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The meeting was called to order at 3.55 p.m.

**EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY IN CONNECTION WITH THE EARTHQUAKE IN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

1. The CHAIRMAN, speaking on behalf of the members of the Second Committee and on his own behalf, extended deepest sympathy to the Government and people of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in connection with the devastating earthquake that had recently struck the Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic. He also expressed the full solidarity of the international community with the Government and peoples of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in those tragic and difficult circumstances.
2. Mr. ASTAFIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), expressed his delegation's appreciation to the Chairman and to all States Members of the United Nations for their condolences and sympathy. The tragedy which had struck Soviet Armenia was a tragedy for the entire country, and many offers of assistance to Armenia had been received from other Soviet Republics. At the site of the disaster, the Soviet Government had set up a special governmental commission headed by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. One of the tasks of that commission was to co-ordinate assistance to the Armenian people provided by fraternal Soviet Republics.
3. The Soviet Union expressed sincere thanks to the many countries which had demonstrated their willingness to provide assistance in dealing with the consequences of the earthquake.

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4. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to resume its consideration of agenda item 82 (b).

Draft resolutions on specific measures in favour of island developing countries  
(A/C.2/43/L.57 and L.79)

5. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.79 and drew attention to the programme budget implications of the draft resolution which were contained in document A/C.2/43/L.83.

6. Mr. OTCBO (Nigeria), Vice-Chairman, said that, as a result of informal consultations, two changes had been made in draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.79. In paragraph 6, the phrase "Calls upon States, particularly those in a position to do so, international organisations and multilateral development and financial institutions:" had been replaced by the phrase "Appeals to the international community:". Paragraph 8 had been deleted. He commended the draft resolution for adoption by the Committee subject to those revisions.

7. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.79, as orally revised, was adopted.

8. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.57 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

9. Ms. VRAILAS (Greece) said that the European Community and its member States did not recognize island developing countries as a separate category but did pay special attention to those countries' specific needs and problems, in that it had established, on the basis of a series of measures and provisions concerning financial and technical assistance with reference to the economic situation, objectives and priorities specific of each country.

10. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, welcomed the adoption by consensus of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.79. The Group of 77 understood the new chapeau of paragraph 6, which made reference to the international community, to include States and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the Organization itself.

11. Ms. GREDER (Sweden), speaking on behalf of the Nordic countries, said that the fact that some developing countries were islands did not justify the creation of a separate category in terms of development assistance and other support measures. Nevertheless, the Nordic countries recognized that a number of island countries required specific measures and accordingly provided, in particular through their multilateral development contributions, substantial assistance to them.

12. Mrs. GROSS (United States of America) said that her Government did not believe that "island developing countries" was an appropriate grouping for applying specific measures of economic assistance. In joining the consensus on draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.79, the United States had understood that the intent of the resolution was to assist the smallest and poorest of those countries. The General Assembly should not provide criteria for multilateral concessional financing or suggest how such criteria should be applied; that activity was the special province of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

13. Mr. PAYTON (New Zealand) said that his delegation wished to put on record its appreciation for the considerable efforts which many delegations had made in the informal negotiations on draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.79. While the specific needs of island developing countries in no way made them different from other developing countries, those needs should be recognized. His delegation hoped that the delegations which had expressed their concerns regarding the draft resolution would continue to work in a positive spirit of co-operation in order to enable the Second Committee at its forty-fifth session to hold a constructive debate on the issue.

14. Mr. PILBEAM (Australia) said that his delegation welcomed the adoption of the draft resolution without reservation as a singular improvement over General Assembly resolution 41/163. Australia hoped that the island developing countries, particularly the smaller among them would benefit from the adoption of the draft resolution.

15. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to turn its attention to agenda item 82 (c).

Draft resolutions on food and agricultural problems (A/C.2/43/L.26 and L.82)

16. Mr. FERNANDEZ (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, said that the square brackets in the last preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.82 should be removed and replaced by the words "net outflow of financial resources from developing countries as a whole". It was his understanding that that text had been agreed upon by the delegations concerned, particularly the Group of 77 and the European Economic Community, and he therefore commended draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.82 for adoption by the Committee.

17. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.82, as orally revised, was adopted.

18. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.26 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

19. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to resume its consideration of agenda item 83.

Draft resolution on external debt crisis and development (A/C.2/43/L.15/Rev.2)

20. Mr. OTOBO (Nigeria) reported that in spite of lengthy negotiations on the text, it had not been possible to reach consensus during the informal consultations.

21. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said that in the first preambular paragraph, the words "external debt strategy" should be replaced by the words "external debt problems", thus making the text correspond to the title of the resolution being referred to. In preambular paragraph 4, the word "burdens" should be replaced by the word "burden".

22. Mr. PAPADATOS (Greece), speaking on behalf of the States members of the European Community, said that in the eleventh preambular paragraph, a comma should be inserted after the words "debt crisis". In the same preambular paragraph, the word "deprives" should be replaced by the word "deprive".

23. Mr. AL-KHATANY (Saudi Arabia) said that in operative paragraph 8, the word "developed" should be inserted before the words "creditor countries".

24. Mr. PAPADATOS (Greece) said that he had been under the impression that editorial changes were being made; in his opinion, the amendment proposed by the representative of Saudi Arabia, which had not been mentioned any time during the lengthy informal consultations, did not constitute an editorial change.

25. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia) said that he did not agree with the amendments proposed by Greece: there was no need for a comma after the words "debt crisis" and the word "deprives" was correct. On the other hand, the Group of 77 had no objections to the observation made by Greece with respect to the proposal by Saudi Arabia.

26. Mr. PAPADATOS (Greece) said that there appeared to be a misunderstanding both with respect to the changes that he had proposed and those proposed by Saudi Arabia. In the opinion of the Twelve, action could not be taken until those points had been resolved.

27. The CHAIRMAN said he understood the representative of Greece to be requesting postponement of consideration of document A/C.2/43/L.15/Rev.2. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to postpone consideration of the draft resolution.

28. It was so decided.

29. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to resume consideration of agenda item 84.

Draft decision on operational activities for development (A/C.2/43/L.80)

30. Mr. OTOBO (Nigeria) said that on the basis of informal consultations on the draft decision it had been decided that in the last line of operative paragraph 2, the word "is" should be replaced by the word "are". Operative paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 should all be in square brackets. With those amendments, consensus had been maintained and he therefore commended the draft decision to the Second Committee for approval.

31. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, recalled the suggestion made at the previous meeting that the text of the draft decision should contain only two paragraphs; in consequence, the number "3" should be eliminated and the word "or" should be inserted at the end of paragraph 2.

32. The CHAIRMAN said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Second Committee wished to adopt the draft decision, with those changes.

33. Draft decision A/C.2/43/L.80 was adopted as orally amended.

34. Mr. KIURU (Finland) said that while his delegation had joined the consensus on document A/C.2/43/L.80, it felt that draft resolutions A/C.2/43/L.42 and L.44 had contained elements which were not appropriate for consideration by the General

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Assembly at its forty-third session. Those elements were now embodied in the annex of the draft decision; his delegation would have preferred to eliminate those paragraphs rather than to refer them to the upcoming session of the Economic and Social Council for consideration and action.

35. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia) supported that statement.

36. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to document A/C.2/43/10, and in particular paragraph 6, in which the General Assembly was requested to take note of decision 88/47 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to close the Trust Fund for Assistance to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to transfer the remaining balance of \$US 900 to the general resources of UNDP. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee took note of the decision of the Governing Council.

37. It was so decided.

38. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to resume its consideration of agenda item 82 (a).

Draft resolution on preparations for an international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade (A/C.2/43/L.40/Rev.1)

39. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to the statement of programme budget implications, contained in document A/C.2/43/L.81.

40. Mr. OTOBO (Nigeria) said that the results of informal consultations had not made it possible for him to commend the draft resolution for approval without a vote; he therefore commended it for the necessary action.

41. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said that in operative paragraph 2, the word "consideration" should be replaced by the word "preparation". In the same paragraph, the words "and consideration" should be inserted after the words "in support of the work".

42. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee would then proceed to a recorded vote on the draft resolution, as orally revised.

43. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia) said that he had been surprised by the proposal to take a recorded vote, since the draft resolution was to have been the subject of a consensus. He therefore called for further informal consultations.

The meeting was suspended at 4.55 p.m. and resumed at 10.10 p.m.

44. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia) said he had been somewhat surprised to note from paragraph 8 of document A/C.2/43/L.81 that a two-week session of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole had been scheduled for January 1990, when several other meetings were to be held. As the Committee was, moreover, likely to decide to convene a special session of the General Assembly devoted to the reactivation

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of economic growth and development in developing countries during that month as well, the text of the draft resolution should be revised.

45. Mr. STOEY (Secretary of the Committee) said that document A/C.2/43/L.81 had been prepared before the scheduling of the special session of the General Assembly had been decided. The reference to a two-week session of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole to be held in January 1990 was merely intended to reflect the idea that two such sessions would be held that year. Naturally, the Committee of the Whole could determine the exact dates of its sessions once it was established.

46. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia) suggested that the Secretariat should propose specific alternative dates.

47. Mr. STOEY (Secretary of the Committee) said that the Secretariat was perfectly willing to delete a reference in document A/C.2/43/L.81 to specific dates for the session for the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole. He wished to point out, however, that while the Committee of the Whole could be flexible in scheduling its sessions in 1990, less flexibility was possible in the case of meetings to be held in 1989.

48. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia) said that, in that case, paragraph 8 of document A/C.2/43/L.81 should be revised to indicate simply that the Committee of the Whole would meet for four weeks in 1990; it could then choose the dates for those sessions at its organizational session.

49. The CHAIRMAN said that note would be taken of the revisions proposed by the representative of Tunisia. He then invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.40/Rev.1, noting that a recorded vote had been requested.

50. A recorded vote was taken on draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.40/Rev.1.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: United States of America.

51. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.40/Rev.1, as orally revised was adopted by 114 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

52. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, welcomed the adoption of the draft resolution, which dealt with a subject to which the developing countries attached great importance. Although it had been necessary to put the draft text to a vote, it was to be hoped that all delegations would join in the consensus during the preparation of the international development strategy for the 1990s, particularly once the new Administration took office in the host country. In that connection, it was particularly fitting that the draft resolution on the preparation of the third international development strategy was being adopted 25 years after the death of President Kennedy, who had first put forward the idea of an international development strategy.

53. Mr. KRAMER (Canada) said it was his delegation's understanding that paragraph 5 of the draft resolution called upon the Secretary-General to make a substantive contribution to the preparation of the new international development strategy.

54. Mr. GONGSAKDI (Thailand) said that, had his delegation been present at the time of the voting, it would have voted in favour.

55. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to resume its consideration of agenda item 82 (f).

Draft resolution on international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (A/C.2/43/L.56/Rev.1)

56. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said that during informal consultations the Group had proposed changes to be made in the text of the draft resolution in order that a consensus might be reached. The changes consisted of deleting the eighth preambular paragraph and inserting the phrase "in support of national efforts" between the words "community" and "for" in paragraph 3.

57. Mrs. GROSS (United States of America) said that her delegation was unable to accept the text of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.56/Rev.1 as orally revised by the representative of Tunisia.

58. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia) said that, as it was impossible to achieve a consensus on the draft resolution, the Group of 77 required additional time to consider possible revisions to the text.



59. Mr. BEN MOUSSA (Morocco) said that his delegation did not want to see a vote taken on the concept of poverty. While he could understand the difficulties delegations might have regarding the draft text, he nevertheless believed that a consensus was still possible. He therefore urged that the Group of 77 should be authorized to hold further informal consultations on the draft text.
60. Mr. LEHNE (Norway) said that his conviction that the negotiating tactics of the Group of 77 were rather strange was only enhanced by that group's latest request. He wished to know how long the deliberations on the draft resolutions, which dealt with an issue of great concern to all delegations, would be prolonged.
61. Mr. ZIADA (Iraq) said that, although his delegation was a member of the Group of 77, it had not been informed of the revisions just proposed by the representative of Tunisia. He did not believe that the meeting should be suspended to allocate further time for informal consultations.
62. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia) said that his delegation found the comments made by the representative of Norway unacceptable. No delegation had the right to judge the way the Group of 77 or any other group conducted its negotiations.
63. On the basis of consultations which he had just held, he proposed that paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.56/Rev.1 should be replaced by the text of paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.56. That would be the only change in the text before the Committee: the eighth preambular paragraph would be reinstated.
64. Mr. KRAMER (Canada) urged that the proposals submitted by the Group of 77 should be given consideration. After such lengthy deliberations on the draft resolution, the Committee was close enough to reaching agreement that a decision should not be taken in haste. He therefore requested that the meeting should be suspended to allow for the holding of informal consultations.
65. Mr. PAPADATOS (Greece) supported the proposal made by the representative of Canada. The draft text had been dealt with at such length in informal consultations thus far that it merited the additional time.
66. Mr. PETRONE (Italy) said that he could agree to the holding of informal consultations on the draft resolution as long as the Committee proceeded with the work of its formal meeting at the same time.
67. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take action on the draft resolution as orally revised by the representative of Tunisia on behalf of the sponsors in his most recent statement. A recorded vote had been requested.
68. A recorded vote was taken on draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.56/Rev.1.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile,

China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

**Against:** United States of America.

**Abstaining:** Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

69. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.56/Rev.1 was adopted by 95 votes to 1, with 19 abstentions.

70. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to resume its consideration of agenda item 83.

Draft resolution on external debt crisis and development: towards a durable solution of the debt problem (A/C.2/43/L.15/Rev.2)

71. Mr. OTOBO (Nigeria), introducing the draft resolution commended it to the Committee for adoption.

72. Mr. PAPADATOS (Greece), speaking on behalf of the States members of the European Community, asked what the status was of the various corrections and amendments proposed earlier in the meeting.

73. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia) said that the Group of 77 had just two corrections, as stated earlier.

74. Mr. PAPADATOS (Greece) said that the position of the States members of the European Community remained unchanged.

75. The CHAIRMAN said that a recorded vote had been requested on the draft resolution, as orally revised by the representative of Tunisia.

76. A recorded vote was taken on draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.15/Rev.2.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Japan.

77. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.15/Rev.2, as amended, was adopted by 115 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

78. Mr. LICHTINGER (Mexico) said that the Spanish text of the draft resolution contained multiple translation errors. For example, the final part of paragraph 8 of the Spanish text did not appear in the English original.

79. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia) agreed that the translated texts contained numerous errors and should be revised. The important point with respect to paragraph 8 was that the phrase creditor countries referred to developed countries.

Draft decision A/C.2/43/L.19

80. The CHAIRMAN said that, taking into account the outcome of the informal consultations on the draft decision, he would take it, if he heard no objection, that the Committee wished to defer its consideration of the draft decision to the forty-fourth session.

81. It was so decided.

82. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to resume its consideration of agenda item 12.

Draft resolution on the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (A/C.2/43/L.29)

83. Mr. FERNANDEZ (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, introducing the draft resolution, commended it to the Committee for adoption.

84. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.29 was adopted.

85. Mr. AL-KHATANY (Saudi Arabia) said it was his delegation's understanding that, in paragraph 9, the reference to financial institutions was to multilateral institutions and the reference to creditor countries was intended to apply to developed countries.

Reports before the Second Committee under agenda item 12 (A/43/325-E/1988/54, A/43/336, A/43/360-E/1988/63 and A/43/432-E/1988/68)

86. The CHAIRMAN said that he wished to propose, for the consideration of the Committee, a draft decision concerning reports of the Secretary-General on which no draft proposal had been submitted, to read:

"The General Assembly,

Decides to take note of:

(a) The report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (A/43/325-E/1988/54);

(b) The note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award (A/43/336);

(c) The report of the Secretary-General on indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development (A/43/360-E/1988/63); and

(d) The note by the Secretary-General on Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories (A/43/432-E/1988/68)."

87. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft decision.

88. It was so decided.

89. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to resume its consideration of agenda item 82.

Draft decision A/C.2/43/L.39

90. Mr. OTOBO (Nigeria), Vice-Chairman, said that, following informal consultations, he wished to propose the following amended text for consideration:

"The General Assembly,

"(a) Decides to convene a resumed forty-third session for the Second Committee not later than the end of February 1989 in order to consider further and take a final decision on the convening of a special session of the General Assembly in 1990 devoted to the reactivation of economic growth and development in developing countries; and

"(b) Decides to transmit the draft decision entitled 'Convening of a special session of the General Assembly devoted to the reactivation of economic growth and development in developing countries' (see A/C.2/43/L.39) to the resumed session for consideration and appropriate action."

91. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia) said that despite the lengthy consultations on the draft decision, it had not proved possible to reach agreement. The Vice-Chairman's text contained certain elements that needed improvement. In particular, it was not clear whether adoption of that text would provide an adequate basis for resuming the forty-third session. The Second Committee, at any resumed session, must plan to complete its work, and any amendment to the draft decision must reflect that consideration.

92. On behalf of the Group of 77, he wished to revise the draft decision read out by the Vice-Chairman to read:

"The General Assembly,

(a) Decides to convene in 1990 a special session devoted to international economic co-operation and revitalization of growth and development of developing countries, and to inscribe on the agenda of its forty-fourth session an item entitled 'Preparations for the 1990 special session';

(b) Decides to convene a resumed forty-third session of the General Assembly not later than the end of February 1989 in order to take a final decision on the preparatory and organizational arrangements for the convening of the special session of the General Assembly."

93. Once the revised draft decision had been adopted, the Chairman should draft an appropriate paper to accompany it setting forth the views expressed by members of the Committee at the current session on the various proposals that had been put forward and discussed. It was important that the momentum gained at the current session should not be lost.

94. Mr. PAPADATOS (Greece), speaking on behalf of the 12 States members of the European Community, said that the revised draft decision just read out by the representative of Tunisia differed considerably from the Vice-Chairman's text. He therefore wished to request a short suspension of the meeting so that informal consultations could be held on the matter.

95. Mr. CAHILL (United States of America) said it was regrettable that the Committee now had a new text before it, since agreement had already been reached on a final text, which should be put to the vote at the current meeting.

96. Mr. KRAMER (Canada) said that his delegation would be unable, at the current meeting, to support the text just read out by the representative of Tunisia, since he could not obtain instructions from his Government at the current time. Canada had expressed interest in a special session of the General Assembly on the subject under consideration, but had a specific type of special session in mind.

97. Mr. TANIGUCHI (Japan) said that his Government had always supported the idea of a dialogue between the North and the South. He was surprised and dismayed to find that there was now a new text before the Committee. He appealed to the Group of 77 not to introduce a new element into the discussion at the current stage.

98. Mr. PILBEAM (Australia) said that his delegation could not express a view on the text just read out by the representative of Tunisia without receiving instructions from the Australian Government.

The meeting was suspended at 11.45 p.m. and resumed at 12.10 a.m.

99. After a procedural discussion in which Mr. ZIADA (Iraq), Mr. PAPADATOS (Greece), speaking on behalf of the European Community, Mr. LEHNE (Norway), Mr. BEN MOUSSA (Morocco) and Mr. OTOBO (Nigeria), speaking as Vice-Chairman, took part, the CHAIRMAN said that the Committee would be unable to complete its work at the current meeting.

The meeting rose at 12.25 a.m.