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What are the main functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)? Explain different functional commissions attached to it.

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Important International institutions, agencies and fora - their structure, mandate.

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UN Charter Chapter X

Articles 61 to 72 on the composition, functions and powers of ECOSOC, including agreements with specialised agencies.

54 members

Size of ECOSOC after Charter amendment; members are elected by the General Assembly for three-year terms on a regional basis.

Article 71

Allows ECOSOC to make arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organisations.

Commission on the Status of Women

Functional commission that is the main intergovernmental UN body on gender equality, linked to the Beijing Platform for Action.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

Functional commission that is the central UN policy body on international drug control, working with the drug conventions.

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