

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME OF CONFERENCES

694 (VII). Programme of conferences at Headquarters and Geneva

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report¹ and recommendations of the Special Committee on Programme of Conferences,

Mindful of the necessity of firmly fixing a long-term pattern of conferences to allow for the rational and economic distribution of meetings between Headquarters and Geneva and to permit the proper utilization of staff and conference facilities at both places,

Recognizing the importance to the United Nations and the specialized agencies of having a regular conference pattern,

1. *Decides* that a regular pattern of conferences should be established for a period of four years commencing on 1 January 1954, under which sessions of all Headquarters-based bodies should be held in New York and sessions of all Geneva-based bodies should be held in Geneva with the following exceptions:

(a) The regular summer session of the Economic and Social Council would be held each year in Geneva

during which period no other meetings of United Nations bodies would be held in Geneva;

(b) Sessions of a functional commission or of functional commissions (but preferably not more than one) of the Economic and Social Council, to be determined by the Economic and Social Council, would meet in Geneva without overlap for a total period not exceeding five weeks between mid-March and the end of April;

(c) The International Law Commission would meet in Geneva only when its session could be held there without overlapping with the summer session of the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to all organs of the United Nations and to the specialized agencies a conference pattern based on the principles enumerated above;

3. *Recommends* to all organs of the United Nations that they arrange their meetings in accordance with the dates and places set forth in the pattern presented by the Secretary-General, and invites the specialized agencies concerned to give due consideration to this pattern in drawing up their own programmes of meetings.

*409th plenary meeting,
20 December 1952.*

¹ See document A/2323.