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RULES OF PROCEDURE PERTAINING TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL
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COUNCIL AND FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS

(A Comparative Review)

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Notification of the Dates of Meetings

Rule 7

The President of the Council shall notify...the non-governmental organizations in category A or B or on the register, through the Secretary-General, of the date of the first meeting of each session.

(No similar provision)

Communication of the Provisional Agenda

Rule 9

The provisional agenda for each session shall be...communicated by the Secretary-General...to the non-governmental organizations in category A or B or on the register, (1) in the case of regular sessions, six weeks before the opening of the session, and (2) in the case of special sessions, at the same time as the notice convening the Council.

Rule 5

The provisional agenda for each session shall be...communicated by the Secretary-General...to the non-governmental organizations in category A or B or on the register ...not less than forty-two days before the opening of the session.

Acceptance of Items for Inclusion on the Provisional Agenda

Rule 10

(2) Non-governmental organizations in Category A may propose to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations that the Committee request the Secretary-General to place items of special interest to the organizations on the provisional agenda of the Council.

Rule 6

The provisional agenda shall include items proposed by:

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(6) Non-governmental organizations in Category A, subject to the provisions of rule 7.

^{1/} Rules of Procedure, as quoted for the Economic and Social Council, are taken from document E/1662.

^{2/} Rules of Procedure, as quoted from functional commissions, are taken from document E/1653.

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The Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, in considering a request from a non-governmental organization in category A that an item be placed on the agenda of the Council, shall take into account:

- (a) The adequacy of the documentation submitted by the organization;
- (b) The extent to which it is considered that the item lends itself to early and constructive action by the Council; and
- (c) The possibility that the item might be more appropriately dealt with elsewhere than in the Council.

Any decision by the Committee not to grant a request submitted by a non-governmental organization that an item be placed on the provisional agenda of the Council shall be considered as final.

Rule 15

In the case of an item placed on the provisional agenda at the request of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations under rule 10, paragraph 2, the non-governmental organization which proposed the item to that Committee shall be entitled to be heard on the inclusion of the item by the Agenda Committee.

(No similar provision)

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Rule 7

Non-governmental organizations in Category A may propose items for the provisional agenda of commissions subject to the following conditions:

(a) An organization which intends to propose such an item shall inform the Secretary-General at least sixty-three days before the commencement of the session, and before formally proposing an item shall give due consideration to any comments the Secretariat may make;

(b) The proposal shall be formally submitted with the relevant basic documentation not less than forty-nine days before the commencement of the session. The item shall be included in the agenda of the commission if it is adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

(No similar provision)

Distribution of the Summary Records of Meetings

Rule 37

The summary records, with any such corrections incorporated, shall be distributed promptly to.....the non-governmental organizations in category A or B or on the register which are concerned with the work of the commission.

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Distribution of the Text of Resolutions
Recommendations, Reports and Formal Decisions

Rule 45

As soon as possible, the text of the resolutions, recommendations and other formal decisions adopted by the Council, its committees and subsidiary bodies shall be distributed by the Secretariat to all members of the Council and any others participating in the session...

Rule 41

As soon as possible the text of all reports and formal decisions adopted by the commission and its subsidiary bodies shall be distributed by the Secretariat to all members of the Commission and any others participating in the session. Such documents shall be distributed as soon as possible after the close of the session...to non-governmental organizations in category A or B on the register which are concerned.

Establishment of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Rule 78

The Council shall establish a Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations consisting of the President and seven members of the Council to be elected each year at the first regular session of the Council. The President shall be the Chairman of the Committee; he shall not have the right to vote. In the absence of the President, the Committee shall elect an Acting Chairman. A member shall serve until the next election unless he ceases to be a member of the Council.

(No similar provision)

The Committee shall carry out the functions assigned to it by the Council in connection with its arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations under Article 71 of the Charter.

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Provision for Authorized Representatives of Non-Governmental
Organizations to Sit at Meetings as Observers

Rule 79

Non-Governmental organizations in category A or B or on the register may designate authorized representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Council and of its committees.

Rule 74

Non-governmental organizations in category A or B or on the register may designate authorized representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the commission.

Provisions for Consultations and Hearings.

Rule 80

The Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall consult, in connexion with sessions of the Council or at such other items as it may decide, with organizations in categories A and B on matters within their competence on which the Council or the Committee or an organization requests consultation, whether or not these matters concern items on the agenda of the Council. Representatives of both the organizations being consulted and other organizations with consultative status which have special knowledge of the subject to be discussed, and which notify the Committee of their wish to express their views, shall be able to participate in any consultations of this kind. The Committee shall report to the Council as it may consider appropriate regarding such consultations.

Rule 75

The commission may consult with organizations in category A or B either directly or through a committee or committees established for the purpose. In all cases, such consultations may be arranged on the invitation of the commission or at the request of the organization.

On the recommendation of the Secretary-General and at the request of the commission, organizations on the register may also be heard by the commission.

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Rule 81

The Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall consult, in connexion with each session of the Council, with organizations in categories A and B on matters which the competence of these organizations concerning items on the provisional agenda of the Council on which the Council or the Committee or the organization requests the consultation. Organizations desiring such consultation shall apply in writing so that the request reaches the Secretary-General as soon as possible after the issue of the provisional agenda for the session, and in no case later than forty-eight hours after the adoption of the agenda. The Committee shall report to the Council as it may consider appropriate regarding such consultations. Such consultations shall, so far as practicable, be held sufficiently in advance to enable members of the Council to study the views presented by the organizations.

Rule 82

The Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall make recommendations to the Council as to which organizations in Category A should be heard by the Council or by one of its committees and regarding which items they should be heard. Such organizations shall be entitled to make one statement to the Council or the appropriate committee, subject to the approval of the Council or of the committee concerned.

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Rule 82 (Cont'd)

Whenever the Council discusses the substance of an item proposed by a non-governmental organization in category A and included in the agenda of the Council, such an organization shall be entitled to present orally to the Council or a committee of the Council, as appropriate, an introductory statement of an expository nature. Such an organization may be invited by the President of the Council or the chairman of the committee, with the consent of the relevant body, to make, in the course of the discussion of the item before the Council or before the committee, an additional statement for purposes of clarification.