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SUB-COMMITTEE C: PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON EMPLOYMENT

PROPOSAL BY THE POLISH MEMBER OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE BASED ON
THE INFORMAL PROPOSAL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT RECOGNIZING that
future prosperity and peace rest on a foundation of full and productive
employment and large and steadily growing demand and that

in many countries particularly those underdeveloped or devastated by
war full employment does not actually exist or is not fully productive, and
that

where it does exist its stability may prove to be dependent on special
factors of temporary duration, and that

problems relating to the maintenance or achievement of a full and
productive employment vastly differ as from country to country depending
primarily on whether a country has a well balanced economy as far as the
chief economic factors of production are concerned i.e. capital, materials,
labour and skills, or whether there exists a deficiency or excess in one or
more of such factors, and

RECOGNIZING further that

the solution of such problems, though depending to a large extent on
internal measures, taken by individual countries, can nevertheless,
particularly in respect to countries with ill-balanced economy, derive great
support from consultations and concerted action and from assistance rendered
by inter-governmental agencies, and that

in case of a threatening depression such concerted international action
and such assistance may prove to be of an importance even greater than
individual internal efforts;

NOTING the resolutions under which various United Nations bodies have begun
to assemble information, undertake studies and formulate views concerning
long-term as well as short-term aspects of the problem of employment,
production and demand, including particularly resolutions of the Economic
and Social Council and its Economic and Employment Commission,

NOTING also that the Draft Resolution on International Action Relating to

/Employment

Employment agreed upon at the First Session of the Preparatory Committee was taken into account; and

CONSIDERING that it is of the utmost importance that such preparatory work be advanced as rapidly as possible so that:

Advice could be given as to ways and means of assuring the maintenance of high levels of employment and effective demand,

Assistance could be rendered to countries with ill-balanced economies to achieve full and productive employment,

Positive action on an international scale could be undertaken in time to prevent a serious decline in the employment and effective demand in case of a threatening economic depression;

HEREBY SUGGESTS THAT, in addition to the investigations which it has already initiated, the Economic and Social Council

REQUEST the submission at an early date by Members of the United Nations, of information concerning their plans for the maintenance or achievement of full and productive employment and for preventing the reoccurrence of a depression on their territories and also of their suggestions for international measures taken in a concerted action to prevent its international spread,

REQUESTS the various specialized agencies to study such plans and suggestions, to indicate ways and means by which they could render assistance in case of a threatening depression and also to indicate which further steps should be undertaken by the United Nations to make such an assistance effective,

ISSUE a report, based on the above information with recommendations to the General Assembly of the United Nations, to the Member Governments and to the specialized agencies concerned.
