

ARTICLE 72

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1. The Economic and Social Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its President.

2. The Economic and Social Council shall meet as required in accordance with its rules, which shall include provision for the convening of meetings on the request of a majority of its members.

NOTE

1. There has been no change in the rules of procedure of the Council during the period under review, nor has any question arisen in the Council in connexion with the application of these rules which would require treatment under Article 72. Council resolution 578 (XIX) of 20 May 1955 on the reorganization of the sessions of the Council was taken into account in the previous study of this Article in the Repertory. 1/

2. The only development which may perhaps require mention is the approval by the Council in resolution 582 (XX) of the rules of procedure adopted by the Commission on International Commodity Trade. These rules are based on those of the functional commissions but included some special provisions 2/ in view of the composition of the Commission and the terms of reference given to it by the Council. 3/

3. As in the earlier study of this Article certain rules of procedure of the Council based on specific provisions in other Articles are examined in greater detail in this Supplement under the appropriate Articles as follows: on the method of selecting the President, under Article 67; on participation of Members of United Nations not members of the Council, under Article 69; on participation of and consultation with specialized agencies, under Articles 63 and 70; and on consultation with non-governmental organizations, under Article 71.

1/ Since the adoption of that resolution which did away with the division of the spring session into two parts, the observations contained in footnote 75 of the previous study relating to items on the agenda apply only to the summer session.

2/ See also in this Supplement under Articles 68 and 69.

3/ E S C resolution 557 F (XVIII).

Chapter XI

**DECLARATION REGARDING
NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES**

