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DOCUMENT E/3307

Statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund

[Original text: English] [6 November 1959]

1. The attention of the Council is called to the following statement submitted by the Executive Director of UNICEF.

2. The Executive Board of UNICEF during its session in September 1959 requested that, beginning in 1961, the Council consider the reports of the Executive Board at its summer sessions rather than in the spring as heretofore.\(^1\)

3. It should be noted that it is the intention of the UNICEF Board to hold one main session a year instead of two as heretofore. The Board examined various possibilities of dates for this session. For a number of reasons it preferred, beginning in 1961, to hold this session in the first half of June.

4. Unless the report of the Board's June session was considered by the Council at its summer session, the Council's report to the General Assembly on this session would not be available until the following year, a period of fifteen months after the Board session instead of three months.

5. Should the Council decide to retain consideration of UNICEF Board reports at its spring session, the UNICEF Board would hold its main session in the first half of March.

\(^1\) See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2, paras. 204-207.
DOCUMENT E/3310

Mexico: request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the resumed twenty-eighth session

[Original text: English and Spanish]

[2 December 1959]

The Secretary-General has received the following communication, dated 27 November 1959, from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations proposing the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the resumed twenty-eighth session:

"I have the honour to draw to your attention a matter which arises as a result of the debate in the Third Committee on item 12 of the agenda of the General Assembly (Report of the Economic and Social Council).

"Paragraphs 74 et seq. of the Rapporteur's report contain a summary of the discussion which took place on the organization and future operation of the Council. Although the Third Committee did not adopt any draft resolution thereon, it decided that the record of its debates on the subject and the draft resolution sponsored by my delegation, around which the discussion had mainly centred, should be transmitted to the Council.

With this in mind, and in view of the fact that the twenty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council is to be resumed in the near future, I would request the inclusion in the Council's agenda of the question arising from the above decision taken by the Third Committee."

(Signed) Luis Padilla Nervo, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

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2 Ibid., Fourteenth Session, Third Committee, 941st meeting.
DOCUMENT E/3311

Note by the Secretary-General

[Original text: English]

[2 December, 1959]

1. A suggestion which the Secretary-General made at the twenty-eighth session concerning certain aspects of the organization and operation of the Council is referred to in paragraph 593 of the report of the Council to the General Assembly and in the following paragraph of the Introduction to the Annual Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization:

"For several practical reasons it is difficult at regular meetings of the Economic and Social Council, without special arrangements, to organize the work in such a way as to render possible a searching examination and discussion of key issues of decisive general importance at a policy-making level. At the summer session of the Economic and Social Council this year, I suggested that the Council consider a development of its procedures to meet this need. I believe that short special meetings at the ministerial level, within or under the aegis of the Economic and Social Council, might make an invaluable contribution to the formulation of international economic policies adequate to vital requirements for concerted action. Were the suggestion to meet with the sympathy of Member Governments and appeal to the Council, the Secretariat would, in consultation with Member Governments, devote further study to the question and in due time present concrete proposals to the Council. It is my opinion that, in this or in such other ways as might be considered preferable, efforts should now be made to add to the usefulness of the Economic and Social Council and to give to the United Nations, through this Council, better possibilities of playing a role of the same significance in the economic field as the one which is entrusted to it in the political sphere."

2. In the course of the debate in the Third Committee of the General Assembly on the report of the Council, the above subject was discussed on the basis of a draft resolution submitted by Mexico. The Committee has reported on this discussion to the General Assembly in paragraphs 74-81 of its report on the item. Those paragraphs, together with the relevant summary records of the Third Committee’s debate, will be brought to the attention of the Council in the note by the Secretary-General concerning the disposal of items arising out of the agenda of the fourteenth session of the General Assembly (E/L.849), and the delegation of Mexico has requested that an appropriate item should be included in the agenda of the Council’s resumed session (see document E/3310 above).

3. Having been approached on this matter by a number of delegations, the Secretary-General believes it may be appropriate for him to submit certain observations which might assist the Council should it decide to examine possible arrangements for the meetings at the ministerial level, which have been proposed.

4. According to the views expressed by Governments which have referred to the matter, the discussions at the ministerial level should be kept as informal as possible and should indeed be held in executive session whenever appropriate. They should not be expected to result necessarily in the adoption of resolutions or other formal action, their importance lying primarily in the influence they may exercise within the Governments of the States Members of the United Nations and on the subsequent actions of the Council.

5. It would seem most appropriate, and would further present the advantage of administrative simplicity, if the meetings at the ministerial level were organized as part of the regular meetings of the Council itself, the Ministers acting, for the period of their attendance, as the principal representatives of their respective countries. The agenda of the Council’s session would need to be so arranged that the discussion at that level could be concentrated within a few days.

6. It is suggested that the issues to which the ministerial meetings should, in the first instance, address themselves are the major issues of economic policy, with special reference to the promotion of the economic development of under-developed countries—the overriding priority of the Council itself—and the better integration of the world economy. Such meetings might appropriately be held during the summer session of the Council on the occasion of the annual discussion of the world economic situation and of the problems of economic development in general.

7. The documentation to assist the exchange of views at the ministerial level should clearly comprise the most recent data available and an analysis of those data. Such documentation would normally include the World Economic Survey, the regional economic surveys and the Commodity Survey, which are already produced annually and are available at the Council’s summer session. They could usefully be supplemented by a summary or digest bringing together in a single document major events or policy decisions affecting the international economy, and particularly the development of under-developed countries. Such documents as the replies to the questionnaire sent out under General Assembly resolution 1316 (XIII) on measures to promote economic development would also be available. In addition, some delegations have suggested that the Secretary-General, in an introductory

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4 Ibid., Supplement No. 1A, p. 3.
5 Ibid., Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, document A/4250.
statement, might highlight certain problems of policy to which he believes the attention of the Council should be drawn, in the same way as he does in his annual report to the General Assembly.

8. Should the Council be prepared to endorse the idea of holding meetings at the ministerial level, the Secretary-General believes that a first meeting of this kind could be envisaged for its thirtieth session. In that case, he would suggest that item 2 (World economic situation) and item 4 (Economic development of under-developed countries) would provide the requisite framework for a useful exchange of views on important matters and might be taken together, it being understood that specific aspects would be referred to the Economic Committee or to a continuation of the plenary meeting after the Ministers have departed.

9. The general discussion under items 2 and 4, at the ministerial level, might be envisaged for the beginning of the second week of the session—that is, 11 July 1960. Detailed arrangements for the organization of the work of the session could be considered at the twenty-ninth session, when the Secretary-General would be glad to put before the Council further suggestions concerning the scheduling of items.

DOCUMENT E/L.850/REV.1

Pakistan: revised draft resolution

[Original text: English]
[15 December 1959]

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken note of the discussions in the Third Committee of the General Assembly at its fourteenth session,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General (E/3311) concerning sessions of the Council at the ministerial level,

1. Approves the Secretary-General's proposal in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of his note to organize a meeting of the Council at the ministerial level;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the arrangements for convening such a meeting along the lines suggested in paragraph 9 of his note;

3. Further requests that the Secretary-General should invite States Members of the United Nations particularly concerned with problems of economic development of under-developed countries, in accordance with Article 69 of the Charter of the United Nations, to participate in the proposed meeting.

DOCUMENT E/L.850/REV.2

Pakistan: revised draft resolution

[Original text: English]
[15 December 1959]

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken note of the discussions in the Third Committee of the General Assembly at its fourteenth session,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General (E/3311) concerning sessions of the Council at the ministerial level,

1. Approves the Secretary-General’s proposal in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of his note to organize a meeting of the Council at the ministerial level;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the arrangements for convening such a meeting along the lines suggested in paragraph 9 of his note;

3. Further requests that the Secretary-General, in the formulation of his proposal on this subject for the twenty-ninth session of the Council, should take into account the views expressed at the resumed twenty-eighth session.
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

745 (XXVIII). Organization and operation of the Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken note of the discussions of the General Assembly at its fourteenth session,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General (E/3311) concerning the desirability and usefulness of meetings of the Council at the ministerial level,

1. Approves the principle of the Secretary-General’s proposal;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the arrangements for such a meeting along the lines suggested in paragraph 9 of his note;

3. Further requests that the Secretary-General, in the formulation of his proposal on this subject for the twenty-ninth session of the Council, take into account the views expressed at the resumed twenty-eighth session.

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