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AGENDA ITEM 12

Reports of the Economic and Social Council (concluded)
(A/5803, chap. I-VI, VII (sect. I, II, III, except para.
346, IV and V), VIII (sect. III and IV) and X (sect. II
and VIII); A/6003, chap. I-XI, XII (sect. II) and
XIV (sect. II, IV, VI and VII)

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE (A/C.2/L.851 AND CORR.1)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to con-
sider the draft report on agenda item 12 (A/C.2/
L.851 and Corr.1).

2. Mr. INGRAM (Australia) proposed that the words
"the various United Nations organizations (including
the regional economic commissions)", in operative
paragraph 2 (b) of draft resolution I in paragraph 15
of the draft report (A/C.2/L.851 and Corr.1), should
be replaced by the phrase "the organizations of the
United Nations family, including the regional econo-
mic commissions"

3. Mr. BOIKO (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)
pointed out that, in paragraph 8 of the Russian text of
the draft report, the title of the draft resolution, first
issued as document A/C.2/L.820, did not correspond
to the original. It should therefore be corrected.

The draft report (A/C.2/L.851 and Corr.1), as
amended, was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 38

Accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance
to the developing countries: reports of the Secre-
tary-General (concluded)

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE (A/C.2/L.854)

4. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee
should adopt the draft report on agenda item 38.

The draft report (A/C.2/L.854) was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 40

Activities in the field of industrial development (concluded):

- (a) Reports of the Committee for Industrial Development on its fourth and fifth sessions;
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (A/C.2/L.852 AND CORR.1)

5. The CHAIRMAN said that, after informal negotiations, the Committee had deemed it desirable to replace the word "thirty-two" by the word "thirty-six", in operative paragraph 6 of the resolution entitled: "Activities in the field of industrial development" which is in paragraph 18 of the draft report (A/C.2/L.852). The President of the General Assembly would be informed of the Committee's suggestions regarding the membership of the Special ad hoc committee.

6. Mr. DIAKITE (Mali) asked why that change had been made.

7. Mr. TELL (Jordan) said that it had proved impossible, despite many attempts, to reach agreement on the distribution of seats on the basis of a membership of thirty-two.

The draft report (A/C.2/L.852 and Corr.1), as amended, was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 41

The role of the United Nations in training national technical personnel for the accelerated industrialization of the developing countries: report of the Economic and Social Council (concluded)

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (A/C.2/L.850)

8. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should adopt the draft report on agenda item 41.

The draft report (A/C.2/L.850) was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 42

The role of patents in the transfer of technology to developing countries: report of the Secretary-General (concluded)

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (A/C.2/L.849)

9. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should adopt the draft report on agenda item 42.

The draft report (A/C.2/L.849) was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 44

Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament (concluded):

- (a) Reports of the Economic and Social Council;
- (b) Reports of the Secretary-General

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (A/C.2/L.855)

10. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should adopt the draft report on agenda item 44.

The draft report (A/C.2/L.855) was adopted.

AGENDA ITEMS 49 AND 50

Progress and operations of the Special Fund (concluded)

United Nations programmes of technical co-operation (concluded):

- (a) Review of activities;
- (b) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (A/C.2/L.848)

11. The Chairman suggested that the Committee should adopt the draft report on agenda items 49 and 50.

The draft report (A/C.2/L.848) was adopted.

Statement by the Rapporteur

12. The RAPPORTEUR stated that, in accordance with the decision taken by the Committee (1009th meeting), the draft reports on agenda items 37, 43, 45, 46, 52, 96 and 100 would be submitted directly to the General Assembly.

Completion of the Committee's work

13. The CHAIRMAN, reviewing the Committee's work, expressed the view that the Committee had shown wisdom in deciding to begin its proceedings with general statements, which had not only made it possible to hold a profitable debate on the various items but had also given delegations time to engage in private consultations, in the course of which initial proposals had gradually been refined and broadly acceptable solutions had ultimately been arrived at. He also believed that the reason why the Committee had been able to dispose of a very heavy agenda was that it had made a point of taking up each item only when one or more draft resolutions on it had been submitted; that was a method which might well be continued in the future.

14. While not wishing to comment on the relative importance of the decisions adopted by the Committee, he believed that the session had been a productive one. The decisions which had been adopted concerning the operational programmes (for example, the consolidation of the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, extension of the World Food Programme, and new activities in connexion with industrial development) would entail expenditures of some \$500 million—an amount which was to be obtained from voluntary contributions and which, although still modest in comparison with the tremendous needs of the developing countries, was more than four times the amount of the regular budget of the United Nations. Despite long-standing controversies between delegations on industrial development, the Committee had been able to confound the sceptics by taking a unanimous decision on that vital matter, with the result that the twentieth session of the General Assembly would no doubt be remembered as the session at which the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development had been established, just as the nineteenth session had been the one at which the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development had been set up. On the latter subject, too, the Committee

had been able to adopt a unanimous decision after considering the work of the Conference for the first time. It had also been able, after considering the broad lines of the programme proposed for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, to agree unanimously that the Institute filled a gap in the structure of the Organization. The Committee had taken a number of other important decisions, *inter alia*, on the elimination of illiteracy, on the flow of capital and transfer of technological knowledge, on science and technology, and on the use of human resources. Although it had not had time to deal fully with all the items on its agenda, particularly those relating to the co-ordination of the many and varied activities of United Nations bodies in the economic and social fields, it had nevertheless been able to adopt a draft resolution on the United Nations Development Decade which ensured that the Economic and Social Council and the secretariats of United Nations bodies would be active, in the interval before the next session, in laying the foundations for a more thorough discussion. There was reason to hope also that, before the next session, there would be a narrowing of the differences of opinion between the various delegations on the important questions of population growth and the permanent sovereignty of States over natural resources.

15. The Committee had been able to adopt the very great majority of its decisions unanimously, or without objection, because of arduous private consultations between delegations and groups of delegations, and he hoped that that productive method would be continued in the future. The consultations had undoubtedly been facilitated by the goodwill and spirit of conciliation displayed by all groups, but they were also the indirect result of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; for despite the deep divergences which it had disclosed, the Conference had brought to light a tacit agreement that the difficult problems raised by economic and social development could not be solved by fine phrases or by theories, however skillfully constructed. Everyone appreciated that such problems could be solved only after a study which must be as specific and impartial as possible and free from any preconceived ideas; that new approach had clearly made its mark on the Committee. He could say, therefore, that the Second Committee had struck out on a new course and that when it resumed its meetings in September 1966 it would be able, as a result of the goodwill shown, the constructive and bold approach adopted and the sense of responsibility which had characterized its work in 1965, to continue to move forward, constantly strengthening its activities.

16. In declaring the work of the Committee completed he wished, on the Committee's behalf, to express cordial thanks to the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur. He also expressed his gratitude to the Secretariat, and in particular to the Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs, the Secretary of the Committee and his deputy, the interpreters, the *précis*-writers, the translators and the members of the conference and documents services. He wished also to mention the representatives of the specialized agencies who had made a useful contribution to the Committee's work, especially the Director-General of UNESCO, and also

the Managing Director of the Special Fund, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board, the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, and the Commissioner for Industrial Development. He would remember with feeling the kind co-operation extended to him by all delegations.

17. Mr. DJOUDI (Algeria), speaking on behalf of the delegations of the African States, paid a tribute to the Chairman's diligence; although those delegations had not always been able to agree with him, they gratefully recognized that he had played a large part in bringing the Committee's work to a successful conclusion.

18. The twentieth session of the General Assembly had seen the resumption of normal work in the United Nations and had been held in International Co-operation Year; the membership of the Security Council and Economic and Social Council had been enlarged, and those developments were evidence of the confidence all States were showing in the United Nations, which was the international arbiter for the settlement of problems, particularly those connected with economic and social development.

19. The twentieth session had also been marked by some soul-searching on the part of the General Assembly which wished to rationalize its methods and procedures so that its objectives could be attained with the limited resources available. The misunderstanding which had prevailed during the course of the general debate between the developed and the developing countries had, most fortunately, given way to an atmosphere of calm which had enabled the discussions to be concluded successfully—although the consideration of the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development had revealed a regrettable reticence on the part of the industrialized countries as regards the implementation of the Geneva recommendations.

20. The Committee had decided on the consolidation of the Expanded Programme and the Special Fund—a merger that might one day lead to the establishment of a capital development fund—and it had also set up an autonomous organization for industrial development, extended the World Food Programme by making it a continuing activity, and decided to intensify UNESCO's activities to wipe out illiteracy. Those decisions marked an encouraging trend in the operation of the Organization towards fulfilling the hopes of all countries, particularly the developing countries.

21. In conclusion, he thanked the Chairman for the way in which he had presided over the Committee and joined in the thanks the Chairman had addressed to the officers and Secretariat of the Committee and to all members of the United Nations Secretariat.

22. Mr. VALLADÃO (Brazil), speaking on behalf of the Latin American delegation, paid a tribute to the competence and firmness with which the Chairman had directed the Committee's work during a session which could be described as historic. The Committee owed a debt of gratitude to its Chairman for having at all times helped it to reach the desired solution through conciliation. He also thanked the Vice-Chairman for his objectivity and diplomatic skill, the

Rapporteur for the high standard of his reports, which did honour to his country and to the African continent, the Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs, the Committee secretary and his staff, and all members of the Secretariat for their unflinching co-operation.

23. Mr. ÇUHRUK (Turkey), speaking on behalf of the Western countries, paid a tribute to the excellent work done under the Chairman's able guidance. Thanks to his intimate knowledge of important economic problems and the trust the Committee had placed in him, the twentieth session was ending with positive achievements to its credit, such as the establishment of the United Nations Development Programme, the continuation of the activities of the United Nations Development Decade, the extension of the World Food Programme, and other successes of no less importance. The Chairman's experience and wisdom had at all times been the Committee's most reliable guide and had enabled it to overcome temporary setbacks. Furthermore, the Chairman had always shown, besides his other qualities, the utmost courtesy and consideration in his dealings with all delegations. Thanks were also due to the Vice-Chairman, the Rapporteur, the Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs, the Committee Secretary and his colleagues and the interpreters, précis-writers and translators who had given the Chairman invaluable assistance in paying a tribute to all the groups represented on the Committee; he was convinced that the spirit of co-operation which had prevailed among them was one of the most encouraging aspects of the session. He conveyed to the Chairman and to all delegations his best wishes for the coming year and in conclusion he proposed that the full text of the Chairman's statement, summing up the work achieved and outlining future work, should be circulated as an official document of the Committee.

24. Mr. BLUSZTAJN (Poland), speaking on behalf of his delegation and the delegations of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Mongolia, Romania, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, paid a tribute to the competence and skill of the Chairman, which had enabled most of the resolutions to be adopted unanimously. Having a heavy agenda, the Committee had been compelled to defer consideration of some important items until the twenty-first session, but it was to be hoped that those matters would then be examined in a calm atmosphere and that the necessary time would be devoted to them. Several resolutions of great importance for the future were among the session's achievements and it could be said that the session was a milestone in the strengthening of international economic co-operation. The delegations of the socialist countries were hopeful that the twentieth session would help to make that co-operation a living and working reality and an effective means of promoting peaceful coexistence. He also thanked the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur, who had contributed much to the successful outcome of the Committee's work, and all the members of the Secretariat, and he joined the representative of Turkey in extending to all the best wishes of the session.

25. Mr. TELL (Jordan), speaking on behalf of the Asian delegations and the delegation of Yugoslavia, said that he wished to join in the congratulations addressed to the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Rapporteur, the Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs and his staff, and all the other members of the Secretariat, although, like the Turkish poet Nazim Hikmet, he felt that "the most beautiful words are those which are not said". Furthermore, he considered that the representative of India was much better qualified than he was to speak on behalf of the Asian delegations, but as the Indian representative had asked him to do the honors, he was trying to convey their feelings adequately. He also thanked all delegations, and in particular the representatives of the United States of America, the United Kingdom, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Argentina, who had spared no effort to bring sometimes difficult negotiations to a successful conclusion. Lastly, he expressed the hope that mankind would soon awaken in a world where the mind knew no fear, as the Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore had so aptly said.

26. Mr. CHANG (China) warmly thanked the Chairman, who, by his fine leadership, his geniality and his impartiality towards all delegations, had greatly contributed to the success of the Committee's efforts, and particularly to the adoption of the three principal decisions; namely, the consolidation of the Expanded Programme and the Special Fund, the establishment of a United Nations Organization for Industrial Development and the extension of the World Food Programme. He joined the previous speakers in thanking the Vice-Chairman, the Rapporteur and all the members of the Secretariat.

27. The CHAIRMAN asked the Committee whether it accepted the proposal of the representative of Turkey that the full text of his statement should be issued.

It was so agreed.^{1/}

28. Mr. SILVA (Chile), Vice-Chairman, expressed his sincere thanks to all representatives for their kind words about him as Vice-Chairman. It was a great honour for him to have had the privilege of taking part in the important work of the Committee, and he paid a tribute to the work of the Chairman and to the competence of all delegations which had enabled the Committee to reach unanimous agreement in almost all cases.

29. Mr. RAMAHOLIMIHASO (Madagascar), Rapporteur, thanked the representatives for their valuable co-operation and for having helped him to prepare reports which had been adopted unanimously.

30. Mr. DE SEYNES (Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs) said that he wished to express on his own behalf and on behalf of all his colleagues the very deep gratitude of all the international civil servants who had had the opportunity of participating in the very successful work of the Committee. The Secretariat as a whole attached the greatest im-

^{1/} The full text of the Chairman's statement was subsequently circulated as document A/C.2/L.860.

portance to the trust representatives placed in it, because their trust was essential to the smooth working of the United Nations. He accordingly thanked all concerned and conveyed to them the compliments of the season.

31. The CHAIRMAN, after thanking the representatives for their kind words, declared the work of the Second Committee concluded.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.

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