

required to elect the members of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its organizational session in 1976.

58. In reply to a question by Mr. AKE (Ivory Coast), he said that, legally speaking, members of the Intergovernmental Committee might be deemed to be still capable of exercising their functions, but the fact that the Committee would not meet again before being reconstituted made it advisable to postpone any elections.

59. The PRESIDENT said he took it that, in the circumstances, the Council would wish to defer the election until its organizational session in 1976.

*It was so decided.*

## COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

60. The PRESIDENT called for nominations for the election of two members -- one from among the African and Asian States and one from among the Latin American States, each for a term of office effective as of the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1978 -- to the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations.

61. If there were no nominations, he suggested that the Council should postpone the election till a future session.

*It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.*

## 1978th meeting

Wednesday, 30 July 1975, at 3.15 p.m.

*President:* Mr. I. A. AKHUND (Pakistan)

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*In the absence of the President, Mr. Longerstaey (Belgium), Vice-President, took the Chair.*

### AGENDA ITEM 23

#### Elections (concluded)

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT (E/5735/REV.1)

1. The PRESIDENT reminded the Council that at its 1938th meeting of its organizational session in 1975 it had postponed the appointment of the members of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to the fifty-ninth session and had extended the terms of office of the present members until their successors had been appointed. In the note before the Council (E/5735/Rev.1) the Secretary-General presented his 24 nominees for the Advisory Committee for appointment for a period effective as of the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1977.

2. In the absence of any objection, he would take it that the Council wished to appoint the 24 persons listed in the note as members of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development.

*It was so decided.*

#### WORKING GROUP OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC AND RELATED MATTERS IN THE NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST (E/5747 AND ADD.1)

3. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the Secretary-General's note (E/5747 and Add.1) concerning the confirmation of three members of the Working Group. In the absence of any objection, he would take it that the

Council wished to confirm as members of the Working Group of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East the three representatives nominated by Afghanistan, Pakistan and Turkey.

*It was so decided.*

### COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

4. Mr. KOSSEV (Bulgaria) drew attention to a misunderstanding which had arisen at the previous meeting concerning the election of members to the Committee on Review and Appraisal. The socialist States of eastern Europe had proposed the candidature of Hungary, but the Secretariat had overlooked that proposal. He therefore asked if he might reopen the question and again propose Hungary to represent the socialist States of eastern Europe.

*It was so agreed.*

5. The PRESIDENT said that, in the absence of any objection, he took it that the Council wished to elect Hungary to the Committee on Review and Appraisal for a term of office of four years beginning 1 January 1976.

*It was so decided.*

6. The PRESIDENT noted that the Council had thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 23.

### AGENDA ITEM 15

#### Operational activities for development

#### REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5736)

7. The PRESIDENT suggested that, when considering the reports of the sessional Committees, the Council should

follow the past practice, namely, first to take a decision on all the draft resolutions or decisions in each of the reports and then to hear statements in explanation of vote, if any.

*It was so agreed.*

8. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the report of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee on agenda item 15 (E/5736), and in particular to paragraph 27, in which there were five draft resolutions and four draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. Draft resolutions I, II, III and V and the four draft decisions had all been approved by the Committee without a vote. He took it that the Council would wish to do the same.

*Draft resolution I: Proposal for an international year of the child*

*Draft resolution I was adopted.*

*Draft resolution II: Technical co-operation among developing countries*

9. Mr. FRAZÃO (Brazil) reminded the Council that his delegation had been mainly responsible for the submission of draft resolution II. The representative of UNDP to the Economic and Social Council had stated, however, that operative paragraph 4 might give rise to some problems of co-ordination and implementation, since the Administrator of UNDP had been told by the executive directors of some regional commissions that they might be unable to meet the target date of June 1976 set in that paragraph. For example, the regional meeting on technical co-operation in Latin America would be held in either May or June 1976. He therefore proposed that the target date should be changed from June 1976 to December 1976.

*Draft resolution II, as orally amended by the Brazilian representative, was adopted.*

*Draft resolution III: Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund*

*Draft resolution III was adopted.*

*Draft resolution IV: Youth policies and programmes*

10. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had not opposed the approval in the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee of the draft resolution entitled "Youth policies and programmes" contained in Council resolution 1922 (LVIII), but that should not be interpreted as a change in its position on the United Nations Volunteers programme, which had been explained on a number of occasions. He wished that reservation to be included in the report of the Council.

*Draft resolution V was adopted.*

*Draft decision I: Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme*

*Draft decision I was adopted.*

*Draft decision II: Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the need for a revised concept of the regional training programmes of the United Nations Development Pro-*

*gramme in the least developed countries: the East African case*

*Draft decision II was adopted.*

*Draft decision III: Reconstitution of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme as a Committee on Food and Aid Policies and Programmes*

*Draft decision III was adopted.*

*Draft decision IV: Amendment to General Regulation No. 6 of the General regulations of the World Food Programme*

*Draft decision IV was adopted.*

*Draft resolution IV: United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration*

11. The PRESIDENT reminded the Council that draft resolution IV had been approved by the Committee by a vote. If, however, he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt it without a vote.

12. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had abstained in the vote on the draft resolution in PPCC and wished to reiterate the reservations it had made at that time. He wished those reservations to be included in the report on the fifty-ninth session of the Council.

*Draft resolution IV was adopted.*

13. The PRESIDENT asked if any delegations wished to speak in explanation of vote.

14. Mr. FERNÁNDEZ VILLAVERDE (Spain) said that his delegation wished the comments he had made concerning draft resolution II at the 572nd meeting of PPCC to be reproduced in the report on the current session of the Council.

## AGENDA ITEM 16

### International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system

#### REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5733 AND CORR.1)

15. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the two draft resolutions and two draft decisions in paragraph 18 of the report before it (E/5733 and Corr.1). The Committee had approved them without a vote and the Council might wish to do likewise.

*Draft resolution I: Rural development*

*Draft resolution I was adopted.*

*Draft resolution II: Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour*

*Draft resolution II was adopted.*

*Draft decision I: Harmonization of programme budget presentation and co-ordination within the United Nations system*

*Draft decision I was adopted.*

*Draft decision II: Report of the Joint Meetings of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on spheres of competence and work programmes of United Nations organizations and agencies in the field of marine science and its applications*

*Draft decision II was adopted.*

## AGENDA ITEM 17

### Food problems

#### REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5734)

16. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the draft resolution in paragraph 6 of the report before it (E/5734) and invited the Secretary of the Council to make a statement on the financial implications arising from the new operative paragraph 7.

17. Mr. CORDOVEZ (Secretary of the Council) said that the financial implications of that paragraph, together with other financial implications arising from the first session of the World Food Council, would be included in the budget estimates established by the Council secretariat for submission to the thirtieth session of the General Assembly, as stated in paragraph 11 of the report of the World Food Council (E/5708).

18. The PRESIDENT pointed out that, as indicated in paragraph 5 of the report under consideration, the Committee had adopted the draft resolution without a vote. In the absence of any objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to do the same.

*The draft resolution on food problems was adopted.*

19. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had not objected to the adoption of the draft resolution either in the Committee or at the present meeting but wished to confirm its position of principle, which had been explained in detail at the World Food Conference and at the first session of the World Food Council. He would like that position to be reflected in the Council's report on the current session.

20. The USSR delegation would state its position concerning the financial implications in the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, when it had had an opportunity to see the report on those implications.

## AGENDA ITEM 18

### Marine questions

#### REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5730)

21. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the

draft resolution in paragraph 7 of the report before it (E/5730), which the Committee had approved by vote.

22. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) requested that a vote be taken on the draft resolution.

*The draft resolution on uses of the sea and coastal area development was adopted by 43 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.*

23. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had abstained in the vote on the draft resolution because it considered that the question of coastal area development and the programme of action in that field should take into account the interests of all States, on the basis of the solution of fundamental problems of sea law to be reached at the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. He wished that statement to be reproduced verbatim in the Committee's report.

24. Mr. FRAZÃO (Brazil) said that his delegation had voted in favour of the draft resolution; it congratulated the sponsors on including the third preambular paragraph on the need not to prejudge the outcome of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. It was on that understanding that his delegation had voted in favour of the draft. He too wished his statement to be reproduced verbatim in the Council's report.

## AGENDA ITEM 20

### Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations

#### REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5744)

25. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the two draft resolutions in paragraph 12 of the report before it (E/5744), which the Committee had approved without a vote. In the absence of any objection, he took it that the Council wished to do the same.

*Draft resolution I: Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia.*

*Draft resolution II: Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations*

*Draft resolution II was adopted.*

## AGENDA ITEM 21

### Transport questions

#### REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/5741)

26. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the three draft resolutions in paragraph 8 of the report before it (E/5741), which had been approved by the Committee without a vote. In the absence of any objection, he would take it that the Council wished to do the same.

*Draft resolution I: Further steps to be taken concerning the transport of dangerous goods*

*Draft resolution I was adopted.*

*Draft resolution II: Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods*

*Draft resolution II was adopted.*

*Draft resolution III: Transport of dangerous goods*

*Draft resolution III was adopted.*

## AGENDA ITEM 9

**Mid-term review and appraisal of progress in implementing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade: Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order**

### REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/5738)

27. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the two draft resolutions and two draft decisions in paragraph 12 of the report before it (E/5738), which had been approved by the Committee without vote. In the absence of

any objection, he would take it that the Council wished to do the same.

*Draft resolution I: Identification of the least developed among the developing countries*

*Draft resolution I was adopted.*

*Draft resolution II: Public administration and finance for development*

*Draft resolution II was adopted.*

*Draft decision I: Mid-term review and appraisal of progress in implementing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade*

*Draft decision I was adopted.*

*Draft decision II: Report of the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund*

*Draft decision II was adopted.*

*The meeting rose at 4 p.m.*

## 1979th meeting

Thursday, 31 July 1975, at 10.55 a.m.

*President: Mr. I. A. AKHUND (Pakistan)*

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## AGENDA ITEM 19

**Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**

### REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5743)

1. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the report of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee on agenda item 19 (E/5743) and drew attention to the draft resolution on the subject of the item contained in paragraph 6, which the Committee had adopted without a vote. He asked whether it was the wish of the Council also to adopt the draft resolution without a vote.

*It was so decided.*

## AGENDA ITEM 22

### Calendar of conferences

### REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5742; E/L.1664 AND ADD.1-6)

2. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the report of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee on agenda item 22 (E/5742).

3. Mr. FERGUSON (United States of America) pointed out that provision was made in the note by the Secretariat (E/L.1664) for the Working Group on Communications, a subordinate body of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, to meet both in 1976 and in 1977. His delegation would have no objection to that arrangement provided that it was understood to be without prejudice to the biennial cycle of meetings for the Working Group established by Council resolution 1768 (LIV).

4. The PRESIDENT asked whether he might take it that the Council, on the understanding stated by the United States representative, agreed to the inclusion in the calendar of meetings for 1977 of an entry for the meeting of the Working Group on Communications from 8 to 19 August, as proposed by the Secretariat in document E/L.1664.

*It was so decided.*

5. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the draft resolution and the three draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council in paragraph 14 of the Committee's report. All four had been adopted by the Committee without a vote. He took it that it was the Council's wish also to adopt them without a vote.

*Draft resolution: Preparatory work for the United Nations Water Conference*

*The draft resolution was adopted.*