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United Nations for the Enlargement
of the Economic and Social Council
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United Nations on 20 December 1971

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY⁽¹⁾

2847 (XXVI)

Enlargement of the Economic and Social Council

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Recognising that an enlargement of the Economic and Social Council will provide broad representation of the United Nations membership as a whole and make the Council a more effective organ for carrying out its functions under Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations,⁽²⁾

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the Economic and Social Council,

1. TAKES NOTE of Economic and Social Council resolution 1621 (LI) of 30 July 1971;

2. DECIDES to adopt, in accordance with Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations, the following amendment⁽³⁾ to the Charter and to submit it for ratification by the States Members of the United Nations:

ARTICLE 61

“1. The Economic and Social Council shall consist of fifty-four Members of the United Nations elected by the General Assembly.

“2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council shall be elected each year for a term of three years. A retiring member shall be eligible for immediate re-election.

“3. At the first election after the increase in the membership of the Economic and Social Council from twenty-seven to fifty-four members, in addition to the members elected in place of the nine members whose term of office expires at the end of that year, twenty-seven additional members shall be elected. Of these twenty-seven additional members, the term of office of nine members so elected shall expire at the end of one year, and of nine other members at the end of two years, in accordance with arrangements made by the General Assembly.

“4. Each member of the Economic and Social Council shall have one representative.”;

3. URGES all Member States to ratify the above amendment in accordance with their respective constitutional processes as soon as possible and to deposit their instruments of ratification with the Secretary-General;

(1) The texts of the Resolution in the Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish languages are available through Agency Section, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, P.O. Box 569, London, SE1 9N7. Tel. 01-928 6977, ext. 410.

(2) Treaty Series No. 67 (1946), Cmd. 7015.

(3) For previous amendment of Article 61 see Treaty Series No. 2 (1966), Cmnd. 2900.

4. FURTHER DECIDES that the members of the Economic and Social Council shall be elected according to the following pattern:

- (a) Fourteen members from African States;
- (b) Eleven members from Asian States;
- (c) Ten members from Latin American States;
- (d) Thirteen members from western European and other States;
- (e) Six members from socialist States of eastern Europe;

5. WELCOMES the decision of the Economic and Social Council, pending the receipt of the necessary ratifications, to enlarge its sessional committees to fifty-four members;

6. INVITES the Economic and Social Council, as soon as possible and not later than the organisational meetings of its fifty-second session, to elect the twenty-seven additional members from States Members of the United Nations to serve on the enlarged sessional committees; such elections should be in accordance with paragraph 4 above and should be held each year pending the coming into force of the enlargement of the Council;

7. DECIDES that, as of the date of the entry into force⁽¹⁾ of the above amendment, rule 146 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly shall be amended to read:

“ RULE 146

“ The General Assembly shall each year, in the course of its regular session, elect eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council for a term of three years.”

*2026th plenary meeting,
20 December 1971*

(¹) The Amendment entered into force on 24 September 1973.

RATIFICATIONS

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