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OF THE

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1. Sub-Commission on Employment and Economic Stability.
2. Sub-Commission on Economic Development.

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THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, being charged under the Charter with the responsibility of promoting higher standards of living, full employment, conditions of economic and social progress and development and solutions of international economic problems, and requiring advice and assistance to enable it to discharge this responsibility.

ESTABLISHES AN ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION.

I. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Commission shall advise the Economic and Social Council on economic questions in order to promote higher standards of living.
2. It shall examine such questions as may be submitted to it by the Council and shall on its own initiative report to the Council on problems which, in its opinion, require urgent attention.
3. It shall make recommendations to the Council with reference to economic questions involving concerted study and (or) action by more than one specialized agency or commission of the Council and in particular shall draw the attention of the Council to the probable influence of the policies and activities of other commissions of the Council, the specialized agencies or other international organizations on the issues mentioned in paragraph 4 below.
4. In particular, it shall be the function of the Commission to advise the Council on:
  - (a) the prevention of wide fluctuations in economic activity and the promotion of full employment by the co-ordination of national full employment policies and by international action;
  - (b) problems of the reconstruction of devastated areas and other urgent problems arising from the war, with a view to developing means of giving real help, which is so necessary, to various Members of the United Nations whose territories have been devastated by the enemy as a result of occupation and war activities;
  - (c) the promotion of economic development and progress with special regard to the problems of less developed areas.

In carrying out the functions set forth above, the Commission shall take account of the close relationship between the short-term problems and the long-term objectives of an expanding and integrated world economy.

## II. COMPOSITION

1. The Commission shall consist of one representative from each of fifteen members of the United Nations selected by the Council.
2. With a view to securing a balanced representation in the various fields covered by the Commission, the Secretary-General shall consult with the governments so selected before the representatives are finally nominated by these governments and confirmed by the Council.
3. Except for the initial period, the term of office shall be for three years. For the initial period, one-third of the members shall serve for two years, one-third for three years and one-third for four years, the terms of each member to be determined by lot.
4. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
5. In the event that a member of the Commission is unable to serve for the full three-year term, the vacancy thus arising shall be filled by a representative designated by the Member Government, subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 above.
6. The Economic and Social Council may, in addition, appoint in their individual capacity, from ten to fifteen corresponding members from countries not represented on the Commission. Such members shall be appointed with the approval of the governments concerned.

## III. SUB-COMMISSIONS

1. The Commission shall establish the following sub-commissions:
  - (a) A Sub-Commission on Employment and Economic Stability:
    - (i) to study national and international full employment policies and fluctuations in economic activity;
    - (ii) to analyse the causes of these fluctuations; and
    - (iii) to advise the Commission on the most appropriate methods of promoting full employment and economic stability.

(b) A Sub-Commission on Economic Development to study and advise the Commission on the principles and problems of long-term economic development with particular attention to the inadequately developed parts of the world, having the objectives of:

- (i) promoting the fullest and most effective utilization of natural resources, labour and capital;
- (ii) raising the level of consumption; and
- (iii) studying the effects of industrialization and changes of a technological order upon the world economic situation.

2. The composition of the two above-mentioned Sub-Commissions shall be as follows:

(a) Each Sub-Commission shall be composed of seven persons selected by the Commission in consultation with the Secretary-General and subject to the consent of the governments of the countries of which the persons are nationals. Not more than one person shall be selected from any single country.

(b) The terms of office of the members shall be three years. Members shall be eligible for re-election. In the event that a member is unable to serve for the full three-year term, a person selected by the Commission subject to the foregoing provisions should serve in his place for the remainder of the term.

3. The Commission may also make recommendations to the Council concerning any other sub-commissions which it considers should be established. In particular the Commission shall give further consideration to the question of the establishment and of the terms of reference of a Sub-Commission on Balances of Payments and make an early report to the Economic and Social Council.

The preamble of this document has been taken from the Journal No. 12 of the Economic and Social Council, page 125 (see also Document E/20 of 15 February 1946), being a Resolution of the Economic and Social Council adopted on 16 February 1946, on the Establishment of an Economic and Employment Commission.

Sections 1, Terms of Reference, and Section 2, Composition, have been taken from Journal No. 29 of the Council, pages 512 and 513 (see also Documents E/62/Rev.1 and E/94/Rev.1, paragraph 1), being a Resolution adopted by the Council on 21 June 1946 after consideration of the Report of the Economic and Employment Commission of 18 May 1946.

Section 3, Sub-Commissions, has been taken from Document E/200, of 30 September 1946, being a resolution taken on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Terms of Reference of the Sub-Commissions of the Economic and Employment Commission.

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