

TRACTATENBLAD

VAN HET

KONINKRIJK DER NEDERLANDEN

JAARGANG 1953 No. 36

Overgelegd aan de Staten-Generaal door de Minister
van Buitenlandse Zaken

A. TITEL

*Handvest der Verenigde Naties; San Francisco, 26 Juni 1945
(Resoluties vrijheid van voorlichting)*

B. TEKST

De Engelse tekst van het Handvest is bekendgemaakt bij Koninklijk besluit van 21 December 1945 (*Stb.* No. F 321).

C. VERTALING

D. GOEDKEURING

E. BEKRACHTIGING

F. TOETREDING

G. INWERKINGTREDING

Zie *Trbl.* 1951 No. 44.

J. GEGEVENS

Zie laatstelijk *Trbl.* 1953 No. 34.

De zevende Algemene Vergadering van de Verenigde Naties heeft in haar 403de bijeenkomst op 16 December 1952 met 50 stemmen vóór (waaronder Nederland), geen tegen en 7 onthoudingen een

resolutie inzake de **vrijheid van voorlichting** aangenomen. Vergelijk blz. 67 van uitgave No. 1 (Maart 1947) van het Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken inhoudende het verslag over het tweede gedeelte van de eerste Algemene Vergadering van de Verenigde Naties, waarin de resolutie d.d. 14 December 1946 nopens een internationale conferentie over vrijheid van voorlichting wordt besproken. Men zie voorts uitgave No. 12 (October 1948) van het Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken betreffende de in Maart en April 1948 te Genève gehouden conferentie van de Verenigde Naties nopens vrijheid van voorlichting. Over de verdere behandeling van deze aangelegenheid in de derde, vierde, vijfde en zesde Algemene Vergaderingen van de Verenigde Naties zijn mededelingen opgenomen in de uitgaven Nos. 20, 22, 25 en 29 (September 1949, April 1950, April 1951 en Juni 1952) van het Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken. Vergelijk tenslotte de brief van de Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken d.d. 22 Augustus 1951 aan de Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal (Bijl. Hand. II 1950/51 — 2271), alsmede blz. 19 en 287—296 van het Jaarboek 1951/52 van het Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken.

De Engelse tekst van de onderhavige resolutie luidt als volgt:

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that freedom of information is a fundamental human right and is the touchstone of all the freedoms to which the United Nations is consecrated, the promotion of which is one of the fundamental tasks of the United Nations,

Considering that in 1946 the General Assembly initiated the study in the United Nations of the problems of freedom of information and continues to take great interest in the said problems and to concern itself with them directly,

Considering the continuing need for study, inquiry and investigation with a view to positive action for the removal of obstacles to the free flow of information,

Considering that the Third Committee has not studied the draft Convention on Freedom of Information during the sixth and seventh sessions of the General Assembly,

Noting the decision of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 442 C (XIV) of 13 June 1952 to appoint, for an experimental period of one year, and in a personal capacity, a rapporteur on matters relating to freedom of information,

Noting that the rapporteur designated by the Council has already undertaken, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the professional organizations concerned, both national and international, the preparation, for submission to the Council in 1953, of a substantive report covering

major contemporary problems and developments in the field of freedom of information, together with recommendations regarding practical action which might be taken by the Council, in order to surmount those obstacles to the fuller enjoyment of freedom of information which can be surmounted at the present time,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate the records of the Third Committee on the subject of freedom of information to the Economic and Social Council, in order that they may be taken into consideration by the Council during its studies and discussions;

2. *Decides* to consider further at its eighth session the problem of promoting and safeguarding freedom of information, including the draft Convention on Freedom of Information, on the basis of the rapporteur's report to the Economic and Social Council in 1953 and after the Economic and Social Council has had an opportunity to examine the rapporteur's report;

and accordingly,

3. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly at its eighth session a statement of its views and plans regarding future work in connexion with freedom of information.

De zevende Algemene Vergadering van de Verenigde Naties heeft in haar 403de bijeenkomst op 16 December 1952 met 50 stemmen vóór (waaronder Nederland), 5 tegen en 2 onthoudingen een resolutie aangenomen inzake het ontwerp voor een internationale **code van ethische normen met betrekking tot de voorlichting**. De Engelse tekst van deze resolutie luidt als volgt:

The General Assembly,

Noting the action taken by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 442 B (XIV) of 12 June 1952 on the draft International Code of Ethics by the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press at its fifth session,

Considering that all further work connected with the draft Code should be undertaken by professional members of information enterprises with no interference from governments, either on the national or the international level,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, if a representative group of information enterprises and of national and international professional associations expresses a desire to do so, to co-operate with it in organizing an international professional conference for the purpose of:

(a) Preparing and adopting a final text of an International Code of Ethics;

(b) Taking such further steps concerning implementation of the Code as it may deem advisable;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the text of the present resolution to the notice of the information enterprises and national and international professional associations to which he communicated the draft Code.

Uitgegeven de vierde Mei 1953.

De Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken,
J. W. BEYEN.