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Chairman: Mr. Gonzalo ORTIZ MARTIN (Costa Rica).

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Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter VII, section II, paragraph 645 only) (A/4415; A/C.6/L.469 and Corr.1, A/C.6/L.475, 476) (continued)

1. The CHAIRMAN suggested that there were two possible solutions for the problem under discussion. Either the Sixth Committee could adopt a draft resolution informing the General Assembly that it had considered and discussed the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/4415, para. 645) and had decided to await more detailed information before taking a decision, or it could transmit to the General Assembly a draft resolution along the same lines as the Economic and Social Council's recommendations.

2. Mr. MOLINA LANDAETA (Venezuela) observed that several delegations which he had consulted had thought that the Committee would fail in its duty if it refrained from taking a decision solely because other Committees had not done so. In his opinion, the solution proposed by the Economic and Social Council should not be discussed, because it tended to infringe the powers of the General Assembly. He supported the first solution proposed by the Chairman; the draft resolution might include a reference to the fact that, in the Committee's opinion, consultations were desirable.

3. Mr. SHARP (New Zealand) stated that, since the principle of consultation had already been established, there was no need to reaffirm it, but that the draft resolution might mention as a possibility that the General Assembly could undertake a detailed revision of its rules of procedure, at which time the question under discussion could be taken up.

4. Mr. GLASER (Romania) could not accept the suggestion made by the New Zealand representative, because it would constitute interference in the functions of the General Committee and of the plenary Assembly. He hoped that the New Zealand representative would not press his point.

5. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the draft resolution might take account of the various suggestions which had just been made. The members of the Committee

might then decide which points they wished to retain and which they wished to delete.

6. Mr. GLASER (Romania) said that, in that event, he would hope that the text would indicate that it was not desirable to restrict the General Assembly's powers. The text would thus reflect both points of view: that in favour of co-ordination, and that in favour of the Assembly's supreme authority. Rather than putting forward two mutually exclusive arguments, however, it might perhaps be better to adopt the formula originally proposed by the Chairman, which had the merit of not prejudicing the question.

7. The CHAIRMAN suggested that, to shorten the debate, the representatives of New Zealand, Romania and Venezuela, in co-operation with the Secretariat, might prepare a draft resolution to be submitted to the Committee at its next meeting.

8. Mr. MOLINA LANDAETA (Venezuela) accepted that suggestion on behalf of his delegation, but thought that it might be useful, before embarking on that task, to know whether the members of the Committee would be prepared to support a text stating that, while consultations were desirable, no limitation should be placed on the prerogatives of the General Assembly.

9. Mr. MUSTAFA (Pakistan) said that he was more inclined to favour the Chairman's first suggestion. The draft resolution itself should be drafted in general terms and the Committee should include a statement that, at the present juncture, it was not contemplating the adoption of any specific measure. The opinions of the various delegations could be recorded in the Rapporteur's report.

10. Mr. NUÑEZ (Ecuador) said that the statements of the Venezuelan and Romanian representatives were complementary rather than mutually exclusive and could both be added to the formula proposed by the Chairman. It should be stated, in fact, that consultations were not only desirable but necessary, as was apparent from Articles 68 and 70 of the Charter.

11. Mr. ROSENBAUM (United States of America) fully supported the position of the Pakistan representative and considered his proposal an excellent one.

12. Mr. NINCIC (Yugoslavia) and Mr. EL-ERIAN (United Arab Republic) also supported the Pakistan representative's suggestion.

13. The CHAIRMAN invited those members of the Committee who wished to do so to take part in the drafting of the draft resolution.

The meeting rose at 4 p.m.