

RESOLUTION TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL CONCERNING
THE INTERIM CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR
INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS

Some time ago the Secretariat circulated a draft resolution on this subject (E/CONF.2/C.5/16 and E/CONF.2/C.6/47) with the suggestion that it be considered by either the Fifth Committee or the Sixth Committee for recommendation to a Plenary Session of the Conference. Subsequently the Fifth Committee discussed and adopted unanimously the proposed text of the resolution (E/CONF.2/C.5/SR.15).

In putting forward this suggestion earlier the Secretariat had expressed the view that "formal approval by a Plenary Session of the Conference . . . would be deferred until the question of establishing an Interim Commission had been settled". At that time it had appeared reasonable to suppose that the Conference would have completed its work before the end of the current session of the Economic and Social Council at which action on this subject would be required if the activities of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee were not to be interrupted. It is now apparent that if the transmittal of a resolution on this matter is deferred until the Conference has taken final action on the question of establishing an Interim Commission it will be received too late for this session of the Council to take the necessary action. Accordingly, the Secretariat now suggests that consideration be given to the adoption of the necessary resolution at a Plenary Session of the Conference which is expected to be held later this week. Since it would seem undesirable at this stage to prejudge what, if any, interim body will be established eventually by the Conference, the Secretariat would propose that if a Plenary Session is to consider the draft resolution already approved by the Fifth Committee, that resolution might be modified in the manner indicated in the attached text in order to allow for all possibilities. In the attached text the words suggested for deletion are enclosed in square brackets and the suggested additions are identified by underlining.

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THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

TAKING note of the Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 28 March 1947 establishing an Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements with a chairman representing the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment;

NOTING that, with the commencement of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment on 21 November 1947 the Preparatory Committee ceased to exist, and that at the conclusion of the Conference an Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization was established an Interim Commission is expected to be established at the conclusion of the Conference; and

RECOGNIZING that it is desirable to avoid any interruption of the interim arrangements for co-ordinating action in this field; accordingly

RECOMMENDS that the Economic and Social Council amend the composition of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements to provide that the Chairman of that Committee be nominated by the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization or, in the event that an Interim Commission is not established, by such other body as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment may designate.