

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, not later than its nineteenth session and in the light of proposals to be submitted to it by the High Commissioner upon the advice of his Advisory Committee, either to establish an Executive Committee responsible for giving directives to the High Commissioner in carrying out his programme and for exercising the necessary controls in the use of funds allotted to the Office of the High Commissioner or to revise the terms of reference and composition of the Advisory Committee in order to enable it to carry out the same duties;

5. *Requests* the High Commissioner to prepare, for presentation to the inter-governmental body mentioned in paragraph 4 above, detailed proposals for projects designed to achieve permanent solutions, including plans for adequate financial or other contributions from sources within the countries of residence;

6. *Requests* the Governments concerned, in the negotiation of agreements with the High Commissioner for the projects for permanent solutions under this programme, to give assurances that they will assume full financial responsibility should any of the refugees within the scope of the programme still require assistance at the end of the stipulated period;

7. *Urges* Member and non-member States to co-operate with the High Commissioner to the fullest extent in this programme;

8. *Requests* the High Commissioner to include in his annual report a statement on the measures which he has taken under the terms of the present resolution.

*495th plenary meeting,
21 October 1954.*

833 (IX). Draft international covenants on human rights

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the draft international covenants on human rights³ prepared by the Commission on Human Rights and transmitted⁴ by the Economic and Social Council and expressing its gratitude to that Commission for the work accomplished,

Having considered these draft international covenants on human rights at its ninth session,

Reaffirming that it is important that these draft international covenants should be adopted in their final form as soon as possible,

Considering that it is desirable to give Governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations and the specialized agencies time to make a full study of these draft international covenants and to submit, if they so desire, amendments or additions thereto, or further observations thereon,

Considering that it is desirable for each Government to be informed in good time of the views of other Governments and of the specialized agencies concerning the provisions to be included in the draft international covenants on human rights so that it may take due account of these views in determining its own attitude,

Considering that it is desirable that public opinion should continue to express itself freely on the draft international covenants on human rights,

³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 7*, annexes I, II and III.

⁴ See Economic and Social Council, resolution 545 B (XVIII).

1. *Invites*:

(a) Governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations to communicate to the Secretary-General, within six months after the end of the present session of the General Assembly, any amendments or additions to the draft international covenants on human rights or any observations thereon;

(b) The specialized agencies to communicate to the Secretary-General, within six months after the end of the present session, any observations they may wish to make with regard to the draft international covenants on human rights;

(c) The non-governmental organizations concerned with the promotion of human rights, including those in the Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories, to stimulate public interest in the draft international covenants on human rights by all possible means in their respective countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare and distribute to Governments, as early as possible, a concise annotation of the text of the draft international covenants on human rights, taking account of the observations made before and during the ninth session of the General Assembly, including those made in the Economic and Social Council and in the Commission on Human Rights;

(b) To distribute to Governments, as soon as they are received, the communications which may be made by Governments and by the specialized agencies during the next six months;

(c) To prepare as a working paper a compilation of all the amendments and proposed new articles which may be submitted by Governments during that period;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give the draft international covenants on human rights the widest possible publicity through all the media of information available to him, and within the limits of his budget;

4. *Recommends* that, during the tenth session of the General Assembly, the Third Committee give priority and devote itself mainly to the discussion, article by article, in an agreed order, of the draft international covenants on human rights with a view to their adoption at the earliest possible date. The discussion shall also cover any new articles which may be proposed.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

834 (IX). United Nations Narcotics Laboratory

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 548 D (XVIII) of 12 July 1954 on the subject of the establishment of a United Nations Narcotics Laboratory,

Having considered the Secretary-General's note⁵ of 15 October 1954 which sets out the comparative cost of setting up such a laboratory at Headquarters and at Geneva,

Noting the statement by the Secretary-General in the above note that he "would regard it as important that the laboratory should be situated in the same place, and preferably in the same building, as the Division of Narcotic Drugs as a whole",

⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document A/C.3/573.

Taking into account that, under the Secretary-General's proposals^a for the reorganization of the Secretariat, the Division of Narcotic Drugs is to be transferred to Geneva,

Decides to establish a United Nations Narcotics Laboratory in Geneva.

512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.

835 (IX). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling that by its resolution 802 (VIII) of 6 October 1953 it decided to continue the activities of the United Nations Children's Fund without time limits,

Taking note of resolution 543 (XVIII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council after consideration of the reports made by the Executive Board of UNICEF on the work of the Fund,

Being of the opinion that the work of UNICEF is developing with success in the various parts of the world, especially in under-developed areas,

1. *Congratulates* the United Nations Children's Fund on its work;

2. *Considers* that further efforts are desirable to familiarize the public with the needs of children and with the work of UNICEF;

3. *Invites* all States Members and non-members of the United Nations to continue their efforts to expand the resources of UNICEF.

512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.

836 (IX). Universal Children's Day

The General Assembly,

Considering that the obligations of the United Nations to succeeding generations can only be fulfilled by increased efforts on behalf of the children of the world, who are the citizens of tomorrow, and that the world-wide observance of a children's day would contribute to human solidarity and co-operation between nations,

Believing that the objectives of the Charter can best be realized if they inspire and are shared by the children of the world,

Recalling the increased interest in the work of and the support given to the United Nations Children's Fund and its acceptance as an integral part of the United Nations, and that various resolutions relating to children adopted by the General Assembly have shown the Organization's concern for children in all parts of the world,

Considering the increasing attention given by States and peoples to a better observance of the rights of mothers and children, as well as the action of civic, social, professional and cultural institutions, national, international and regional, on behalf of children,

Expressing its appreciation of the work done by governmental and voluntary organizations for the children of the world, including the observance in a certain number of countries of a Universal Children's Day,

^a *Ibid.*, agenda item 53, document A/2731.

Considering that the observance of Universal Children's Day should be used for a concrete and effective expression of the support of Governments for the purposes of UNICEF,

1. *Recommends* that, with effect from 1956, a Universal Children's Day shall be instituted by all countries, to be observed as a day of world-wide fraternity and understanding between children and of activity devoted to the promotion of the ideals and objectives of the Charter and the welfare of the children of the world, and to the strengthening and broadening of the efforts made by the United Nations in favour and on behalf of all the children of the world;

2. *Suggests* to the Governments of all States that Universal Children's Day be observed on the date and in the way which each considers appropriate;

3. *Also invites* the cultural, professional, trade union, workers' and social welfare organizations, for men and women, to support and co-operate actively in the observance of Universal Children's Day;

4. *Requests* the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to take steps in accordance with the present resolution and to include in its annual reports a report on progress achieved in accordance with the above recommendations.

512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.

837 (IX). Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 637 (VII), 648 (VII) and 738 (VIII),

Noting the recommendations¹ of the Commission on Human Rights to the Economic and Social Council,

Noting, further, resolution 545 G (XVIII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the preparation of recommendations on measures for promoting the right of self-determination is a matter of immediate concern,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to complete its recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination, including recommendations concerning their permanent sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources, having due regard to the rights and duties of States under international law and to the importance of encouraging international co-operation in the economic development of under-developed countries, in order that the General Assembly may give those recommendations full and due consideration at its next regular session;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to transmit these recommendations to the General Assembly for consideration at its next regular session.

512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.

¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 7*, annex IV, draft resolution F.