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Chairman: Mr. Najib BOUZIRI (Tunisia).

AGENDA ITEM 79:

Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (concluded):*

(e) United Nations Staff Pension Committee (concluded)* (A/C.5/L.866)

1. The CHAIRMAN called on the Committee to hold the election necessitated by a vacancy on the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (see A/C.5/L.866).

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Moebius (Austria) and Mr. Basnayake (Ceylon) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	75
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	75
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	73
<i>Required majority:</i>	37

Number of votes obtained:
 Mr. Renaud (France) 72

*Resumed from the 1115th meeting.

Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Jean-Claude Renaud (France) was recommended by the Committee for appointment as alternate member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a period of two years beginning on 1 January 1966.

2. Mr. VAN GREVENYNGHE (France) thanked the Committee for the confidence it had shown in a member of the French delegation in recommending the General Assembly to appoint Mr. Renaud to the United Nations Staff Pension Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 76:

Budget estimates for the financial years 1965 and 1966 (concluded)*

DRAFT REPORTS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/C.5/L.860, A/C.5/L.865)

3. Mr. Ahmed ALI (Pakistan) congratulated the Rapporteur on the objectivity and high standard of the draft reports. He pointed out, however, that in paragraph 28 of the draft report on the budget estimates for the financial year 1965 (A/C.5/L.860) and in paragraph 54 of the draft report on the budget estimates for the financial year 1966 (A/C.5/L.865), the position of India was set forth but not that of Pakistan. Since, at the 1113th meeting on 17 December 1965, the representative of Pakistan had stated his Government's views on the letter addressed by the Indian Government to the Secretary-General (A/6045) and since that position had been set forth in the letters addressed to the Secretary-General by the Government of Pakistan on 1 November (A/6087, para. 9) and 22 November 1965 (S/6967, ^{1/} para. 3), those texts should be mentioned in the report.

4. Mr. S. K. SINGH (India) asked the Rapporteur whether he could mention in a Fifth Committee report documents which had not been referred to during the debates in the Committee.

5. Mr. PRUSA (Czechoslovakia), Rapporteur, said that he had mentioned the Indian representative's statement in the draft reports because it had directly concerned the question under consideration. He was not sure whether the representative of Pakistan had mentioned in his statement the letters to which he had just referred, but that statement had not been reflected in the draft report because it had not really been concerned with financial aspects. However, he was perfectly prepared to give the document symbols of the two letters in the report, and asked the Indian representative not to oppose such a step.

^{1/} See Official Records of the Security Council, Twentieth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1965.

6. Mr. S. K. SINGH (India) said that he was prepared, in a spirit of compromise, to agree that the report should mention the statement of the representative of Pakistan, but on condition it was made clear that his present statement and his earlier statements had dealt with the political and not the financial aspects of the item under consideration, and also that he had earlier failed to mention the documents, the symbols of which he now wanted to be quoted in the report.

7. Mr. Ahmed ALI (Pakistan) paid a tribute to the conciliatory attitude of the Rapporteur and stressed that if he had not made express reference to his Government's two letters in his statements of 26 October (1076th meeting) and 17 December 1965 (1113th meeting), he had nevertheless given their contents in general terms; it was therefore desirable that the report should indicate the symbols of those two documents.

8. Mr. CUREÑO PEREZ (Mexico) suggested that the report should simply refer to the meeting at which the representatives of India and Pakistan had made their statements, without giving their contents. Anyone wishing to know the exact contents of those statements could then refer to the summary records of that meeting.

9. Mr. PRUSA (Czechoslovakia), Rapporteur, said that he was quite prepared to follow the Mexican representative's suggestion if the Committee approved; however, it might be sufficient to add the following sentence at the end of the two paragraphs concerned: "The representative of Pakistan made reference to documents A/6087 and S/6967 to explain the position of his country".

10. Mr. Ahmed ALI (Pakistan) preferred the second solution.

11. Mr. S. K. SINGH (India) said that he would also accept the Rapporteur's suggestion, provided it was made clear in the summary record of the present meeting that the two documents had not really been mentioned in the course of the previous debates.

12. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should adopt the formula proposed by the Rapporteur.

It was so decided.

DRAFT REPORT ON THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1965 (A/C.5/L.860)

Draft resolution on the financing of appropriations for the financial year 1965 (A/C.5/L.860, para. 29, draft resolution, part C)

13. The CHAIRMAN recalled that the Committee had already taken a decision, at its 1065th and 1113th meetings, on the text of parts A and B of the draft resolution in paragraph 29 of the draft report (A/C.5/L.860), and he invited the Committee to vote on part C.

Part C of the draft resolution was adopted by 59 votes to none, with 9 abstentions.

The draft report on the budget estimates for the financial year 1965 (A/C.5/L.860) as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

DRAFT REPORT ON THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1966 (A/C.5/L.865)

14. Mr. PRUSA (Czechoslovakia), Rapporteur, proposed the following corrections to the text of the draft report on the budget estimates for the financial year 1966 (A/C.5/L.865): in the second sentence of paragraph 1, the amount of the gross appropriation recommended by the Committee should be \$121,567,420, and net \$120,567,420 as had been inserted in error; secondly, in view of paragraph 35, there was no need to vote on the draft resolution in annex IV, and the words "annex IV" in the table in paragraph 78 should accordingly be deleted; lastly, he suggested that the beginning of the last sentence of paragraph 38 should be amended as follows: "Appreciation was expressed to both the Government of Chile and to the Swiss Federal Government for their generosity in making available respectively a significant contribution and a loan which would facilitate ...".

It was so decided.

15. Mr. CUREÑO PEREZ (Mexico) proposed the addition of a sentence at the end of paragraph 73 stating that the Mexican representative, and others, had explained their votes at the same meeting.

16. Mr. ZIEHL (United States of America) proposed that the following sentence should be added either at the end of paragraph 10, or in a new paragraph 11: "The view was also expressed that the United Nations bonds represented solemn obligations and that any attempt to alter their terms or the conditions of repayment would destroy confidence in the financial integrity of the Organization". He considered that the sentence expressed the opinion of the majority of delegations in the Fifth Committee and that its inclusion in the report was therefore both warranted and necessary.

17. Mr. PRUSA (Czechoslovakia), Rapporteur, said that he would comply with the Mexican representative's request and that, if there was no objection from the Committee, he was also agreeable to inserting the text proposed by the United States representative. He would, however, prefer that text to be inserted at the end of paragraph 10, in order to avoid having to renumber all the succeeding paragraphs, which would delay the submission of the report to the plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

18. Mr. ZIEHL (United States of America) expressed agreement with that suggestion, and proposed that, in order to link the new text of paragraph 10 with paragraph 11 of the draft report, the words "by several delegations", should be inserted after the words "It was also suggested" at the beginning of paragraph 11.

It was so decided.

Draft resolution on the budget estimates for the financial year 1966 (A/C.5/L.865, para. 80, draft resolution I)

Part A of the draft resolution on the budget appropriations for the financial year 1966 was adopted by 54 votes to none, with 12 abstentions.

Part B of the draft resolution on the income estimates for financial year 1966 was adopted by 65 votes to none.

Part C of the draft resolution on the financing of appropriations for the financial year 1966 was adopted by 58 votes to none, with 10 abstentions.

Draft resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1966 (A/C.5/L.865, para. 80, draft resolution II)

The draft resolution was adopted by 55 votes to 10, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution on the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1966 (A/C.5/L.865, para. 80, draft resolution III)

The draft resolution was adopted by 55 votes to none, with 12 abstentions.

The draft report (A/C.5/L.865) as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

COMPLETION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

19. Mr. Mohamed RIAD (United Arab Republic), speaking on behalf of the Arab countries and of Yugoslavia, Mr. FEKKES (Netherlands), speaking on behalf of the Western European countries and of Japan, Mr. CISS (Senegal), speaking on behalf of the African countries, Mr. BASNAYAKE (Ceylon), speaking on behalf of the Asian countries, Mr. SILVEIRA DA MOTA (Brazil), speaking on behalf of the Latin American countries, Mr. TARDOS (Hungary), speaking on behalf of the delegations of Bulgaria, Cuba, Mongolia, Poland, the Byelorussian SSR, the Ukrainian SSR, Romania,

Czechoslovakia and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Mr. ZIEHL (United States of America) and Mr. WEI (China) expressed their appreciation of the very competent, firm and impartial way in which the Chairman had directed the work of the Committee and thanked the Vice-Chairman, the Rapporteur, the Chairman and members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Controller, the representatives of the Secretary-General, the Secretary of the Committee and all the members of the Secretariat who had assisted the Committee in its work.

20. Mr. OLARTE (Colombia), Vice-Chairman, Mr. PRUSA (Czechoslovakia), Rapporteur, Mr. TURNER (Under-Secretary—The Controller) and Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) thanked the Committee for the kind words that had been addressed to them.

21. The CHAIRMAN thanked the Committee for its expression of appreciation. He wished to take the opportunity to convey his gratitude to the Controller and the Under-Secretaries, and also to the Chairman and members of the Advisory Committee for their valuable co-operation, and to pay a tribute to the competence and devotion of the officers and Secretary of the Committee and the staff of the Secretariat. He declared the work of the Fifth Committee concluded.

The meeting rose at 1.40 p.m.