



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Fiftieth Session

OFFICIAL RECORDS

Monday, 11 January 1971,
at 3.40 p.m.

NEW YORK

Acting President: Mr. J. B. P. MARAMIS
(Indonesia).

President: Mr. R. DRISS (Tunisia).

Opening of the session

1. The ACTING PRESIDENT declared open the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Council and drew attention to the provisional agenda for organizational meetings of the session (E/4937).

AGENDA ITEM 1

Election of the President and Vice-Presidents for 1971

2. The ACTING PRESIDENT recalled that, pursuant to rule 20 of the rules of procedure, as amended by Council resolution 1193 (XLI) of 20 December 1966, the Economic and Social Council should elect a President and three Vice-Presidents for 1971. The Vice-Presidents should be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the regional groups other than the one to which the President belonged.

3. The Presidency for 1971 fell to the African group. There were two candidates: Mr. R. M. Akwei (Ghana) and Mr. R. Driss (Tunisia). In accordance with rule 67 of the rules of procedure, the election would be decided by secret ballot.

At the request of the Acting President, Mr. de Azevedo Brito (Brazil) and Mr. Arvesen (Norway) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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| Number of ballot papers: | 27 |
| Invalid ballots: | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 27 |
| Abstentions: | 1 |
| Number of members voting: | 26 |
| Required majority: | 14 |

Number of votes obtained:

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| Mr. R. Driss (Tunisia) | 16 |
| Mr. R. M. Akwei (Ghana) | 10 |

Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Driss (Tunisia) was elected President of the Economic and Social Council for 1971.

Mr. Driss took the Chair.

4. The PRESIDENT, after having thanked the members of the Council for the confidence they had shown in him and

having paid a tribute to his predecessor, invited the Council to proceed to the election of its Vice-Presidents.

5. Mr. LEGNANI (Uruguay) nominated Mr. J. A. de Araújo Castro (Brazil) for one of the posts of Vice-President.

6. Mr. KARIM (Pakistan), Mr. HEDEMANN (Norway) and Mr. ANTOINE (Haiti) seconded the nomination.

Mr. de Araújo Castro (Brazil) was elected Vice-President by acclamation.

7. Mr. KOMATINA (Yugoslavia) nominated Mr. K. Szarka (Hungary) for the second post of Vice-President.

8. Mr. FAKHREDDINE (Sudan) and Mr. FRANZI (Italy) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Szarka (Hungary) was elected Vice-President by acclamation.

9. Mr. FRANZI (Italy) nominated Mr. C. Caranicas (Greece) for the third post of Vice-President.

10. Mr. MARAMIS (Indonesia) and Mr. GHORRA (Lebanon) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Caranicas (Greece) was elected Vice-President by acclamation.

11. The PRESIDENT said that, in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, each of the Vice-Presidents should serve as Chairman of one of the sessional Committees and the Council, upon the recommendation of the President, should decide over which sessional Committee each Vice-President should preside.

12. He proposed to hold consultations on the matter with the officers of the Council and hoped to submit his recommendations to the Council before the closure of the organizational meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 2

Adoption of the agenda (E/4937)

13. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to take up consideration of item 2 of the provisional agenda for the organizational meetings of the session (E/4937). If he heard no objections, he would take it that the Council decided to adopt the agenda.

The agenda was adopted.

Organization of work

14. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should first take up item 5 at its next meeting, and items 6, 7, 3 and 4.

15. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council agreed to his suggestions.

It was so decided.

16. Mr. VIAUD (France) asked whether it might not be possible to indicate more precisely when each question would come up for discussion, in order to facilitate the work of the members of the Council.

17. The PRESIDENT said that he would hold consultations with the officers of the Council and submit a suggestion on the matter at the beginning of the next meeting.

The meeting rose at 4.40 p.m.