

CONSULTATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Rule 6:

Amend to read:

"The provisional agenda for any session shall include:

- (a) Items arising from previous sessions of the Commission;
- (b) Items proposed by the Economic and Social Council;
- (c) Items proposed by any Member of the Commission;
- (d) Items proposed by Specialized Agency in accordance with the Agreements of relationship concluded between the United Nations and such agencies;
- (e) Items proposed by non-Governmental organizations* in category (a); and
- (f) Any other items which the Chairman or the Executive Secretary sees fit to include.

Before the Executive Secretary places an item proposed by any non-Governmental organization in category (a) on the provisional agenda, he shall carry out with the agency concerned such preliminary consultations as may be necessary."

* Non-governmental organizations are defined as those organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council which has recognized that the nature of the consultations will vary with the character of the organization. Accordingly, the Council has set up three categories:

- (a) organizations which have a basic interest in most of the activities of the Council and are closely linked with the economic and social life of the areas which they represent;
- (b) organizations which have a special competence but are concerned specifically with only a few of the fields of activity covered by the Council;
- (c) organizations which are primarily concerned with the development of public opinion and with dissemination of information.

Rule 45:

Amend to read:

"As soon as possible the text of all reports to the Resolutions, Recommendations and other formal decisions made by the Commission, its Sub-Commissions or other subsidiary bodies and its Committees shall be communicated to the Members of the Commission, to the Consultative Members concerned, to all other members of the United Nations, to the Specialized Agencies, and to the non-governmental organizations in category (a) and to the appropriate non-governmental organizations in categories (b) and (c)."

CHAPTER XI - RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS*

New Rule 47:

Non-governmental organizations in categories (a), (b) and (c) may designate authorized representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Commission. The Executive Secretary will circulate to the Members and Associate Members of the Commission written statements and suggestions submitted by category (a) organizations on matters within their competence. Non-governmental organizations in categories (b) and (c) may submit such statements and suggestions to the Executive Secretary, who will prepare and distribute at each Session of the Commission a list of such communications briefly indicating the substance of each. Upon the request of any Member or Associate Member of the Commission the Executive Secretary will distribute the full text of any such communication.

New Rule 48:

The Commission may consult with non-governmental organizations in categories (a), (b) and (c) on matters in which the Commission regards these organizations as having special competence or knowledge. Such consultations may be arranged either on the invitation of the Commission or upon the request of the organization. In the case of non-governmental organizations in category (a), consultations should normally be held with the Commission itself. The Commission may consult with organizations in categories (b) and (c) either directly or through a committee or committees established for that purpose.

The present Chapter XI - SUB-COMMISSIONS, OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND COMMITTEES - will be renumbered Chapter XII, and Rule 47 will become Rule 49, et sequitur.

* See Note, Rule 6.