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	Mr. ASTAPENKO *	Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
	Mr. POLLOCK *	Canada
	Mr. SILVERIO	Cuba
	Mr. PATEK *	Czechoslovakia
	Mr. SAKSENA	India
	Mr. BOE	Norway
	Mr. MOROZOV	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
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	Mr. HOROWITZ *	

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ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION: REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ON THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION (E/CN.1/W.60/Add.1, E/CN.1/W.60/Add.2)

Paragraph 12

Paragraph 12 was adopted by 7 votes to 3, with 1 abstention.

Paragraph 13

Paragraph 13 was adopted.

Paragraph 14

Paragraph 14 was adopted by 8 votes to 3.

Paragraph 15

Mr. BOE (Norway) said that he would abstain for reasons he had already indicated at previous meetings.

Paragraph 15 was adopted by 8 votes to 3, with 1 abstention.

Paragraph 16

Paragraph 16 was adopted by 9 votes to 3.

Paragraph 17

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that he had already stated the reasons why he would vote against the

paragraph as a whole. He made it clear, however, that he was merely abstaining and not voting against the proposal for the creation of a new international agency mentioned in the third sentence of the paragraph.

At the request of Mr. BOE (Norway) the CHAIRMAN took a separate vote on each of the three sentences of paragraph 17.

The first sentence was adopted by 6 votes to 2, with 4 abstentions.

The second sentence was adopted by 9 votes to 3.

The third sentence was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

Paragraph 18

Paragraph 18 was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Paragraph 19

Paragraph 19 was adopted unanimously with slight drafting changes.

Paragraph 20

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) wished to emphasize again that in his opinion the draft resolution mentioned in paragraph 20 and contained in annex F to the Commission's report served the interests of the capital exporting countries rather than those of the under-developed countries. Furthermore, it disowned the findings and recommendations of the Sub-Commission on Economic Development which had already examined the questions which the Commission wished to have studied further by other organs and experts. In view of those considerations, he would vote against the paragraph.

Paragraph 20 was adopted with slight drafting changes by 7 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions.

Part VIII: Report of the committee on organization (E/CN.1/W.60/Add.2)

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 1 was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Paragraph 2

Paragraph 2 was adopted by 8 votes to 3.

Paragraph 3

Mr. SAKSENA (India) requested, and was granted, the right to append a minority report to that paragraph, and asked for a separate vote on the first sentence and the remainder of the paragraph.

The first sentence of paragraph 3 was adopted by 8 votes to 4.

The remainder of paragraph 3 was adopted with slight drafting changes by 9 votes to 3.

Paragraph 4

Sub-paragraph 4 (a) was adopted by 8 votes to 3, with 1 abstention.

Sub-paragraph 4 (b) was adopted with slight drafting changes by 7 votes to 4, with 1 abstention.

Sub-paragraph 4 (c) was adopted by 8 votes to 3, with 1 abstention.

Sub-paragraph 4 (d) was adopted with slight drafting changes by 8 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

Sub-paragraph 4 (e) was adopted by 8 votes to 4.

Paragraph 5

Paragraph 5 was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Paragraph 6

Paragraph 6 was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Paragraph 7

Paragraph 7 was adopted by 9 votes to 3.

Paragraph 8

Paragraph 8 was adopted by 8 votes to 4.

Paragraph 9

Paragraph 9 was amended to include that portion of the text from document E/CN.1/W.48 which had been inadvertently left out in document E/CN.1/W.60/Add.2.

Paragraph 9 as revised was adopted unanimously.

DRAFT REPORT ON ITEMS 9 AND 10 OF THE AGENDA

The CHAIRMAN introduced as a draft the following proposals concerning the future programme of work of the Commission and the date and place of its next session suggesting that they might serve as a basis for the draft report on items 9 and 10 of the agenda:

"1. The Commission aware that the Economic and Social Council in accordance with its resolution 139(VII)C intends to discuss the future and the terms of reference of the Commission and its Sub-Commissions, and having expressed its views on these matters in part VIII of this report, believes that it is not necessary for it to repeat under these two items of its agenda its recommendations to the Council which it has made elsewhere.

"2. With respect to the types of studies and analyses which the Commission will require in its work, the Council's attention is called to parts V, VI, VII and VIII of this report which, in addition to referring to the types of data and analyses needed by the Commission, contain recommendations on specific studies and analyses which it believes should be undertaken by the Secretariat. The question of the frequency of the Commission's meetings is discussed in part VIII.

"3. The Commission proposes to devote its next session to consideration of the problems on which it has requested the studies to be prepared and on such topics as the Council may refer to it at its ninth session."

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), in connexion with item 9 of the agenda, submitted the following proposal:

"In accordance with resolution 128(VI)D of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission determines that the primary problems which it should take up are the following:

- "1. To ~~study~~ the question of the obstacles that prevent the industrialization of under-developed countries and territories and the measures necessary to overcome such obstacles.
- "2. In view of the growth of unemployment in a number of countries to study the question of unemployment for the purpose of preparing the necessary recommendations."

With regard to item 10, he thought the Commission should take a decision similar to that of the previous year.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as representative of Australia, said that the USSR proposal concerning item 10 was inconsistent with other parts of the Commission's draft report in which it was proposed that the Commission's following session should take place shortly before the corresponding session of the Economic and Social Council.

Mr. POLLOCK (Canada) supported the proposals introduced by the Chairman, and, in connexion with item 10, thought the Commission should propose that its following session be held a few weeks before the tenth session of the Economic and Social Council.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as representative of Australia, pointed out that his suggestion on item 10 was more logical in view of the recommendations concerning the Commission's following session, which had just been approved for inclusion in the draft report.

Mr. FEARNLEY (United Kingdom), Mr. SAKSENA (India) and Mr. HOROWITZ (United States of America) supported the Chairman's proposal on item 10 as being more logical.

Mr. POLLOCK (Canada) withdrew his proposal on item 10.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) put forward the proposal that:

"The fifth session of the Commission should be held between the first and second sessions of the Economic and Social Council in 1950."

The USSR proposal was rejected by 7 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said his proposal in connexion with item 9 of the agenda concerned only the most urgent problems which the Commission should study and did not exclude its taking up other questions if necessary.

Mr. HOROWITZ (United States of America), Mr. SAKSENA (India) and Mr. WOULBROUN (Belgium) supported the proposal of the representative of Australia as being more specific than that of the USSR representative.

Mr. ASTAPENKO (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. PATEK (Czechoslovakia) supported the USSR proposal, which they considered to be specific and to deal with problems which were generally agreed to be of paramount importance.

Mr. SILVERIO (Cuba) agreed with the concrete ideas contained in the USSR proposal. It was very important for both those points to be considered at future meetings, provided the USSR did not insist on the industrialization of all countries, whether that was in accordance with the pattern of the country's economy or not, but merely on the study of the obstacles to the industrialization of those countries which would benefit from becoming more industrialized.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) pointed out that his proposal was in line with the recommendations of part VI of the report of the Sub-Commission on Economic Development (E/CN.1/65).

The USSR proposal in connexion with item 9 of the agenda was rejected by 6 votes to 4, with 2 abstentions.

Mr. BOE (Norway) and Mr. GUTMARAES (Brazil) thought that the proposals of the representatives of the USSR and Australia might be reconciled and combined.

Mr. Boe proposed as amendments to the Australian representative's proposal the insertion of the words "of economic development" after the words "consideration of the problems" in paragraph 3 and, in the same paragraph, the addition of a semicolon after the word "prepared", and the insertion of the words "and finally" followed by the second point of the USSR proposal.

Mr. SAKSENA (India) thought that the point of the USSR representative might be met by inserting, after the first sentence of paragraph 2 of the Australian representative's proposal, the following:

"The Commission proposes inter alia" followed by points 1 and 2 of the rejected USSR proposal.

Mr. BOE (Norway) withdrew his amendment in favour of the Indian amendment.

Mr. WOUJBROUN (Belgium) proposed the addition of the words "and the procedure for scheduling its meetings" after the words "the future and the terms of reference" in the first paragraph of the Australian representative's proposal.

Mr. SAKSENA (India) proposed the addition at the end of paragraph 1 of the following:

"The date of the fifth session of the Commission may be determined by the Council in the light of its decision on the recommendations of the Commission".

Mr. WOUJBROUN (Belgium) agreed that that obviated the need for his amendment and withdrew it.

Mr. FEARNLEY (United Kingdom) proposed that the last sentence of paragraph 2 should become a new paragraph 4 in order to give it emphasis.

Mr. POLLOCK (Canada) felt that that was unnecessary in view of the Indian amendment to paragraph 1 and suggested the addition of the words "in part VIII" at the end of the Indian amendment.

It was so agreed.

At the request of the USSR representative, a separate vote was taken on the Indian amendment to paragraph 2.

Paragraph 1 of the Australian representative's proposal was adopted by 9 votes to 3, with no abstentions.

The first part of paragraph 2 was adopted by 9 votes to 3, with no abstentions.

The second part of paragraph 2, beginning with the words "The Commission proposes inter alia...", was adopted by 8 votes to 3, with 1 abstention.

Paragraph 3 was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

The CHAIRMAN announced that there would be a final reading of the draft report on items 9 and 10.

The meeting rose at 5.45 p.m.