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The meeting was called to order at 3.45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 80: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION (continued)  
(A/C.2/39/L.128)

1. Mr. MADRIZ (Nicaragua) and Mr. HASSAN (Djibouti) said that had they been present at the previous meeting during the vote on draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.128 they would have supported it and opposed the proposal to defer it to the fortieth session.

2. Mr. SAAD (Egypt), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said that the Group regretted that draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.128 had been put to the vote. Because of the special importance it attached to international trade, money and finance, it had submitted the draft resolution, which was merely procedural, in order to obtain an integrated approach to those problems. Unfortunately, the Group had been faced with a deadline that had pre-empted further consultations, and a consensus had therefore been impossible.

(c) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/39/L.76 and L.109)

Draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.76

3. Mr. MADRIZ (Nicaragua) and Mr. HASSAN (Djibouti) said that had they been present at the previous meeting during the vote on draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.76 they would have supported it.

4. Mr. SAAD (Egypt), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said that the Group sought a lasting solution to the problem of the reverse transfer of technology, and had adopted a flexible approach to the negotiations on the draft resolution. Because some parties had already prejudged the outcome of the consultations, a consensus had not been possible. However, common ground had been found for understanding in the future.

Draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.109

5. Mr. DE LA TORRE (Argentina), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, said that extensive consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.109 had resulted in a number of revisions.

6. In the third preambular paragraph, the word "urgent" should be deleted, the words "worsening situation" replaced by "negative trends", and the word "its" replaced by "their". A new preambular paragraph should then be added reading: "Recognizing also the importance of achieving a sustained world economic recovery, in particular the reactivation of the economies of the developing countries, and ensuring rapid expansion of international trade that is supportive of economic growth and development, in particular that of developing countries,".

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(Mr. de la Torre, Argentina)

7. In paragraph 2, the words "particular value" should be replaced by "great interest" and the word "useful" by "valuable". Paragraphs 4 to 7 should be deleted, and subsequent paragraphs renumbered. Present paragraph 8 should be reformulated to read: "Calls upon the international community to continue to address, in an adequate and appropriate manner, the debt problems of developing countries, taking into account the agreed conclusions of the Trade and Development Board at its twenty-eighth session on the review of the implementation of the agreed features contained in Trade and Development Board resolution 222 (XXI) and in pursuance of Conference resolution 161 (VI);"

8. Present paragraph 10 should be replaced by the following new paragraph: "Welcomes Trade and Development Board decision 301 (XXIX) requesting the Interim Committee to report to the Trade and Development Board at its thirtieth session with a view to the taking of a decision to hold the ministerial session in autumn 1985, and to this end invites all Governments to exert efforts to ensure the successful outcome of the consultations."

9. Present paragraph 11 should be replaced by the following paragraph: "Expresses concern at the current state of commodity markets, and urges all Governments to expedite the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Commodities through, inter alia, positive and constructive decisions at the sessions of the Committee on Commodities in 1985 and at the thirteenth special session of the Trade and Development Board."

10. Present paragraph 12 should be replaced by the following paragraph: "Reaffirms the importance of the Common Fund for Commodities, and urges all States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the agreement without any further delays so that the Common Fund would become operational". In present paragraph 13, the words "attaining reactivation" should be replaced by "revitalization". Present paragraph 14 should be deleted.

11. Mr. LAVROV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that several of the proposals just made by the representative of Argentina were being heard for the first time in the Committee. His delegation therefore wished to know whether draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.109 was a revised draft with the same sponsors or whether it was being submitted as a proposal by the Argentine delegation or by the Vice-Chairman.

12. The CHAIRMAN said that the text was being submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee as a result of the intense consultations he had held.

13. Mr. LAVROV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that the proposals to delete some paragraphs had never been discussed with his delegation in the informal consultations.

14. Mr. DE LA TORRE (Argentina), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, said that the Committee was working within certain time-limits. The previous night, the informal consultations had gone on until 1.30 a.m., at which time the Chairman, with the

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27. Mr. SHAABAN (Egypt), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, proposed that item D.3 in annex I, namely, immediate measures in favour of developing countries, should be deleted.

28. It was so decided.

29. Draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.129/Rev.1, as amended and orally revised, was adopted.

30. Mr. MANN (Canada) said that the draft resolution was one of the most important the Committee had adopted, and would have beneficial effects for both the Committee and the Economic and Social Council. He looked forward to the opportunity it would provide for more substantive discussions and greater realization of the two bodies' potential for effective work on economic and developmental issues.

Draft decision

31. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should adopt the following draft decision:

"The General Assembly takes note of:

(a) The note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters" and the comments of the Secretary-General thereto (A/39/94 and Add.1);

(b) The report of the Secretary-General on the further implementation of General Assembly resolution 37/214 (A/39/97);

(c) The note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled 'Reporting to the Economic and Social Council' and the comments of the Secretary-General thereto (A/39/281 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and Add.2 and Corr.1);

(d) The report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to General Assembly decision 37/442 on the further implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197 (A/39/476)."

32. The draft decision was adopted.

33. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 80.

AGENDA ITEM 81: OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (continued)

(a) OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM: REPORT OF THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL (continued) (A/C.2/39/L.96 and L.138/Rev.1)

34. Mr. KAABACHI (Tunisia), Vice-Chairman, pointed out that in draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.138/Rev.1, paragraph 9 (d), the phrase "the administrative cost" should read "the administrative and support costs".

35. Draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.138/Rev.1, as amended, was adopted.

36. Mr. RESHETNYAK (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic), speaking on behalf of the delegations of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and his own delegation, reaffirmed their position of principle to the effect that the principles regarding the voluntary and independent nature of UNDP activities and the other fundamental provisions adopted in the Consensus of 1970 and other relevant resolutions must be respected. They strongly opposed any attempt to use the United Nations technical assistance system in general and UNDP in particular to exert any type of pressure on the developing countries and criticized the growing influence of the World Bank and other credit institutions on assistance programmes. The efforts of certain Western circles to steer operational activities towards support to the private sector in recipient countries were designed to promote the infiltration of private capital under cover of the United Nations. That was contrary to the sovereign right of States to determine how they wished to promote development. UNDP must fully implement the General Assembly resolutions on the role of the public sector in the economic development of the developing countries.

37. With respect to additional resources for development, the delegations on whose behalf he spoke drew attention to the ninth preambular paragraph of General Assembly resolution 38/171 and reaffirmed the need for a reduction of military budgets and the re-allocation of the funds thus released to development purposes.

38. Mr. SCHILLER (Sweden) said that his delegation's interpretation of UNDP Governing Council decision 80/30 to which reference was made in paragraph 6 of the resolution just adopted, had always been that the assumption of 14 per cent average annual growth rate in voluntary contributions and other programme resources related to the total volume of the programme during the third programming cycle and not to the contributions of individual donors.

39. He was pleased to be able to announce that his Government's 1985 contributions to UNDP, the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries, the United Nations Capital Development Fund, the United Nations Trust Fund for Sudano-Sahelian activities and a number of other important bodies, including UNICEF, would be increased. The Secretariat would be informed within the next few days of the exact amounts involved.

40. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.138/Rev.1, draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.96 was withdrawn.

41. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had thus concluded its consideration of item 81.

42. After an exchange of courtesies, the CHAIRMAN declared that the Committee had completed its work for the thirty-ninth session.

The meeting rose at 6.25 p.m.