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INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SITUATION OF WOMEN WHO WERE SUBJECTED
TO SO-CALLED SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS IN THE NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS

77. In considering this item of its agenda, the Commission had before it a draft resolution (E/CN.6/L.13) proposed by the Chairman as the representative of France, ✓
calling attention to the plight of women survivors of concentration camps who were
subjected, during the Nazi regime, to so-called medical experiments. Many of them
are now stateless persons, who cannot count on the legal protection of any
government and are therefore unable to obtain compensation for the sufferings to ✓
which they were subjected. Several members of the Commission expressed concern ✓
for these unfortunate women, and felt that steps should be taken to alleviate their
plight.

78. The representative of Denmark also called the attention of the Commission to
the tragic situation of a great number of university women, who are still in
displaced persons' camps,

79. At its 80th meeting, the Commission adopted the following resolution by 12
votes for, none against, and one abstention:

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Information concerning the situation of women who were subjected
to so-called scientific experiments in the Nazi concentration camps

The Commission on the Status of Women,

Considering the plight of women survivors of concentration camps
who were subjected, during the Nazi regime, to so-called medical
experiments,

Requests the Economic and Social Council to call the attention
of the Social Commission, the World Health Organization, or other
appropriate agencies, to the plight of these war victims who were
compelled by force to reside in Germany during the war, or at least
those who may be unable to obtain compensation from any country;
and to keep the Commission on the Status of Women informed of actions
taken in respect thereto.

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PLIGHT OF SURVIVORS OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee under the chairmanship of the Second Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Jiri Nosek (Czechoslovakia), considered at its 178th and 181st meetings (E/AC.7/SR.178 and 181), held on 1 and 15 March 1956 respectively, item 15 of the agenda of the Council which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its 437th plenary meeting (E/SR.437) held on 20 February 1956.
2. The Committee had before it the following documents: E/1915, E/1915/Corr.1, E/1925 and E/AC.7/L.84.
3. The Committee decided by 14 votes for, none against, with 3 abstentions, to recommend the following resolution for adoption by the Council:

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report received from the Secretary-General in pursuance of resolution 305 (XI) adopted on 14 July 1950, on the subject of survivors of concentration camps who, under the Nazi regime, were the victims of so-called scientific experiments,

1. Appeals to the competent German authorities to consider making the fullest possible reparation for the injuries suffered, under the Nazi regime, by persons subjected to so-called scientific experiments in concentration camps;
2. Invites the International Refugee Organization and any authority which may succeed it in the administration of the Reparations Funds, and voluntary agencies distributing these funds, to alleviate the plight of these victims as far as possible;
3. Invites the World Health Organization to assist in the health aspects of the problem;

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4. Requests the Secretary-General to study the possibility of securing such voluntary support and contributions as may appear necessary to supplement the reparation measures proposed above, if the latter prove inadequate; and
 5. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep informed of all the measures which may be taken, to seek to ensure that they provide full reparation, and to report to the thirteenth session of the Council on the results of the present resolution.
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Monday, 19 March 1951, at 3 p.m.

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President: Mr. Hernán SANTA CRUZ (Chile).

Present: The representatives of the following countries:

Belgium, Canada, Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Iran, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

The representatives of the following specialized agencies:

International Labour Organisation, World Health Organization.

Tribute to the memory of the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations

1. The PRESIDENT regretted to have to inform the Council of the untimely death of Mr. R. G. Riddell, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations. On behalf of the Council, he extended heartfelt condolences to the Canadian delegation. He had also sent a message of condolence, on behalf of the Council, to the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada.

2. Miss MEAGHER (Canada), on behalf of her delegation, thanked the President for his tribute and his message.

Forced labour and measures for its abolition (E/1884, E/1885 and Corr.1, E/L.165 and E/L.172/Rev.2) (*concluded*)

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3. The PRESIDENT observed that two draft resolutions were before the Council, a joint draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom and the United States (E/L.172/Rev.2), and a USSR draft resolution (E/L.165). The financial implications of those proposals were set forth in documents E/L.104/Add.1 and E/L.165/Add.1 respectively.

4. The draft resolution of the United Kingdom and the United States would be voted on first, since it had been submitted at the eleventh session of the Council and deferred for consideration at the twelfth session.

5. Mr. KATZ-SUCHY (Poland) said that since the text of the joint draft resolution had been substantially altered by the approval of certain amendments, and since a new number and date had been given to the document, it represented in actual fact a new resolution, and should therefore be voted on after the USSR draft resolution.

6. Mr. CHERNYSHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) associated himself with the view of the Polish representative. Many changes had been made in the text of the joint draft resolution since its submission at the previous session; and since the proposal in its revised form had been submitted later than the

2. *Asks* the Secretary-General to transmit a consolidated report on the basis of these replies to the Council and to the International Law Commission; and

3. *Decides* to defer further discussion of this subject to its fourteenth session.

353 (XII). Plight of survivors of concentration camps

Resolution of 19 March 1951³⁰

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report³¹ received from the Secretary-General in pursuance of Council resolution 305 (XI), adopted on 14 July 1950, on the subject of survivors of concentration camps who, under the Nazi régime, were the victims of so-called scientific experiments,

1. *Appeals* to the competent German authorities to consider making the fullest possible reparation for the injuries suffered, under the Nazi régime, by persons subjected to so-called scientific experiments in concentration camps;

2. *Invites* the International Refugee Organization and any authority which may succeed it in the administration of the Reparations Funds, and voluntary agencies distributing these funds, to alleviate the plight of these victims as far as possible;

3. *Invites* the World Health Organization to assist in the health aspects of the problem;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study the possibility of securing such voluntary support and contributions as may appear necessary to supplement the reparation measures proposed above, if the latter prove inadequate; and

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep informed of all the measures which may be taken, to seek to ensure that they provide full reparation, and to report to the thirteenth session of the Council on the results of the present resolution.

354 (XII). Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

Resolution of 20 March 1951³²

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with interest of the reports³³ of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

355 (XII). Report of the Commission of Narcotic Drugs (fifth session)

Resolutions of 27 February 1951³⁴

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report³⁵ of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifth session.

³⁰ See 476th meeting of the Council.

³¹ See documents E/1915 and E/1915/Corr.1.

³² See 478th meeting of the Council.

³³ See documents E/1908 and E/1940.

³⁴ See 446th meeting of the Council.

³⁵ See documents E/1899 and E/CN.7/216.

2. *Demande* au Secrétaire général de transmettre au Conseil et à la Commission du droit international rapport d'ensemble, établi d'après ces réponses;

3. *Décide* de renvoyer toute nouvelle discussion cette question à sa quatorzième session.

353 (XII). Situation des survivants des camps de concentration

Résolution du 19 mars 1951³⁰

Le Conseil économique et social,

Prenant acte du rapport que lui a adressé le Secrétaire général³¹ en exécution de la résolution 305 (que le Conseil a adoptée le 14 juillet 1950 au sujet des survivants des camps de concentration victimes du régime nazi d'expériences prétendues scientifiques)

1. *Adresse un appel* aux autorités allemandes compétentes pour qu'elles envisagent la réparation la plus complète possible des préjudices subis, sous le régime nazi, par les personnes soumises à des expériences prétendues scientifiques dans des camps de concentration;

2. *Invite* l'Organisation internationale pour les réfugiés ou toute autre organisation qui pourrait lui succéder dans la gestion des fonds de réparations, ainsi que les organisations bénévoles qui assurent la distribution de ces fonds, à alléger le sort de ces victimes dans la mesure du possible;

3. *Invite* l'Organisation mondiale de la santé à accorder son aide pour les questions de santé qui se trouvent posées;

4. *Prie* le Secrétaire général d'étudier la possibilité de s'assurer les contributions et concours volontaires qui apparaîtraient comme nécessaires pour compléter les mesures de réparations envisagées ci-dessus, ou où celles-ci s'avéreraient insuffisantes;

5. *Prie en outre* le Secrétaire général de se tenir au courant des diverses mesures qui seront prises, de s'efforcer d'obtenir qu'elles assurent une réparation complète et de présenter un rapport au Conseil, à sa treizième session, sur les résultats de la présente résolution.

354 (XII). Rapport du Conseil d'administration du Fonds international des Nations Unies pour le secours à l'enfance

Résolution du 20 mars 1951³²

Le Conseil économique et social

Prend acte avec intérêt des rapports du Conseil d'administration du Fonds international des Nations Unies pour le secours à l'enfance³³.

355 (XII). Rapport de la Commission des stupéfiants (cinquième session)

Résolutions du 27 février 1951³⁴

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RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION DES STUPÉFIANTS

Le Conseil économique et social

Prend acte du rapport de la Commission des stupéfiants sur sa cinquième session³⁵.

³⁰ Voir la 476ème séance du Conseil.

³¹ Voir le document E/1915.

³² Voir la 478ème séance du Conseil.

³³ Voir les documents E/1908 et E/1940.

³⁴ Voir la 446ème séance du Conseil.

³⁵ Voir les documents E/1899 et E/CN.7/216.