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*President: Mr. Milan KLUSÁK*  
*(Czechoslovakia).*

*Present:*

Representatives of the following States, members of the Council: Belgium, Cameroon, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, France, Guatemala, India, Iran, Kuwait, Libya, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Venezuela.

Observers for the following Member States: Argentina, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia.

Observer for the following non-member State: Switzerland.

Representative of the following specialized agency: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

## AGENDA ITEM 13

Replacement of a Vice-President of the Council  
(E/4441)

1. The PRESIDENT invited the Council, under rule 23 of its rules of procedure, to elect a Vice-President to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Zollner, of Dahomey, since that country's term of office on the Council expired on 31 December 1967 (see E/4441).

2. Mr. ZOLLNER (Dahomey) nominated Mr. Ali Attiga, of Libya.

3. Mr. PÉREZ GUERRERO (Venezuela), Mr. VARELA (Panama), Mr. BILLNER (Sweden), Mr. CUHRUK (Turkey), Mr. CHADHA (India), Mr. GOLDSCHMIDT (United States of America) and Mr. LOPEZ (Philippines) seconded the nomination.

4. Mr. GOLDSCHMIDT (United States of America) proposed that rule 67 of the rules of procedure should be suspended.

*It was so decided.*

*Mr. Attiga (Libya) was elected Vice-President of the Council by acclamation.*

5. Mr. ATTIGA (Libya) thanked the members of the Council for the honour they had done to his country, and commended his predecessor in the office on the outstanding manner in which he had performed his duties.

## AGENDA ITEM 7

## Elections

## ELECTION OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS/FAO INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (E/L.1196)

6. The PRESIDENT invited the Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2095 (XX), to elect four members of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1968. In addition to the three States listed in paragraph 3 of the Secretary-General's note (E/L.1196), Panama and Tunisia had informed the Secretary-General of their candidacy for election.

7. Mr. VARELA (Panama) said that Panama had submitted its candidacy as a Latin American country to replace Mexico, whose term of office on the Intergovernmental Committee would expire on 31 December 1967. Having noted, however, that the African continent was under-represented on the Intergovernmental Committee, Panama withdrew its candidacy and would support the election of Tunisia.

*Australia, Peru, Tunisia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were elected members of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme by acclamation.*

## ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

8. The PRESIDENT invited the Council, under rule 82 of its rules of procedure, to elect thirteen members of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to serve for the calendar year following their election.

9. Mr. ZOLLNER (Dahomey) said that the Committee was in the process of revising the rules governing the consultative status of non-governmental organizations. Because of that exceptional circumstance, he proposed that its present members, with the exception

of Cameroon whose term of office on the Council would expire on 31 December 1967, should be re-elected for 1968. Such a step should, of course, not be regarded as constituting a precedent.

*The Council re-elected for one year the members currently serving on the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations with the exception of Cameroon.*

10. Mr. SUEDE (United Republic of Tanzania) nominated Sierra Leone to replace Cameroon on the Committee.

11. Mr. ATTIGA (Libya), Mr. CHADHA (India) and Mr. BILLNER (Sweden) seconded the nomination.

*Sierra Leone was elected a member of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.*

#### AGENDA ITEM 8

Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council (E/4442 and Add.1 and 2)

12. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the note by the Secretary-General submitting for confirmation the names of representatives nominated by their respective Governments to the functional commissions of the Council (see E/4442 and Add.1 and 2).

*The Council confirmed the nominations submitted to it.*

#### Closure of the session

13. The PRESIDENT said that the authority of the Council as an organ for international co-operation in economic, social and humanitarian matters had been

enhanced during the past year. As a consequence of the growing awareness of the importance of its co-ordinating role, it had achieved certain practical results and had strengthened its work in that respect. Undoubtedly co-ordination should receive particular attention in the future. Another significant feature of the past year's work had been the realistic approach adopted to problems, and he hoped that that, too, would become a characteristic of the Council's work. The General Assembly at its twenty-second session had given much attention to the Council's work, but the Council must encourage the Assembly to concentrate on the most important questions in the economic, social and humanitarian fields and on the adoption of basic directives for the work of all organs and organizations in those fields. Other encouraging events had been the establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the disappearance of the antagonism between the older and the newer United Nations bodies, and the recognition, in several General Assembly resolutions, of the necessity of universality in all United Nations bodies. On the other hand, the Council's work had been impeded in the past year by the unfavourable international situation and by the tension and conflicts in various regions of the world, which had diverted attention and resources from the problems of economic and social development. Profound changes in the approach to the problems of development could not be expected in the absence of a radical improvement relating to peace and security.

14. After the customary exchange of courtesies, the PRESIDENT declared the forty-third session of the Council closed.

*The meeting rose at 4.55 p.m.*