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The meeting was called to order at 4.25 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 108: INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING  
(continued)

Draft resolution on international action (A/C.3/45/L.43/Rev.1)

1. Mrs. ASHTON (Bolivia), introducing the draft resolution, said that Thailand and Vanuatu had now become co-sponsors. She thanked the Venezuelan delegation for its co-operation in producing the draft resolution, which consolidated draft resolutions A/C.3/45/L.38 and L.45.
2. The preambular part of the draft resolution included the eighth and ninth preambular paragraphs of draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.38. Operative part A included some verbal changes and reflected suggestions made in the course of the discussion of the original draft. They did not change the substance of the original draft.
3. She drew attention to an omission in paragraph 3 of operative part A: the words "and substitution" should be inserted after "eradication". In addition, in the English text of paragraph 11 of operative part A, the word "prompting" in the second line should read: "promoting".
4. She also asked if the Secretariat could say when the report of the Expert Group to Study the Economic and Social Consequences of Illicit Traffic in Drugs would be circulated as a document of the current General Assembly session, as requested in paragraph 1 of operative part B.
5. Mr. OURESHI (Pakistan) asked that his country be included among the sponsors of the draft resolution.
6. Draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.43/Rev.1, as orally amended, was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution on implementation of the Convention (A/C.3/45/L.39/Rev.1)

7. Draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.39/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

AGENDA ITEM 93: HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS  
(continued)

Draft resolution on the need to ensure a healthy environment (A/C.3/45/L.57/Rev.1)

8. The CHAIRMAN recalled the Committee's decision to suspend consideration of the text pending further consultations, and drew attention to paragraph 4, which had been redrafted to read: "Believes that appropriate organs of the United Nations should pursue active efforts in seeking to promote a better and healthier environment."

9. Mr. ERDENECHULIUN (Mongolia), noting that the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic had become a co-sponsor of the draft resolution, said that as a result of consultations with the United Kingdom delegation, the following amendment to that revised version of paragraph 4 had been agreed: the words ", within their respective competencies," should be inserted after the words "United Nations". The sponsors hoped that the draft resolution as amended would be adopted without a vote.

10. Draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.57/Rev.1, as orally amended, was adopted without a vote.

11. Mrs. ASHTON (Bolivia) said that it was her delegation's understanding that the provisions of the draft resolution did not prejudice or run counter to those of General Assembly resolution 44/228.

12. Ms. COOMBS (New Zealand) said that she had joined in the consensus in keeping with her country's general support for the promotion of human rights in the United Nations. While there was no question of the importance that New Zealand attached to environmental issues, her delegation questioned the appropriateness of such a resolution in the Third Committee and therefore welcomed the revised text of paragraph 4. Detailed work on the environment was already being carried out by other competent bodies of the United Nations system, particularly in connection with the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, which was the proper place for the consideration of environmental questions. The Third Committee must not be deflected from concentrating on the fundamental issues on its agenda.

13. Mr. WALLDROP (United States of America) said that his delegation had joined in the adoption of the draft resolution without a vote, in a spirit of compromise despite its concern about the appropriateness of certain provisions because the United States attached great importance to protecting the environment through local and national efforts and through international co-operation. United States laws and policies included strong measures for safeguarding the environment. Since environmental protection was a highly complex and technical subject substantive deliberations should be carried out in appropriate bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations.

14. Mr. de BRITO CRUZ (Brazil) said that his delegation had joined in the consensus because it supported the basic concept underlying the draft resolution, namely, that all individuals were entitled to live in a healthy environment. That right was explicitly recognized in the Brazilian Constitution. He would, however, have preferred the text to reflect more fully the close and fundamental relationship between environment and development. It was important for the committee to emphasize that the right to development was a crucial factor in protecting and enhancing the environment for present and future generations. His delegation understood that the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities would take full account of that essential relationship in their discussions on the matter.

15. Mr. ZAINAL ABIDIN (Malaysia), Mr. LAZARO (Peru), Mr. MOK (Singapore), Ms. ESCOLAR (Colombia), Mr. MORA GODOY (Cuba), Mr. BLACKMAN (Barbados),

Ms. SAAD (Egypt) and Mr. QURESHI (Pakistan) said that they had joined in the consensus on the understanding that the resolution would not prejudice the terms and conditions of General Assembly resolution 44/226.

AGENDA ITEM 110: ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF PERIODIC AND GENUINE ELECTIONS (continued) (A/C.3/45/L.56, L.96 and L.99)

16. Mr. WALLDROP (United States of America) introduced document A/C.3/45/L.99 containing sub-amendments to the amendments contained in document A/C.3/45/L.96 to draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.56. The sub-amendments represented a compromise and amalgamated the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 44/146 with those of draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.56. He pointed out, inter alia, that paragraph 5 called for the deletion of operative paragraph 8 as contained in paragraph 2 of document A/C.3/45/L.96 because it was inappropriate at that stage to call upon the Commission on Human Rights to deal with the agenda item under consideration before the General Assembly had decided on the role to be played by the Commission in that regard. If the sub-amendments (A/C.3/45/L.99) were acceptable to the sponsor of the amendments in document A/C.3/45/L.96, the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.56 would be prepared to accept the amendments to their text, as subamended.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued)

Draft resolution on a world conference on human rights (A/C.3/45/L.73/Rev.1 and A/C.3/45/L.95/Rev.1)

17. Mrs. WARZAZI (Morocco) said that after intensive consultations the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.73/Rev.1 and the sponsors of the amendments contained in document A/C.3/45/L.95/Rev.1 had agreed on the following amendments to the draft resolution. The phrase "in co-operation with the United Nations" should be deleted from the third preambular paragraph and the phrase "in conformity with the relevant Articles of the Charter" should be added at the end of that paragraph. The words "recognizing the importance of creating the conditions whereby everyone may enjoy all these rights as set out in the Covenants" should be added at the end of paragraph 1 (b). The words "which should take place in 1992" should be inserted after the word "levels" in paragraph 3.

18. Mr. CHEN Shiqiu (China) said that the sponsors of the amendments contained in document A/C.3/45/L.95/Rev.1 accepted the amendments read out by the representative of Morocco and were happy that a consensus had been reached on the holding of a World Conference on Human Rights. He expressed appreciation to the representatives of the Bahamas, Indonesia, Morocco and Nigeria for their positive contribution during the consultations. Although the sponsors of the amendments in document A/C.3/45/L.95/Rev.1 had joined the consensus in a spirit of co-operation, certain points had been accepted with reluctance, particularly regarding the objectives of the Conference as stated in paragraph 1 (b). The question of the negative impact of the economic environment on the human rights situation in third world countries had not been fully reflected in the consensus text and it was hoped

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that that issue would be dealt with during the preparatory work for the Conference in order to take account of the views of all parties, especially the developing countries.

19. Mrs. WARZAZI (Morocco) said that the consensus that had been achieved would make it possible for developing and developed countries to contribute to the work of the Conference in order to find mutually acceptable solutions to the problems under consideration.

20. Mr. MORA (Cuba) expressed satisfaction that a consensus had been achieved and said that his delegation would address the financial implications of the draft resolution in the Fifth Committee.

21. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt by consensus draft resolution A/C.3/45/L.73/Rev.1, as amended orally by the representative of Morocco.

22. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 5.30 p.m.