ARTICLE 72

TEXT OF ARTICLE 72

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 was no change in the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council 1 during the period under review, nor did any question arise in the Council in connexion with their application which required treatment under Article 72.

2. By resolution 356 (XXIV), however, the Council approved the amendment of rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the Commission on International Commodity Trade to read: "The Commission shall normally hold one regular session a year." 2

3. There were two occasions which differed somewhat from the usual practice of the Council's committees with regard to the election of officers. At the twenty-sixth session of the Council, the first meeting of its Co-ordination Committee was opened 3 by the President of the Council, and the Committee adjourned without electing its officers. At its second meeting, presided over by the First Vice-President of the Council, a Chairman was elected ad interim, 4 pending the arrival of all the representatives who were to attend the twenty-sixth session. At the sixth meeting, the Chairman ad interim called for nominations, and a Chairman was elected 5 by acclamation. In another instance, which also occurred during the twenty-sixth session of the Council, the Chairman of the Technical Assistance Committee was absent during the session, and a Vice-Chairman had not been elected initially. The Secretary of the Committee called for nominations and a Vice-Chairman was elected 6 to preside until the return of the Chairman.

4. At its resumed twenty-sixth session, the Council accepted 7 the invitation of the Government of Mexico to hold its twenty-seventh session in Mexico City, where it met from 7 to 24 April 1959.

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1 E/3063 (United Nations Publication, Sales No.: 58.I.3).
2 See this Supplement, under Article 68, for a description of the reconstitution of the Commission on International Commodity Trade by E S C resolution 691 (XXVI); see also paragraph 2 of the study under Article 72 in the Repertory, Supplement No. 1, vol. II, which dealt with the original rules of procedure of the Commission.
3 E/AC.24/PR.167 (mimeographed).
4 E/AC.24/PR.168 (mimeographed).
5 E/AC.24/PR.172 (mimeographed).
6 E/TAC/SR.157 (mimeographed).
7 E S C (XXVI), resumed session, 10th meeting, paras. 3-8.

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Chapter XI

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