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AGENDA ITEM 106

- United Nations pension system:**
(a) Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;
(b) Reports of the Secretary-General

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/10452)

AGENDA ITEM 100

- Pattern of conferences (*concluded*):***
(a) Report of the Committee on Conferences;
(b) Report of the Secretary-General

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(PART II) (A/10480/Add.1)

1. Mr. ABOUL GHEIT (Egypt), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee: On behalf of the Fifth Committee, I have the honour to submit to the Assembly two reports on agenda items 106 and 100 respectively [A/10452 and A/10480/Add.1].

2. Under agenda item 106 concerning the United Nations pension system, in paragraph 41 of its report, the Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption three draft resolutions. In paragraph 42 it recommends to the General Assembly three draft decisions dealing with the nationality of members and alternate members of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, the question of pension coverage for members of the Joint Inspection Unit

and the question of death and disability coverage for members of the Joint Inspection Unit.

3. Under agenda item 100, dealing with the inclusion of Vienna in the pattern of conferences, the Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption the draft resolution appearing in paragraph 15 of document A/10480/Add.1. That draft resolution was adopted by the Fifth Committee yesterday without objection.

4. It is my hope that the recommendations appearing in the documents which I have enumerated will meet with the approval of the General Assembly.

Pursuant to rule 66 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee.

5. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We shall first consider the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 106 [A/10452]. The Assembly will now consider the three draft resolutions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 41 of its report. We shall proceed to vote on draft resolution I, entitled "Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board."

Draft resolution I was adopted by 106 votes to none, with 10 abstentions (resolution 3526 (XXX)).

6. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We shall now vote on draft resolution II, entitled "Investments in developing countries".

Draft resolution II was adopted by 113 votes to none, with 6 abstentions (resolution 3527 (XXX)).

7. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We shall now vote on draft resolution III, entitled "Avoidance of losses on investments due to currency fluctuations". The Fifth Committee adopted this draft resolution without objection. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 3528 (XXX)).

8. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We shall now turn to the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 42 of its report. The Assembly will vote first on the draft decision in paragraph 42 (a).

The draft decision was adopted by 75 votes to 18, with 21 abstentions.

9. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We shall now vote on the draft decision in paragraphs 42 (b).

The draft decision was adopted by 112 votes to 5, with 3 abstentions.

10. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We shall now vote on the draft decision in paragraph 42 (c). I would point out that in the Committee

* Resumed from the 2440th meeting.

no vote was taken on this draft decision. May I consider that the General Assembly adopts this draft decision?

The draft decision was adopted.

11. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The General Assembly will now consider part II of the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 100 [A/10480/Add.1]. We shall now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 15 of its report. The Fifth Committee adopted this draft resolution without objection. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 3529 (XXX)).

AGENDA ITEM 10

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

12. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The next item on our agenda this afternoon relates to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization from 16 June 1974 to 15 June 1975 [A/10001 and Corr.1. and Add.1].

13. It has been customary for the Assembly merely to take note of the annual report of the Secretary-General and its introduction, which has been referred to on many occasions during the course of this session. However, one delegation has asked to speak. I call on the representative of Cyprus.

14. Mr. ROSSIDES (Cyprus): I have asked to speak in order to say a few words about the report of the Secretary-General in what may be considered a departure from the routine procedure, which has always been simply to note the report in a perfunctory manner without any observations. I did so on a previous occasion—in 1967 at the 1642nd meeting of the General Assembly—and for the same reason I do it today.

15. In 1967 the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization contained a very serious warning by the Secretary-General about the progress of developments in the world, to the effect that unless there was a new and a better approach to those problems the world would continually deteriorate to the point of threatening the very survival of mankind. I will just quote a few words there which have made me ask to speak. The Secretary-General at that time had said that "When unbridled use of force is accepted—and the word "accepted" is to be emphasized because the appearance of the use of force is not the problem, the problem is its acceptance—"and intimidation and threats go unchallenged, the hopes of a world order such as the one outlined in the Charter become dim and hollow . . . an appetite for solving problems by force [is thus instilled and] the turbulences of today are dangerously fanned and the seeds of larger and deeper troubles at national and international levels are sown for the future."

16. We have seen that in the years that have elapsed since 1967 there has been a growing deterioration in the world situation in matters of maintenance of international security and peace in the world. We have

seen that on many occasions and we have seen it in the past year.

17. I would say, on this occasion, that the Secretary-General's introduction to his report is a mirror of the world situation as it relates to the functioning of the United Nations, which is one of the more important subjects with which this Organization has to deal during the General Assembly. That was emphasized by our present Secretary-General in his 1973 report which says clearly that the purpose of the introduction is to promote consideration of and debate by the General Assembly on the problems facing the United Nations and its functioning.

18. The report of the Secretary-General does not appear as an item of the agenda when the general debate is discussed. The general debate wanders over many things and among those many things occasionally some of the participants touch upon the report, but there is no discussion of it, because it is not an item for discussion at the time and the only time that the report appears as an item is today at this moment. Now I would very humbly submit that the report of the Secretary-General and his introduction are vital for an ailing Organization such as ours; they should be discussed and the Secretary-General's view considered, more particularly in relation to the functioning of the Organization, because—why not admit it—in the general debate each country, each Member nation, comes and deals mainly with its own problems. The general debate touches also upon questions of disarmament and usually the environment and other matters, but not about the progress of the Organization in its functioning from year to year as does the report, and particularly the introduction to the report, which points out and calls for debate as asked for by the Secretary-General.

19. I am not going to make any lengthy remarks but I wish to emphasize this need and I should like the General Assembly to take note of this idea that in future sessions of the General Assembly there should be a separate and distinct item on the report of the Secretary-General, not one added perfunctorily at the very end of the General Assembly. Fortunately this year we do not have it at the closing meeting. In other years it has been placed immediately before the moment of silence and therefore it has called for silence. I do not think it is proper to call for silence when the item is the report of the Secretary-General.

20. I turn now to the Secretary-General's report on the work of the Organization for this year. In the introduction to the report, he refers to a number of important developments during the past year in the field of international peace and security and points out that this is a period of reassessment and reconsideration of policies on all sides. More particularly he refers to the urgent necessity

"of the possibility of revitalizing . . . the concept of collective security and collective responsibility for the maintenance of peace through the United Nations. . . .

"There cannot be the smallest doubt that we must develop the capacity and strength of the United Nations in this most vital field [*international peace and security*] of international activity. If we fail here, all our other efforts will be meaning-

less. If we can break through to a more reliable and effective way of keeping the peace, we shall have begun to achieve the major objective which the founders both of the League of Nations and of the United Nations so rightly had in mind. . . .

“It seems to me that we have to concentrate especially on four aspects of this fundamental problem. Only if we can make progress in all of them will we be able to elevate the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security to a new level from which it can be developed in strength and confidence. The four aspects I have in mind are disarmament,”—with which is connected international security—“respect for decisions of the principal organs of the United Nations,”—namely, respect for decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council which is totally lacking in our world and continues to be grossly lacking in the most serious situation regarding international peace and security—“the development of the peace-keeping techniques of the United Nations”—there is a committee on peace-keeping which has made no progress at all over many years—“and a broader development of its peace-making capacity.”²

That again has been neglected. The Charter of the United Nations provides the means of negotiation, inquiry, mediation, arbitration and judicial settlement by the International Court but the modalities have not been developed. The modalities have not been developed, as they have been in the law of treaties with regard to arbitration and other matters. The modalities generally have not been developed. If there is development in this field then there can be collective security and peace in the world. If these problems are not of importance, then I do not see what other peripheral problems are of importance. That is why I thought it advisable at the end of this session to emphasize what is needed in order that we may have a world of peace and security.

21. May I take this opportunity to express my delegation's appreciation of the dedication of the Secretary-General to this cause. I am sure all other delegations agree with this. That dedication has been shown not only in his introductions to the reports on

the work of the Organization but also in his untiring efforts on all occasions. Of late there have been many occasions of violations of international peace and security and they are constantly increasing at a dangerous rate. His efforts in this respect have been deeply appreciated by the international community at large and by the membership of the United Nations.

22. I thought that such an observation was necessary at the conclusion of my short statement.

23. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I am sure that the Assembly joins in the tribute just paid to the Secretary-General by Ambassador Ros-sides. He will be pleased at what the representative of Cyprus just said. It has been customary for the Assembly merely to take note of the annual report of the Secretary-General and its introduction, which has been referred to on several occasions during the course of this session. Unless I hear any objection, I shall take it that the Assembly wishes to follow this practice.

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 11

Report of the Security Council

24. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The next item concerns the report of the Security Council for the period 16 June 1974 to 15 June 1975, contained in document A/10002. A draft resolution has been submitted on this item in document A/L.791. May I take it that the General Assembly decides to adopt that draft resolution?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 3530 (XXX)).

The meeting rose at 4.45 p.m.

NOTES

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 1, para. 151.*

² *Ibid., Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 1 A, p. 3.*