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Draft Report of the Second Committee

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[Covering note: The Rapporteur, in circulating her draft report, requests those delegations which wish to suggest any changes in this draft to submit them to her or to the Secretary of the Committee by 12 o'clock, noon, on Thursday, 22 October 1959.]

In view of the fact that the summary records of the Committee's proceedings are available to the plenary meetings, the Rapporteur has not endeavoured to summarize the Committee's debates. This is in accord with generally accepted procedure and with the past practices of the Second Committee.]

1. The General Assembly, at its 803rd plenary meeting on 22 September 1959, allocated to the Second Committee item 29 of its agenda: "Progress and Operations of the Special Fund".
 2. The Committee considered this item during the nine meetings (A/C.2/SR.583 to SR.591) held between 5 and 13 October 1959. The first five meetings were devoted to a general debate, in which fifty-one delegations took part. The Managing Director of the Special Fund made the opening statement (A/C.2/SR.583).
 3. The Committee had before it the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/4143),^{1/} chapter III, section XIII, the first report of the Governing Council
- ^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth session, Supplement No. 3.

of the Special Fund (A/4217); and the Administrative Budget of the Special Fund for 1959 (A/4217/Add.1).

4. One draft resolution was submitted under this item at the 587th meeting by Brazil, Canada, Ceylon, Denmark, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Japan, Libya, Netherlands, Pakistan, Turkey, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia (A/C.2/L.408 and Add.1) by which the General Assembly would, in the preamble, (1) recall its resolutions 1219 (XII) and 1240 (XIII); (2) consider that the Special Fund has an important role to play in the economic and social development of the less developed countries; (3) express its belief that the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund will operate more effectively when they can rely on the level of resources envisaged in General Assembly resolution 1219 II (XII); and (4) bear in mind that the resources of the Special Fund are not sufficient to support all soundly conceived projects already submitted by the less developed countries. Under the operative part, the General Assembly would (1) take note with satisfaction of the first report of the Governing Council of the Special Fund transmitted to the Assembly by the Economic and Social Council; (2) commend the Managing Director on the successful beginning of the operations of the Special Fund; (3) note the increase in the total of contributions announced at the Pledging Conference on 8 October 1959; and (4) express the hope that States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies would so contribute to the Special Fund that it rapidly attains resources sufficient to enable it to undertake and execute on a sustained basis the tasks laid upon it in its founding resolutions 1219 (XII) and 1240 (XIII).

5. At its 588th meeting, the Committee received amendments by Bulgaria and the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic (A/C.2/L.409) to the joint draft resolution proposing the following changes:

- (i) Operative paragraph 2: Insert the words "the Governing Council and" after the word "Commends";
- (ii) Insert a new paragraph between operative paragraphs 3 and 4 reading as follows: "Instructs the Managing Director, from the outset of the operations of the Fund, to take the necessary steps for the full and rational use of all resources made available to the Special Fund";

(iii) Operative paragraph 4 (renumbered 5 under these amendments):

Replace the words "States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies" by the words "all States wishing to participate in the Special Fund".

6. During the discussion at the 588th meeting, various oral proposals and suggestions were made, among which were the proposals by the representative of Haiti that the phrase "less developed countries" in the second and fourth preambular paragraphs should be replaced by the words "under-developed and less developed countries"; and that the words "soundly conceived" in the fourth preambular paragraph be replaced by the word "useful". In addition, the representative of Portugal proposed that the resolution should indicate explicitly that contributions to the Special Fund were voluntary (in this connexion, see the text in paragraph 13, below).

7. The sponsors of the draft resolution accepted some of the proposals and suggestions made during the discussion at the 588th meeting and at the next meeting of the Committee indicated that they had agreed to the following amendments:

- (i) To replace the word "less" in the second and fourth preambular paragraphs by the word "under-";
- (ii) To delete, in the fourth preambular paragraph, the words "soundly conceived" and the last phrase reading "by the under-developed countries";
- (iii) To add the following phrase at the end of the first operative paragraph: "and commends them on the first year of their work";
- (iv) To reword the opening phrase of the fourth operative paragraph as follows: "Expresses the hope that States Members of the United Nations, of any specialized agencies, or of the International Atomic Energy Agency will so contribute...".

8. At the 589th meeting the representative of Bulgaria and the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic accepted the third amendment of the co-sponsors in place of their first amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.409; maintained their third amendment; and with regard to their second amendment, proposed that the text of the new paragraph be revised to ~~reads~~ as follows: "Expresses its

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confidence that the Managing Director, from the outset of the operations of the Fund, will take the necessary steps for the fullest possible use of the resources made available to the Special Fund".

9. At the same meeting, the following oral amendments by Greece were accepted by the co-sponsors:

- (i) second preambular paragraph: insert the words "and urgent" between the words "important" and "role";
- (ii) fourth preambular paragraph: insert the word "present" after the words "Bearing in mind that the";
- (iii) Operative paragraph 4: revise the first part to read as follows:
"Calls upon States Members of the United Nations, of any of the specialized agencies, and of the International Atomic Energy Agency so to contribute to the Special Fund ...".

10. A revised text of the draft resolution incorporating all the amendments accepted thus far by the sponsors was distributed as document A/C.2/L.408/Rev.1.

11. At the 590th meeting, the representatives of Bulgaria and the Byelorussian SSR further revised their second amendment (see paragraph 8 above) so that the text of the new paragraph would read as follows: "Expresses its confidence that the Managing Director, from the outset of the operations of the Fund, in conformity with resolution 1240 (XIII), will take the necessary steps for the full use of all resources made available to the Special Fund".

12. With regard to this text of the suggested new paragraph, the representative of India suggested, and the sponsors agreed, that the words "take the necessary steps for the full use" be replaced by the words "endeavour to make the fullest possible use".

13. At the 591st meeting, the representative of Afghanistan proposed that the words "all the provisions related to voluntary contributions and use of resources embodied in" be inserted after the words "in conformity with" in the suggested new paragraph, as revised. The sponsors of the draft resolution having accepted this proposal (which was also acceptable to the sponsors of the amendment), the following text was incorporated in the draft resolution as paragraph 4:

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"Expresses its confidence that the Managing Director, from the outset of the operations of the Fund, in conformity with all the provisions related to voluntary contributions and use of resources embodied in resolution 1240 (XIII), will endeavour to make the fullest possible use of all resources available to the Special Fund".

14. The Committee then voted on the revised draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/L.408/Rev.1 and including the new paragraph mentioned above, and on the third joint amendment by Bulgaria and the Byelorussian SSR (A/C.2/L.409), as revised:

- (i) The amendment was rejected by 35 votes to 12, with 27 abstentions;
- (ii) Operative paragraph 5 (originally 4), which was voted upon separately at the request of the representative of the Byelorussian SSR, was adopted by 58 votes to none, with 12 abstentions;
- (iii) The revised draft resolution as a whole, as amended, was adopted unanimously.

15. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,
Recalling its resolutions 1219 (XII) and 1240 (XIII),
Considering that the Special Fund has an important and urgent role to play in the economic and social development of the under-developed countries,
Believing that the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund will operate more effectively when they can rely on the level of resources envisaged in General Assembly resolution 1219 II (XII),
Bearing in mind that the present resources of the Special Fund are not sufficient to support all projects already submitted,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the first report of the Governing Council of the Special Fund transmitted to the Assembly by the Economic and Social Council and commends them on the first year of their work;
2. Commends the Managing Director on the successful beginning of the operations of the Special Fund;

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3. Notes the increase in the total of contributions announced at the Pledging Conference on 8 October 1959;

4. Expresses its confidence that the Managing Director, from the outset of the operations of the Fund, in conformity with all the provisions related to voluntary contributions and use of resources embodied in resolution 1240 (XIII), will endeavour to make the fullest possible use of all resources available to the Special Fund;

5. Calls upon States Members of the United Nations, or any of the specialized agencies, or of the International Atomic Energy Agency so to contribute to the Special Fund that it rapidly attains resources sufficient to enable it to undertake and execute on a sustained basis the tasks laid upon it in its founding resolutions 1219 (XII) and 1240 (XIII).
