

ized agencies, or it may call international conferences to discuss particular problems and to set up additional specialized agencies which may be required.

In making preparations for the setting up of the Economic and Social Council, the Executive Committee and the Preparatory Commission had to complete two main tasks: (a) define the structure of the Council and prepare all the necessary documentation for its first meetings; and (b) examine the problems involved in bringing the specialized intergovernmental agencies into relationship with the United Nations.

The Structure of the Economic and Social Council

The Preparatory Commission recommended that the Economic and Social Council should establish the following commissions at its first session:

(a) COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, to make studies and formulate recommendations in such matters as civil liberties, freedom of information, protection of minorities, prevention of discrimination, etc.;

(b) ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION, to advise the Council on such problems as economic reconstruction, full employment, and other related matters which are not already being dealt with by any single specialized agency;

(c) TEMPORARY SOCIAL COMMISSION, to survey the general field of social welfare and make recommendations regarding the organization of international co-operation in this field, and also to deal on an interim basis with such problems as the international traffic in women and children;

(d) STATISTICAL COMMISSION, to assist in co-ordinating statistical practices of the various international agencies and of the Members of the United Nations;

(e) COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, to take over from the League of Nations such activities in this field as the Economic and Social Council may find necessary.

In addition to these five commissions to be set up at the first session of the Council, the Preparatory Commission recommended that the Economic and Social Council should establish at an early date three other commissions:

(a) DEMOGRAPHIC COMMISSION, to make studies and advise the Council on matters pertaining to population changes and migration;

(b) TEMPORARY TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION COMMISSION, to survey this entire field and to recommend means of developing international co-operation in matters of communication and transport;