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PROCEDURE FOR THE CONVENING OF STUDY GROUPS
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Report of the Economic Committee

1. The Economic Committee, under the chairmanship of the Second Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Henryk Birecki (Poland), considered at its 127th, 128th, 129th and 130th meetings (E/AC.6/SR.127, 128, 129 and 130) held on 10, 17 and 23 April 1953, item 8 of the agenda of the Council (Procedure for the Convening of Study Groups and International Commodity Conferences) referred to it by the Council at its 673rd meeting (E/SR.673) held on 31 March 1953.
2. The Committee had before it the following documents: E/2039, E/2039/Add.1, E/AC.6/L.55, L.56, L.56/Add.1, L.57, L.58, L.59 and L.60.
3. The Committee voted on the attached draft resolutions as follows:
Draft resolution A - 16 votes in favour, 2 against and 0 abstentions
Draft resolution B - 15 votes in favour, none against and 3 abstentions
4. The Committee recommends that the following draft resolutions be adopted by the Council:

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A

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the importance to all countries of maintaining adequate machinery to facilitate international consideration of problems of primary commodities,

Recalling Council resolutions 30 (IV), 296 (XI) and 373 (XIII) relating to international commodity arrangements,

Believing that these resolutions continue to constitute an effective basis for international consultation and action,

Noting the study requested in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 623 (VII),

1. Reaffirms Council resolution 296 (XI), governing the procedures to be followed by the Secretary-General in convening inter-governmental commodity conferences;

2. Recommends that Members of the United Nations continue to accept the principles of chapter VI of the Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization as a general guide in inter-governmental consultation or action with respect to commodity problems;

3. Recommends increasing the membership of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements to four, the fourth member to be a person of wide experience in the problems confronting countries undergoing development whose economies are primarily dependent on the production and international marketing of primary commodities, and authorizes the Secretary-General to make this appointment;

4. Recommends that the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements should continue to review international commodity problems and to assist in inter-governmental consultation and action in respect of such problems; and

5. Recommends that the group of experts appointed under General Assembly resolution 623 (VII) should devote attention to the question of the use of study groups and international commodity conferences.

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Requests ICCICA to consult governments on the desirability and usefulness of convening an inter-governmental study group on steel, and to transmit to the governments for their information the official records of the discussion of the question at the 15th session of the Council;

Recommends that the governments consulted should transmit their views on the question to ICCICA not later than 30 September 1953 and

Requests ICCICA to consider the replies received from governments and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its seventeenth session on the action taken in this matter.