

RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT ON VOTING IN THE CONFERENCE

THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT HAVING REGARD to the views expressed in the Conference with reference to equality in the matter of voting but

CONSIDERING THAT it is not practicable at this stage to seek a review of the decision taken by the Economic and Social Council upon the question of voting rights at the Conference for non-Members of the United Nations

RESOLVES THAT

1. In order to accord to all delegations equality to the fullest extent practicable, decisions of the Conference and its committees shall be reached, so far as possible, without resort to voting.
2. At the close of the discussion the President of the Conference or the chairman of a committee shall consult the members of the Conference or the committee in order to determine the opinion of the Conference or of the committee and shall announce the result. This result shall be recorded.
3. If, however, a vote is taken, it shall be taken in accordance with the relevant terms of Resolution 62 (V) of the Economic and Social Council. The decision shall be by a majority of the votes cast. An abstention shall not be considered as a vote. A vote shall normally be taken by show of hands or by standing. If any representative requests a roll call, a roll call shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of names of the Members. After the President or a chairman has announced the beginning of a vote, no representative shall interrupt the vote except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting.

PROPOSAL BY THE PRESIDENT

It is suggested that Rules 30-33 inclusive of the Rules of Procedure (document E/CONF.2/2/Rev.4) should be deleted and that the following wording should be adopted as Rule 30:

"The method of voting shall be in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Conference on this subject on 1 December 1947."

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