers with the Council's approval, without the right to vote, in the Council's debates on questions of concern to them.

(c) The Council authorized the Secretary-General to arrange invitations to all sessions of the Council, "without informing the Council thereof", to certain intergovernmental organizations.¹¹

5. At its fifty-eighth session, the Council revised its rules of procedure and adopted a new rule 79 on "Participation of other intergovernmental organizations", whereby:

"Representatives of intergovernmental organizations accorded permanent observer status by the General Assembly and of other intergovernmental organizations

designated on an ad hoc or a continuing basis by the Council on the recommendation of the Bureau, may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of the organizations."¹²

6. At its fifty-ninth session, the Economic and Social Council decided¹³ to designate several intergovernmental organizations to participate, on a continuing basis, in its work under rule 79 of the rules of procedure. The Council made the designations in accordance with the special arrangement between the organization and the United Nations,¹⁴ in accordance with the decision taken at its fiftieth session¹⁵ or simply under rule 79.¹⁶ One organization¹⁷ was designated to participate, on an ad hoc basis, in the deliberations on certain questions only.

****E. Written statements**

**** F. Appointment of representatives**

¹⁰Council of Europe, Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, European Economic Community and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

¹¹League of Arab States, Organization of African Unity, Organization of American States, Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Regional Cooperation for Development and World Intellectual Property Organization.

¹²E S C resolution 1949 (LVIII).

¹³E S C decision 109 (LIX).

¹⁴Ibid., para. (b) with regard to Interpol, and para. (c), with regard to WTO.

¹⁵Ibid., para. (a) with regard to the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, and Regional Cooperation for Development. WTO was designated in accordance with both its special arrangement adopted by the Council (see E S C decision 254 (LXIII) and GA resolution 32/156) and the decision taken at the Council's fiftieth session.

¹⁶Ibid., para. (d), with regard to the Council of Arab Economic Unity.

¹⁷Ibid., para. (e), with regard to the International Secretariat for Volunteer Service, designated to participate in the deliberations of the Council relating to operational activities for development, and the International Civil Defence Organization, designated to participate in the deliberations of the Council relating to assistance in cases of natural and other disaster situations.