

Governmental Organizations. He suggested that in future members should inform the Secretary-General if they wished to become candidates, and that chairmen of regional groups should submit the names of candidates in order to allow the Council to proceed in a more orderly fashion.

59. Mr. SANDERS (United States of America) stressed the importance which his Government attached to the issue under consideration and said that it would have to reconsider its position if postponing the election would lead to any delay in negotiations.

60. Mr. CORDOVEZ (Secretary of the Council) said that the negotiating schedule would not be affected if the election were postponed until the sixtieth session, as the statute of the International Fund for Agricultural Development would not be approved before spring. He requested authorization from the Council to seek information from the IFAD secretariat on the establishment of the IFAD negotiating team before the spring session.

61. Mr. SANDERS (United States of America) accepted the statement made by the Secretary of the Council. He expressed the hope that members would decide before the spring session whether they wished to participate in the Council Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies or in the IFAD Committee.

62. The PRESIDENT said that, if there were no objection, he would take it that the Council postponed until a future session the election of members of the Council Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies and authorized the Secretary of the Council to obtain the necessary information on the constitution of the Fund's negotiating team.

*It was so decided* (see decision 143 (ORG-76), para. 1).

CONFIRMATION (E/5752 AND ADD.1-3, E/5754)

*Functional commissions of the Council*  
(E/5752 and Add.1-3)

63. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to confirm the names of the representatives on the functional commissions listed in document E/5752 and Add.1-3. There was an error in document E/5752; foot-note 4 should indicate that Mr. Garment had replaced Mr. Hoffman at the thirty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights.

64. Miss ST. CLAIRE (Assistant Secretary of the Council) drew attention to an omission in document E/5752; the names listed under the heading "Population Commission" should include that of Mr. Kauko M. Sipponen of Finland, whose curriculum vitae would be circulated as soon as possible.

65. The PRESIDENT said that, if there were no objection, he would take it that the Council confirmed the names of all the persons listed in document E/5752 and Add.1-3, with the addition of Mr. Sipponen.

*It was so decided* (see decision 143 (ORG-76), para. 2).

*Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East and Working Group of the Sub-Commission* (E/5754)

66. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to confirm the names of one member of the Sub-Commission and one member of the Working Group of the Sub-Commission. If there were no objection, he would take it that the Council confirmed the names of those members, which were listed in document E/5754, paragraphs 2 and 3.

*It was so decided* (see decision 143 (ORG-76), para. 2).

*The meeting rose at 12.25 p.m.*

## 1984th meeting

Thursday, 15 January 1976, at 3.45 p.m.

President: Mr. Siméon AKE (Ivory Coast)

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### AGENDA ITEM 4

#### Basic programme of work of the Council for 1976 (concluded)\* (E/5753, E/L.1685, E/L.1686)

1. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt the programme of work as outlined in paragraph 1, sections A and B, of document E/L.1686.

*It was so decided* (decision 137 (ORG-76), para. 1).

2. Mr. MARSHALL (United Kingdom) said that, given the importance of the items on the agenda for its sixty-first session, the Council should know how long the resumed sixty-first session would last and when it would be held.

3. Mr. CORDOVEZ (Secretary of the Council) replied that, in principle, the resumed session consisted only of plenary meetings and that it was customary to discuss the arrangements for such a session towards the end of the summer session.

4. Mr. MARSHALL (United Kingdom) said that he was content to follow the normal practice. However, he reminded the Council that a decision in principle had been taken the previous year to dispense with resumed sessions, which usually contributed little to the Council's work. In 1976 the Council would have a great deal to do, particularly in connexion with item 6 of the agenda for the sixty-first session, and it would have to consider the report on rationalization which it was to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

\* Resumed from the 1982nd meeting.

5. The PRESIDENT said that the United Kingdom representative's comments would be borne in mind.

6. Mr. NEUGEBAUER (German Democratic Republic) recalled General Assembly resolutions 3409 (XXX), 3488 (XXX) and 3508 (XXX), speedy implementation of which would determine the political and economic activities of the Council for 1976. His delegation was convinced that neither the establishment of a new international economic order nor the solution of development problems would be possible unless the principles endorsed in the decisions adopted at the sixth special session of the General Assembly and in the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX)) were taken into consideration. It therefore hoped that the Council would focus its attention on those documents at its sixty-first session. In that connexion, the Council should make great efforts to enforce the principles of equality and sovereignty in international economic relations, particularly in view of the opposition of transnational corporations to their implementation. The Council should devote great attention to the work of the Commission on Transnational Corporations and should support all efforts geared to speedy implementation of General Assembly resolution 3514 (XXX) on measures against corrupt practices of transnational and other corporations. In that connexion, his delegation supported the opinion voiced by the representatives of Peru and Mexico.

7. Recalling that the continuing crisis in the capitalist economic and monetary system had added considerable insecurity to international economic relations, he said that the basic demands of the developing countries to reform the international capitalist monetary system remained unfulfilled. The Council, in its current programme of work, should devote greater attention to analysing the negative effects of the crisis. He welcomed the decision to consider the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination as a separate item on the agenda of the sixtieth session, in the light of the alarming facts of overt military aggression by South Africa against the People's Republic of Angola, and he stressed the importance of further international détente for the development of international economic relations, adding that political détente could be complemented by military détente. In conclusion, he expressed support for the basic programme of work of the Council and voiced the hope that the Council would be guided by the aforesaid considerations in implementing that programme.

8. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the decision proposed in paragraph 2 of document E/L.1686 was adopted.

*It was so decided (decision 137 (ORG-76), para. 2).*

*The decisions in paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted (see decision 137 (ORG-76), paras. 3-7).*

9. Mr. PALMA (Peru) drew attention to a typographical error in paragraph 5 (d) of the Spanish text, which mentioned the year 1976 instead of 1977.

### AGENDA ITEM 3

**Actions arising out of decisions of the General Assembly at its thirtieth session (concluded)\* (E/L.1684, E/L.1687-1690, E/L.1692)**

**DRAFT DECISION PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT (E/L.1692)**

10. Mr. CORDOVEZ (Secretary of the Council) pointed out that, in the second line of subparagraph (a) of document E/L.1692, recommendation 3 should be included among the other recommendations mentioned and that, accordingly, subparagraph (e) should be deleted.

11. Mr. STOFOROPOULOS (Greece) said that some of the decisions reflected in document E/L.1692 were of great importance for the future work of the Organization. His delegation was particularly pleased that the Council, within its sphere of competence, would approve the recommendations of the Working Group on United Nations Programme and Budget Machinery.<sup>1</sup> With the exception of recommendation 4, implementation of the Working Group's recommendations and of General Assembly resolution 3392 (XXX) required no additional decisions by the Council at that time. However, according to recommendation 4 the Council should, from time to time, recommend to CPC that it undertake a review and appraisal of the implementation of important legislative decisions to determine the degree of co-ordinated effort undertaken system-wide in the United Nations in certain priority fields. Also, the procedures for joint CPC-ACC consultations should be strengthened. Since, according to General Assembly resolution 3392 (XXX), the Council should implement recommendation 4 in 1976 and report to the Assembly at its thirty-first session, it might be advisable for the Council to recommend to CPC that it should undertake a review to determine the degree of co-ordinated effort in a priority field such as economic co-operation among developing countries. In addition, his delegation suggested that, pursuant to recommendation 4, CPC and ACC should during their joint meetings in July 1976 consider ways and means of strengthening the procedures for consultations between them. His delegation therefore proposed the addition of the following two subparagraphs to the draft decision of the President:

"(e) It requested CPC, in accordance with recommendation 4 of the Working Group, to undertake, at its sixteenth session, a review and appraisal of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3442 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, entitled 'Economic co-operation among developing countries' to determine the degree of co-ordinated effort undertaken system-wide in the United Nations, and to report thereon to the Council at its sixty-first session.

"(f) It also recommended that, at their next joint meetings, CPC and ACC consider ways and means of strengthening the procedures for consultations between them, and that they report on the matter to the Council at its sixty-first session."

12. Mr. OLIVERI LOPEZ (Argentina) suggested that the question of economic co-operation among developing countries could be considered under the item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation" at the sixty-first session. He hoped that the Secretariat would bear that in mind when preparing the documents for that item.

\* Resumed from the 1982nd meeting.

<sup>1</sup> A/10117 and Corr.1, para. 77.

13. Mr. QUINTELA PAIXAO (Portugal) and Mr. KOCH (Federal Republic of Germany) supported the Greek proposal.

14. Mr. SANDERS (United States of America) pointed out with reference to subparagraph (c) that, since CPC might have a rather short session, the Council should take care not to overburden its agenda.

15. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt draft decision E/L.1682, as orally amended.

*It was so decided (decision 139 (ORG-76)).*

DRAFT DECISION PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT  
(E/L.1688)

16. The PRESIDENT said that his country would be honoured if the Council would hold part of its sixty-first session—possibly the first part—at Abidjan.

17. Mr. QADRUD-DIN (Pakistan) welcomed the invitation and accordingly proposed that subparagraph (a) of draft decision E/L.1688 should be amended along the following lines: "To accept with deep appreciation the invitation of the Ivory Coast Government to hold the first part of the sixty-first session of the Council at the ministerial level at Abidjan from 1 to 9 July 1976". He was proposing an earlier starting date because some delegations felt that the session should conclude earlier than scheduled.

18. Mr. MWANGAGUHUNGA (Uganda), Mr. HOSNY (Egypt), Mr. ACHACHE (Algeria), Mr. HACHANI (Tunisia), Mr. ROUGE (France), Mr. QUINTELA PAIXAO (Portugal), Mr. NOTHOMB, (Belgium), Mr. EHSASSI (Iran), Mr. KOCH (Federal Republic of Germany) and Mr. JANKOWITSCH (Austria) endorsed the proposal.

19. Mr. VALDES (Bolivia), speaking on behalf of the Latin American members of the Council, expressed appreciation for the invitation.

20. Mr. ROSSI (Italy) thanked the representative of the Ivory Coast for his invitation, adding that his delegation fully approved of the proposed date and level of the meeting.

21. Mr. STOFORPOULOS (Greece) expressed gratitude for the kind invitation extended by the Ivory Coast.

22. Mr. STURKEY (Australia) expressed pleasure at the invitation, which he would convey to his Government. He assumed that the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), which stipulated that United Nations bodies might meet away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation agreed to defray the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved, would be relevant.

23. The PRESIDENT said that his Government was prepared to bear the additional cost of holding the first part of the session at Abidjan rather than at Geneva.

24. Mr. CORDOVEZ (Secretary of the Council) said that, after the consultations and agreement required under paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), the Government of the Ivory Coast would meet all additional costs incurred. There would therefore be no additional cost under the regular budget.

25. Mr. MAKEYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that, although his delegation understood the political importance of convening the first part of the sixty-first session in Africa and although it supported the invitation in principle, it had certain misgivings since the agenda for the summer session was very heavy and the work of the Council might be affected by a decision to hold meetings away from New York or Geneva. It had therefore proposed that the spring session should be held at Abidjan and regretted that its proposal had not been supported.

26. He supported the proposal by the representative of Pakistan. As to the proposal that Governments should be represented at the ministerial level, he pointed out that countries would be represented at the level decided on by the respective Governments.

27. His delegation was prepared to support the proposals that had been made on the understanding that the provisions of paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) would be respected.

28. Mr. SANDERS (United States of America) said that, although his delegation would be pleased to concur with the consensus, he wished to recall his Government's position that for a number of practical reasons meetings of principal organs should be held at Headquarters. He assumed that the first part of the sixty-first session would be devoted to the general debate.

29. The Council would need to decide whether the joint meetings referred to in subparagraph (b) of document E/L.1688 would have to be rescheduled.

30. Mr. MARSHALL (United Kingdom) said that his delegation would accept the consensus that had been reached but agreed with the views of the United States Government regarding meetings of principal organs.

31. He suggested that the new wording of the decision should specify that the first part of the session would be devoted to a debate of a general nature and that the words "ministerial level" should be replaced by "ministerial or other high level". As to subparagraph (b), it would be necessary to decide whether the joint meetings could be held concurrently with the Council session or whether they should precede it.

32. Mr. CORDOVEZ (Secretary of the Council) suggested that subparagraph (a) might be worded as follows: "To accept with deep appreciation the invitation of the Government of the Ivory Coast to hold the first part of the sixty-first session at Abidjan, in plenary meetings at the ministerial or other high level from 1 to 9 July 1976; to hold the second part of the session at Geneva from 12 July to 6 August 1976; and, for this purpose, to suspend rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the Council regarding dates of convening and adjournment".

33. Mr. CARANICAS (Greece) wished to know whether there would be any committee meetings at Abidjan.

34. The PRESIDENT said that only plenary meetings would be held at Abidjan and that the committees would begin work on 12 July.

35. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt subparagraph (a), as amended.

*Subparagraph (a), as amended, was adopted (see decision 140 (ORG-76)).*

36. Mr. QADRUD-DIN (Pakistan) said there seemed to be only two possibilities with regard to subparagraph (b): to reschedule the joint meetings or to dispense with them. Since he had not himself participated in the work of CPC, he sought advice from the Secretariat.

37. Mr. CORDOVEZ (Secretary of the Council) explained that the joint meetings of ACC and CPC were usually held immediately before the Council session in order to facilitate the participation of the members of the two Committees in the work of the Council. He suggested that the Council might wish to request the Chairman of CPC and the Secretary-General to inform it at its sixtieth session of their views regarding the timing of the joint meetings.

38. Mr. ROUGE (France) said that a number of delegations, including his own, attached great importance to the joint meetings. The Council should not give the heads of the specialized agencies the impression that it was not interested in meeting them. Furthermore, from the point of view of co-ordination, it was very important to the Council that CPC and ACC should meet before the Council session. He suggested, therefore, that the Council should seek the views of those concerned in order to find a solution.

39. The PRESIDENT said that, in inviting the Council, his Government had not intended to exclude the agency heads and hoped that they too would be able to meet at Abidjan.

40. He suggested that a decision concerning subparagraph (b) should be postponed until the sixtieth session.

*It was so decided (see decision 140 (ORG-76)).*

#### DRAFT DECISION PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT (E/L.1689)

*The draft decision was adopted (decision 141 (ORG-76)).*

#### DRAFT DECISION PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT (E/L.1690)

*The draft decision was adopted (decision 142 (ORG-76)).*

41. Mr. CHAVANAVIRAJ (Thailand) said that his delegation had been pleased to support draft decision E/L.1690 and wished to thank UNCTAD for preparing the report entitled "Issues relating to world food trade" (E/5757). His delegation wished to point out, however, that the first report of UNCTAD to the World Food Council dealt with only two major food commodities, wheat and coarse grains. He wished to draw the Council's attention to the fact that General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) also called upon the international community to continue intensive work in connexion with the International Undertaking on World Food Security, particularly in the area of world food-grain reserves of both wheat and rice, the latter of which was an important staple food for millions of people, particularly in Africa and Asia. He expressed the hope that rice would be dealt with in the next report of UNCTAD.

## AGENDA ITEM 6

### Provisional agenda for the sixtieth session (E/L.1691)

42. Mr. CORDOVEZ (Secretary of the Council) said that document E/L.1691 was self-explanatory and was based on the programme of work adopted by the Council. He pointed out, however, with regard to item 4, that the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights had received the necessary ratifications and would also enter into force on 23 March 1976. Although it did not at that time appear that the Council would need to study detailed procedures for the implementation of the Covenant, if subsequent developments indicated otherwise the Secretary-General would propose the necessary revisions in the provisional agenda.

43. He also pointed out that the wording of item 1 was slightly different from that of previous years. The reason was that the Council was usually required to consider a number of procedural and organizational matters which it was difficult to place under other items. It had therefore been felt that the best solution would be to group those matters under item 1 in future.

44. In addition, the presentation of the documents to be submitted to the Council in the current year would be altered somewhat and each document would contain a summary of its contents on the cover page. There would therefore be changes in the annotations to the agenda of the Council.

45. He informed the Council that the reports which the specialized agencies had been requested to submit concerning the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and concerning the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly at its seventh special session would be combined.

46. Mr. OLIVERI LOPEZ (Argentina) recalled that the Council had decided that the Social Committee alone would meet during the sixtieth session and had therefore postponed four agenda items until the sixty-first session. Among them was the subject of natural resources. However, the Council might need to adopt provisions of an urgent nature as a result of the forthcoming United Nations Water Conference. If so, he reserved the right to reintroduce the item for consideration in plenary meetings.

47. The PRESIDENT said that if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt the draft provisional agenda contained in document E/L.1691.

*The provisional agenda for the sixtieth session was adopted.*

## AGENDA ITEM 5

### Election of members of subsidiary and related bodies of the Council and confirmation of representatives on functional commissions (concluded)

#### INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (concluded) (E/5756)

48. Miss ST. CLAIRE (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the situation remained unchanged and that there were no additional candidates for the seats to be filled on the Committee on Candidatures for Election to the International Narcotics Control Board.

49. Mr. BARCELO (Mexico) requested the Council to consider the candidature of his country. He also wished to know the status of the current membership of the Board as described in annex III to document E/5756.

50. Miss ST. CLAIRE (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the current members of the Board would remain in office until 1 March 1977 and that their successors, who would be elected at the sixtieth session, would take office on 2 March 1977 in accordance with the Council's decision at its previous meeting.

51. The countries which had nominated candidates for the seats to be filled on the Committee were Japan, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Italy, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Mexico.

52. The PRESIDENT suggested that, if there were no other candidates, the Council should elect the members that had been nominated to the Committee on Candidatures for Election to the Board.

*It was so decided* (see decision 143 (ORG-76)).

53. Mr. DE MOURA (Brazil) said it was his understanding that the election which had just taken place

would not in any way prejudice the principle of equitable geographical distribution.

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES (*concluded*)

54. The PRESIDENT suggested that, since there was still no candidate for the Committee on Natural Resources, the Council should postpone the election of one member from Asian States until a future session in the hope that a candidate would be nominated.

*It was so decided* (see decision 143 (ORG-76)).

55. Mr. PALMA (Peru) and Mr. BARCELO (Mexico) said they shared the concern expressed by the representative of Brazil concerning the lack of equitable geographical distribution.

56. The PRESIDENT said that the Council had merely accepted the candidates who had been put forward. If other regions wished to be represented, they should have nominated candidates.

#### *Closure of the session*

57. The PRESIDENT declared the organizational session for 1976 closed.

*The meeting rose at 5.45 p.m.*