

Situation" and stressed the importance of maintaining a balance between economic and social development and urged Governments to give special attention to agricultural co-operatives, land reform, juvenile delinquency and the integration of different types of technical assistance from various sources. It was at this session that the Council decided to increase the membership of the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Social Commission, and the Commission on International Commodity Trade from 18 to 21 members. The membership of the Population and Statistical Commissions was increased from 15 to 18 members and that of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs from 15 to 21 members. In increasing the membership of the functional commissions, the Council was urged to give due regard to geographical representation. The subject of human rights also received considerable attention at this session, especially those questions relating to the prevention of racial and religious discrimination and the need for greater social, economic and political rights for women in the less developed countries. As is its normal practice, the Council also considered the annual reports of the various functional commissions and special bodies which report to it.

On December 21, 1961, the Council opened a two-day resumption of its thirty-second session to complete action on items left from its summer meeting in Geneva and to take action on items arising from decisions taken by the General Assembly at the first part of the sixteenth session. The major decisions taken by the Council were the inclusion of an item in its agenda for the thirty-third session on the infringement of trade union rights, an extension of the membership of the Executive Committee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, a recommendation that privileges and immunities be applicable to the International Development Association and the election of countries to the various Council bodies. The membership of the Technical Assistance Committee was increased from 24 to 30 at the resumed thirty-second session.

Economic Questions

Economic Development of Under-developed Countries

Under the Charter of the United Nations members are pledged "to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom" and the Acting Secretary-General recently stated that "no activity of the United Nations is more important than meeting that pledge". The Charter further states that the United Nations shall promote "higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development".