

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 the Article. Its organization follows that of Article 70 in previous *Supplements of the Repertory*.

I. GENERAL SURVEY

2. Pursuant to Article 70, rule 75¹ of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides for participation and consultation with the specialized agencies in accordance with the agreements concluded between the specialized agencies and the United Nations.² However, since no specialized agency was brought into relationship³ with the United Nations during the period under review, there were no new arrangements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies for reciprocal representation under Article 70.

3. The Council continued to strengthen its contacts with other intergovernmental organizations during the period, through the use of rule 79 of its rules of procedure.⁴ In considering participation under rule 79, the Council generally took into account⁵ the purpose and scope of the prospective intergovernmental organization, along with its membership.

¹E S C resolution 1949 (LVIII).

²See *Repertory*, under Article 70, para. 3.

³See the present *Supplement*, under Article 57.

⁴See also *Supplement No. 5*, under Article 70.

⁵See, e.g., E/1979/25, annex, p. 1; E/1980/52, annex, pp. 4-7; E/1980/86, annex, p. 1.

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. During the period under review, the Council decided to designate several intergovernmental organizations to participate in its work under rule 79 of its rules of procedure. Rule 79, entitled "Participation of other intergovernmental organizations", provides:

“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.”⁶

5. The first organization to apply for designation to participate in the work of the Council during the period was the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM). ICEM was established in 1951, with 32 Governments as full members and 11 Governments having observer status.⁷ Although ICEM applied to the Council for designation “as observer on a continuing basis”, the Bureau, without explanation, recommended⁸ instead participation on an ad hoc basis. Thus, in its decision 1979/10 of 10 April 1979,⁹ the Council designated ICEM to participate, on an ad hoc basis,¹⁰ in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of the organization.

6. In its decision 1980/114 of 28 April 1980,¹¹ the Council designated the following organizations to participate “on a continuing basis” in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of their activities: Asian Productivity Organization (APO), International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries (ICPE), Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) and Latin American Economic System (SELA).

7. In its decision 1980/151 of 8 July 1980,¹² the Council also designated the African Regional Centre for Technology (ARCT) to participate on a continuing basis in the deliberations of the Council on matters within the scope of activities of the Centre.

****E. Written statements**

****F. Appointment of representatives**

⁶E S C resolution 1949 (LVIII).

⁷See E/1979/25, annex, p. 1.

⁸E/1979/25.

⁹E/1979/SR.3, para. 24.

¹⁰See also E/1980/SR.26, para. 35.

¹¹E/1980/SR.15, paras. 1 and 2.

¹²E/1980/SR.29, paras. 1 and 2.