

lution 496 (XVI), by the insertion of a new paragraph 8 (i) reading as follows:

"Improve the situation with respect to health, education and social welfare in the Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories;"

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To keep the development of the programme under consideration with a view to its progressive improvement;

(b) To consider, as appropriate, further practical measures which may be undertaken in accordance with General Assembly resolution 535 (VI) and Economic and Social Council resolution 496 (XVI) with the addition thereto recommended to the Economic and Social Council by the General Assembly at its eighth session;

(c) To report to the General Assembly on the progress achieved.

*454th plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

733 (VIII). Studies on internal migration

The General Assembly,

Considering the close connexion existing between internal movements of population and economic and social progress in the economically less developed countries,

Noting with satisfaction that the Economic and Social Council, in examining the work of the Population Commission, has recently paid attention to the problems of internal migration (resolution 471 D (XV) of 14 April 1953) which have generally not been sufficiently studied,

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, in cooperation with the International Labour Organisation and other interested agencies, to develop, within available resources, an appropriate programme of studies on internal migration, especially in the economically less developed countries, to be carried out at the request of the countries concerned;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate to the Economic and Social Council, for its guidance and information, the records of the debate on this question in the General Assembly at its eighth session.

*460th plenary meeting,
28 November 1953.*

734 (VIII). Recognition and enforcement abroad of maintenance obligations

The General Assembly,

Having noted that the question of the reciprocal recognition and enforcement abroad of maintenance obligations has been before the Economic and Social Council which, at its fifteenth session, decided³ to postpone consideration until its seventeenth session,

Being aware of the urgent need to improve the situation of members of families whose legal supporters living in another country fail to comply with their maintenance obligations,

Requests the Economic and Social Council to do its utmost to complete, if possible, its work on this question in such time as to enable it to report on

³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 1, page 32.*

the results to the General Assembly at its next regular session.

*460th plenary meeting,
28 November 1953.*

735 (VIII). The Social Commission

The General Assembly,

Mindful of the provisions of Articles 61 and 68 of the Charter,

Considering that one of the aims of the United Nations is to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom and to this end to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations,

Considering that the General Assembly at its present session has adopted⁴ a programme of concerted practical action in the social field,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 414 (XIII) of 18, 19 and 20 September 1951 decided that the Social Commission should meet biennially instead of annually,

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with its resolution 414 (XIII), the Economic and Social Council must review in 1954 the question of organization of its functional commissions,

Having considered the draft proposals⁵ made with a view to the possible revision of the pattern of meetings of the Social Commission, as well as to the expansion of its membership to provide improved representation of under-developed areas and various economic and cultural patterns,

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, in its review of this question, to consider the aforementioned draft proposals, as well as the suggestions made in the discussion of this matter during the eighth session of the General Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate to the Economic and Social Council the records of the debate on the question during the eighth session of the General Assembly.

*460th plenary meeting,
28 November 1953.*

736 (VIII). Freedom of information

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The General Assembly,

Recalling the decisions contained in the resolutions⁶ on freedom of information adopted at its seventh session,

Regretting that the Economic and Social Council was unable⁷ to give consideration at its sixteenth session to the subject of freedom of information, including the report⁸ of its Rapporteur,

Noting that, at its sixteenth session, the Economic and Social Council postponed consideration of the question of freedom of information to its seventeenth session and decided, in agreement with the Rapporteur, that the Rapporteur would present his report at the seventeenth session,

⁴ See resolution 732 (VIII).

⁵ See documents A/C.3/L.376, A/C.3/L.382, A/C.3/L.384 and A/C.3/L.386.

⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 20.*

⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 1, page 25.*

⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12.