SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE OF TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
ON EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(adopted by the Council March 28, 1947)
(Item 7 (5) on the Agenda for the Second Session
of the Preparatory Committee)

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING NOTED WITH APPROVAL the instructions of the
Economic and Employment Commission to its Sub-Commissions on
Economic Development and on Employment and Economic Stability,
and

HAVING NOTED the services required from the Secretary-
General to facilitate the work of the Commission and its
Sub-Commissions

REQUESTS the Economic and Employment Commission:

(a) to investigate and report, taking full account of
the responsibilities of the specialized agencies and the
inter-governmental organizations regarding the most
appropriate forms of international action for facili­
tating the better utilization of world resources of man­
power, materials, labour and capital in order to promote
higher standards of living throughout the world, more
particularly in un-developed and under-developed areas;

(b) to initiate regular reports to the Council on world
economic conditions and trends, giving particular
attention to any factors that are preventing or are
likely to prevent in the near future the maintenance of
full employment and economic stability, together with
analyses indicating the causal factors involved and
recommendations as to desirable action; and

(c) to consider and report to the Council as early as
practicable regarding the most appropriate forms of
international action to maintain world full employment
and economic stability, taking full account of any
views put forward by the International Labour
Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development,
the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United
Nations, the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for
International Commodity Arrangements, the Preparatory Committee of the Trade and Employment Conference (particularly the draft resolution on international action relating to employment appearing in the report of the first session of this Committee), and by non-governmental organizations in Category A in regard to questions of particular concern to them, and bearing in mind that the action to promote full employment when unemployment or under-employment result from the lack of effective demand may differ from that which is appropriate when, as in devastated areas or undeveloped or under-developed countries, the obstacle is the deficiency of certain factors such as equipment, fuel and raw materials which are necessary to employ productively the available supply of labour.

REQUESTS the Secretary-General

(a) to make the necessary provisions for carrying out the services described in the report of the Economic and Employment Commission, Part V Section C, and Part VI Section B and

(b) to assume the responsibility, contemplated in paragraph 5 of Section B of Part VI of the report of the Commission, for drawing to the attention of the Commission and its Sub-Commission on Employment and Economic Stability any economic situations which should receive special consideration and, in particular, such developments as would, in the opinion of the Secretary-General, justify the calling of a session of the Economic and Employment Commission in accordance with its rules of procedure.