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(CHAPTERS II, III AND IV)

Report of the Second Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 530th meeting on 30 September 1955, allocated to the Second Committee item 12 of the agenda "Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters II, III and IV)".^{1/}
2. The Committee agreed, at its 34th meeting, that the relevant parts of these chapters could appropriately be discussed at the same time as item 24 on "Economic development of under-developed countries". It further agreed that members of the Committee should be free to make such general statements as they might feel necessary when item 12 was taken up.
3. The Committee devoted five meetings to a general debate on item 12 (A/C.2/SR.380 to 384), in which fourteen delegations took part. The Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement at the 382nd meeting.
4. The main subjects discussed by the Committee dealt with international trade questions, the situation with respect to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the question of the establishment of a world food reserve and studies by the Secretariat on economic conditions in the Middle East.

^{1/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 3, document A/2943.

5. In connexion with the last-named question, the representative of Egypt made a statement, supported by other representatives from the Middle East region - which he requested should be recorded in the report - to the effect that the Secretariat studies should be expanded; he expressed the hope that the Secretary-General would be able to provide the necessary staff and facilities to allow for this expansion.
