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	Mr. DURAISWAMY	Ceylon
	Mr. YANG	China
	Mr. BARGUES )	
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	Mr. THORP	New Zealand
	Mr. VELANDO	Peru
	Mr. GIDDEN	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mr. WHEELOCK	United States of America
	Mr. ALFONZO-RAVARD	Venezuela

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Mr. METALL	International Labour Organisation
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Mr. SALSAMENDI	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
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	Mr. BENSON	Secretary of the Committee

APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

(b) REPORT ON THE GENERAL WORK OF THE COMMITTEE (A/AC.35/L.264)

Mr. THORP (New Zealand), Rapporteur, stated that at the request of certain Committee members he had treated in some detail the debate relating to the effects that the association of dependent territories with the European Economic Community might have on their economic development, and to the question of the transmission by Belgium of information on the Belgian Congo. He had also been authorized by a number of representatives to propose amendments and additions to certain paragraphs recalling statements made by their delegations and would introduce them, together with some minor corrections of fact to be made to the draft report.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the Rapporteur and invited the members to adopt the Committee's report chapter by chapter.

Chapters I and II

Chapters I and II were adopted.

Chapter III

Mr. THORP (New Zealand), Rapporteur, said that at the end of paragraph 8 the words "six meetings" must be replaced by "seven meetings".

It was so decided.

Chapter III, as amended, was adopted.

Chapter IV

Chapter IV was adopted.

Chapter V

Mr. THORP (New Zealand), Rapporteur, said that the words "of Guatemala and", in paragraph 11 of the English text, should be deleted.

It was so decided.

Chapter V, as amended, was adopted.

## Chapter VI

Mr. THORP (New Zealand), Rapporteur, proposed that the following amendments be made in that chapter:

(1) at the end of paragraph 19, referring to the statement of the representative of the United States, the following text should be added:

"He discussed a number of problems connected with economic development in all under-developed areas including the non-self governing territories: inflation, balance of payments, the allocation of resources between industry and agriculture and between infra-structure and immediately productive enterprises."

(2) Paragraph 22 should be amended to read as follows:

"The representative of France considered that the European Economic Community could not be of immediate concern to the Committee; the Community would not be established until 1958; the information on the subject could only be transmitted in 1959; and the Committee would not be able to examine it until 1960."

(3) In paragraph 26, the first three sentences should be deleted and the following text substituted:

"The representative of India considered that the association of dependent territories in the European Economic Community should be examined in the light of the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter and, as provided in Article 103 of the Charter, if there were any incompatibility of interests the Charter obligations would prevail."

(4) In that same paragraph, after the last sentence, which would remain unchanged, the following should be added:

"He suggested that the Secretariat should co-ordinate its studies with those of the Secretariats of GATT, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Latin-America, and the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, and report to the Committee at its next session."

(5) At the end of paragraph 27, referring to the statement of the representative of Iraq, the following should be added:

"He associated himself with the suggestion made by India concerning further study of the question."

(6) In paragraph 32, "Ceylon" should be substituted for "Iraq". At the end of that paragraph, the following sentence should be added:

"Following this vote the French delegation withdrew from the meeting for the remainder of the discussion of this subject."

(7) In paragraph 35, the following text should be substituted for the first two sentences:

"The representative of the United States explained that he had voted in favour of the Committee's text since it represented an accurate reflection of the discussion which had taken place in the Committee. He wished to record his Government's belief in the advantageous effects upon the economics of Western Europe which might result from the establishment of a European Economic Community and its hope that similar benefits will accrue to the peoples of the African Territories concerned on a basis of equality and mutuality of interest."

The Rapporteur's proposals were approved.

Mr. RYAN (Australia) referring to the Rapporteur's proposal relating to the fourth sentence of paragraph 19, thought it would be advisable to substitute the words "under the administration of their Government" for the words "under their administration" in the English text.

It was so decided.

Chapter VI, as amended, was adopted.

## Chapter VII

Mr. THORP (New Zealand), Rapporteur, proposed that paragraph 44 be replaced by the following new text:

"The representative of China agreed that there should be the fullest possible participation of the indigenous inhabitants in drawing up and implementing educational programmes. Referring to the emphasis placed on balanced development in the general development plans of non-self-governing territories he stressed the importance of vocational and technical education and hoped that vocational and technical training programmes would be closely geared to the over-all needs involved in the successful implementation of these plans at their various stages and phases. He recalled that UNESCO had

formulated a proposal for an international fund to assist the development of primary education in non-self-governing territories."

It was so decided.

Chapter VII, as amended, was adopted.

#### Chapter VIII

Mr. JAIPAL (India) asked that at the end of paragraph 51 the representative of India should be added to the list of representatives who had made statements.

It was so decided.

Mr. DURAISWAMY (Ceylon) noted that paragraph 51 mentioned the social aspects of economic development and that paragraph 52 referred to the statements of the representatives of France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. He regretted that no mention had been made of the statements made by the other representatives, those of Ceylon, China, Guatemala and Venezuela. Since brief summaries had been made of the statements of the Administering Members he felt that due mention should also have been made of the statements of the other representatives, and suggested the following to be included for Ceylon:

"The representative of Ceylon stated that industrial changes in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, while bringing about some material improvements, resulted frequently in an acute social crisis affecting the well-being of rural and urban groups. He mentioned that some of the causes of the urban malaise were inadequate wages, lack of social security, barriers to occupational advancement and denial of civil rights."

Mr. THORP (New Zealand), Rapporteur, pointed out that the statements of the members of the Committee on economic questions had not been reproduced in the chapter on the social situation and were reflected in any case in the Sub-Committee's report. He proposed that the first sentence of paragraph 52 should be deleted in order to meet the wishes of the representative of Ceylon.

Mr. GIDDEN (United Kingdom) said that paragraph 52 set forth facts and not the opinions of the representatives of the countries mentioned. The social aspects of economic development were mentioned in very general terms in paragraph 51 and the statements made on that question were not summarized. If the statement of the representative of Ceylon was added to the report other delegations would probably also wish to have their statements reproduced.

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Mr. JAIPAL (India) recalled that certain representatives had preferred to speak about economic problems at the same time as the social aspects of economic development. Since their statements were not reproduced in the part of the report which referred to economic questions, it would be well to quote them in the chapter on the social situation. He suggested the insertion after paragraph 52 of a new paragraph reproducing the statement of the representative of Ceylon and of any other representatives who might desire their statements to appear.

After an exchange of views between Mr. ALFONZO-RAVARD (Venezuela), Mr. GIDDEN (United Kingdom) and Mr. JAIPAL (India), the latter suggested that the meeting should be suspended in order to enable the Rapporteur to consult the members of the Committee.

The meeting was suspended at 3.30 p.m. and resumed at 4.10 p.m.

Mr. GIDDEN (United Kingdom) said that the Committee could either decide that the views of members of the Committee on the social aspects of economic development should appear in the special study on the economic situation or that a summary of the views expressed on that subject by the various representatives should be included in the report. Without taking sides in the matter, he noted that the fact that only some statements were summarized in paragraph 52 might raise objections. As the Committee was nearing the end of its session it was too late to draft a report on all statements. He therefore proposed that paragraph 52 should be deleted.

Mr. YANG (China) said he could well understand that the representative of Ceylon wished to make certain reservations regarding paragraph 52. The Chinese delegation had also expressed its views when the Committee had discussed the social aspects of economic development, but it would be satisfied with what was said in paragraph 55. In his opinion paragraph 52 might give an incomplete idea of the discussions and should be deleted. The representative of Ceylon could agree to its deletion since he would always be able to reopen the question in the Fourth Committee.

Mr. THORP (New Zealand), Rapporteur, explained that if paragraph 52 were deleted no objections would remain, since no views at all would be quoted. The statements summarized in the following paragraphs related to a different agenda item and had been made during the general discussion on social conditions as a whole.

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Mr. RYAN (Australia) said that it would be clear that paragraph 53 and the following paragraphs referred to another problem if the words "considered the" were replaced by "had begun the consideration of".

Mr. DURAISWAMY (Ceylon) considered that it would be better if the views expressed by all the representatives in the Committee on social aspects of economic development and social conditions appeared in the Report. He stated that it was the understanding in the Committee that representatives who spoke on item 6, social conditions, could and, in fact, did refer to the social aspects of economic development which appeared as one of the sub-items of item 4. Since statements of the representatives who had spoken on social conditions (item 6) had been incorporated in the Report under chapter VIII he felt that the views of the representatives who had spoken on such a closely allied question as the social aspects of economic development should also be given due place in the Report under chapter VIII, particularly when there appeared a summary in paragraph 52 of the statements of France, Netherlands and the United Kingdom, the Administering Members on the social aspects of economic development. In view of those reasons he stated that he would oppose the proposal of the United Kingdom representative which would not help in including in the report the views of those representatives who had participated in the debate on so important a question.

Mr. PACHACHI (Iraq) said he would have accepted the deletion of paragraph 52 if it had met with the approval of the representative of Ceylon. But the latter wanted a statement of his country's views to be inserted in the report, and since every representative had the right to have his views included, he would vote against the United Kingdom representative's proposal.

Mr. JAIPAL (India) supported the views expressed by the representative of Iraq.

The United Kingdom proposal was adopted by 5 votes to 3 with 5 abstentions.

Mr. THORP (New Zealand), Rapporteur, proposed that the third sentence of paragraph 54 should be deleted and that in the fourth sentence the word "Experts" should be replaced by "Twenty Experts".

It was so decided.

Chapter VIII, as amended, was adopted.

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## Chapter IX

Mr. RYAN (Australia) asked that in the penultimate sentence of paragraph 75 the phrase "had been offered" be replaced by the following wording "had already been provided for 387 students from Non-Self-Governing Territories in South-East Asia which were not under Australian administration. Other Administering Members had also by bilateral arrangements provided a number of scholarships to students from Non-Self-Governing Territories." That would explain more fully the reasons for his request to the Secretary-General.

It was so decided.

Mr. THORP (New Zealand), Rapporteur, proposed that paragraph 79 should be replaced by the following: "The representative of Ceylon replied to the debate. He pointed out to the representative of Australia that his text would enable the Administering Members to review candidatures. He accepted the amendments submitted by India. The Committee adopted the draft resolution by 9 votes to none with 4 abstentions."

It was so decided.

Chapter IX, as amended, was adopted.

## Chapter X

Mr. THORP (New Zealand), Rapporteur, proposed that the following changes should be made in chapter X:

The following words should be added as a second sentence in paragraph 87 recording the statement of the representative of China: "However, he was concerned that under the new system the supplementary summaries might not be placed before the Committee when it met in the spring and would not be available to the general public."

The word "Iraq" should be inserted after the word "India" in the last line of paragraph 92.

At the end of the first sentence of paragraph 97 the following words should be inserted: "... and considered that the General Assembly should be informed of the situation".

The two following new paragraphs should be added after paragraph 100: "In reply to an inquiry from the representative of India, the representative of

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(Mr. Thorp, New Zealand)

Australia stated that his Government intended to transmit information under Article 73 e on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands", and

"The representatives of Ceylon, India and Iraq expressed concern at the continued failure of certain Member States to transmit information concerning their Non-Self-Governing Territories."

It was so decided.

Mr. PACHACHI (Iraq) requested that the following text should be added after the second sentence in paragraph 98: "The Belgian Government had also fully agreed that such information should be submitted in time for the Secretary-General to prepare summaries for consideration by the General Assembly and had assisted the Secretary-General in this respect by authorizing use of official public documents and had accepted the General Assembly's resolution fixing a six months' time limit for the transmission of the information."

The Iraqi proposal was accepted.

Chapter X, as amended, was adopted.

#### Chapter XI

Chapter XI was adopted.

#### Chapter XII

Mr. ALFONZO-RAVARD (Venezuela) requested that the second sentence of paragraph 106 should be replaced by the following: "He proposed the addition of a summary containing general conclusions on the changes made in institutions and in the system of social control in the Non-Self-Governing Territories".

It was so decided.

Chapter XII, as amended, was adopted.

#### Annexes I, II and III

Mr. THORP (New Zealand), Rapporteur, said that the following paragraph should be inserted under the title of annex II: "The Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories submits the following draft resolutions for the approval of the General Assembly."

It was so decided.

Annexes I, II and III were adopted.

Part one of the draft report as a whole (A/AC.35/L.264), as amended was adopted.

## CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

The CHAIRMAN thanked the representatives of Australia, Ceylon, China, France, Guatemala, India, Iraq, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, the United Kingdom, the United States and Venezuela, who had congratulated him on his efficient and courteous conduct of the debates. He associated himself with the tribute paid to the other officers and to the Secretariat, and with all those who had expressed regret at the departure of Mr. Bargas, Mr. Jaipal and Mr. Pachachi, to whom he wished every success in their new work.

He noted with deep satisfaction that the Committee had not endeavoured to evade the problems before it, despite their controversial character, but had carried out its difficult task in a spirit of co-operation and mutual understanding, and had recognized, in accordance with Chapter XI of the Charter, the principle that the interests of the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories were paramount.

He declared the eighth session of the Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 5.25 p.m.