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**President: Mr. Raymond SCHEYVEN (Belgium).**

Organization of the work of the session (continued)  
(E/L.1245)

1. The PRESIDENT informed the Council that, as a result of the consultations which he had held with the Vice-Presidents, it had been decided that Mr. Maramis (Indonesia) would be Chairman of the Co-ordination Committee, Mr. Kestler (Guatemala) would be Chairman of the Economic Committee and Mr. Fakhreddine (Sudan) would be Chairman of the Social Committee.

2. With regard to the organization of work, he suggested that the Social Committee should begin by considering agenda item 10, "Report of the Commission for Social Development", and the Economic Committee by considering item 4, "Development of natural resources". The Council itself would begin consideration of item 17, "Non-governmental organizations", on Thursday, 15 May. During the second week, the Council would take up item 9, "The role of the co-operative movement in economic and social development", in plenary; the Social Committee would consider the question of the control of narcotic drugs (item 15) and the report of the Commission on the Status of Women (item 12), possibly proceeding to consider the report of the Commission on Human Rights (item 11); lastly, the Economic Committee would consider items 7 and 8, "Questions relating to science and technology" and "Arrangements for the transfer of operative technology to developing countries".

3. The detailed programme for the third and fourth week of the session could be decided at a later date, in the light of the progress made during the first two weeks; however, it would not differ greatly from the programme originally proposed (E/L.1245).

4. Mr. VIAUD (France) said that while he fully approved of the work programme he thought that, in order to avoid complications at a later stage, the work should be so arranged that the Council would not be called upon to consider economic questions in plenary meeting at the same time as meetings of the Economic Committee were being held, and, similarly, that no plenary meetings should be planned on social questions when the Social Committee was meeting. Within each delegation, the same persons usually dealt throughout with social questions or economic questions and it was a physical impossibility for them to be present at a plenary meeting and a committee meeting at the same time.

5. The PRESIDENT assured the French representative that the work programme would be carefully worked out in such a way as to avoid any such clashes.

6. Mr. CUHRUK (Turkey) drew the Council's attention to sub-paragraph (c) (Survey programme) of agenda item 4 (Development of natural resources). Since, as indicated in footnote 1 of document E/L.1245, the session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Survey Programme for the Development of Natural Resources had been postponed and the Council would probably not have before it any documentation on that question, it might perhaps be appropriate to postpone consideration of that sub-item of item 4.

7. The PRESIDENT felt that it might be better for the Council to abide by the agenda it had adopted and to leave it to the Economic Committee, to which that item had been referred, to take a decision on the subject.

*It was so decided.*

8. The PRESIDENT said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the work programme just proposed for the first two weeks had been adopted.

*It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 11.10 a.m.*