

FIRST COMMITTEE: EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

SUB-COMMITTEE C: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON UNEMPLOYMENT

SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATION OF CUBA

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CONSIDERING that the United Nations has undertaken, under Article 55 of the San Francisco Charter, to promote higher standards of living, greater opportunities for employment and more favourable conditions of economic and social progress and development in all countries;

CONSIDERING that, although these purposes are confirmed in Article 1 of the Draft Charter which is being discussed by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, the text of the Charter shows that the machinery of an International Trade Organization is to be set up to put into effect only principles and rules which relate to trade, its activity in connection with employment being limited to certain general statements on the importance of employment in relation to the purpose of the Charter, the maintenance of domestic employment and the common interest in the achievement and maintenance of fair labour standards;

CONSIDERING that the achievement and maintenance of adequate levels of wages and employment are primary and urgent needs for all nations and especially for those suffering from chronic unemployment which is increased in some countries by serious seasonal unemployment;

IT IS RECOMMENDED

1. That the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations or the International Labour Organization should undertake the compilation and analysis of unemployment statistics from all countries, taking into account seasonal and occasional unemployment as well as chronic unemployment, and also wage levels and labour standards;
2. That the Organization itself or the competent specialized agency should make a survey recommending the measures which should be adopted in order to counteract the various types of unemployment in each

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country, paying special attention to unemployment insurance and the reduction of working hours, and taking into account the social and economic characteristics of each country; and

3. That Ministries of Labour, or the bodies fulfilling their functions in those countries which do not possess such a government department, should maintain an office or department for the special purpose of studying levels of unemployment and the effectiveness of the measures contemplated or put into effect in order to combat unemployment, and of analyzing the prospects of employment in the coming year, publishing for this purpose an annual report on these three subjects, together with the appropriate statistics.

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