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The meeting was called to order at 3.50 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 84: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION (continued)

(c) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/40/L.89, L.95 and L.102)

1. The CHAIRMAN said his understanding of the motion put forward by the representative of the United Kingdom at the 46th meeting, which had been adopted by the Committee by a vote of 73 to 31, with 20 abstentions, had been that the Committee should adjourn that meeting and put off further consideration of draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.89 and the amendments and sub-amendments thereto, contained in documents A/C.2/40/L.95 and A/C.2/40/L.102 respectively, for at least 48 hours. Accordingly, after the motion had been adopted, he had stated that the meeting was adjourned for 48 hours on that item.

2. He had learned since then that several delegations had had a different understanding, which had undoubtedly affected the manner in which they had voted on the motion. He hoped that his clarification would satisfy the Committee.

3. Mr. MALIK (India) said his delegation had interpreted the motion which had been put before the Committee at the 46th meeting and the rule of procedure that had been cited in that connection to mean that the Committee would adjourn the meeting, and not merely the debate on the item under discussion, for 48 hours. The Chairman had obviously based his interpretation on the intent of the proposal, rather than its face value. Unfortunately, some delegations, including his own, had voted on the proposal as it had been formulated, and not on its intent.

4. Mr. FAREED (Pakistan) said that the rule of procedure which ought to have been cited in connection with the motion to adjourn the meeting was in fact rule 116, on adjournment of debate, particularly since the Committee had been planning to take action on the draft resolution before it at the time. Given the spirit in which the motion had been made, his delegation had abstained in the vote. Nevertheless, in the future, delegations should ascertain that any rules of procedure they might invoke corresponded to the intent of their proposals as closely as possible.

(e) ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.40

5. The draft resolution was adopted.

(f) ENVIRONMENT (continued)

(g) HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.78

6. Mr. ALDRED (Budget Division) said that, under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would discontinue the joint annual meetings of the bureaux of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and

(Mr. Aldred)

the Commission on Human Settlements. If the draft resolution was adopted, no resources would be required under section 18 (United Nations Environment Programme) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. The amount of \$12,000 had been included in the 1986-1987 estimate for travel of representatives under section 19 (United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)). However, in paragraph 19.11 of its first report (A/40/7), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions had recommended the deletion of that amount in the light of resolution 8/14 of the Commission on Human Settlements, and the Fifth Committee had accepted the Advisory Committee's recommendation at its first reading of section 19; thus the draft resolution had no financial implications.

7. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.78 was adopted.

(m) IMMEDIATE MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (continued)

8. The CHAIRMAN suggested that, as no draft proposals had been submitted under item 84 (m), the Committee might wish to consider the following draft decision: "The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on immediate measures in favour of the developing countries (A/40/597 and Corr.1)". If he heard no objection, he would take it the Committee wished to adopt the draft decision.

9. The draft decision suggested by the Chairman was adopted.

(n) NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (continued)

Draft decision A/C.2/40/L.99

10. Mr. DMITRIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had no objection to paragraph (a) of the draft decision. However, paragraph (b) indicated that the third session of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy would be held from 21 April to 2 May 1986. He drew attention in that connection to the draft calendar of conferences and meetings in 1986 contained in annex II of the report of the Committee on Conferences (A/40/32), which indicated that that Committee was scheduled to meet from 24 February to 7 March 1986. As Governments made use of that calendar in planning for their representation at meetings, he wished to know why the dates had been changed.

11. Ms. ERIKSSON (Sweden), Vice-Chairman, said that she had submitted the draft decision to the Committee for action on the basis of the informal consultations, which had indicated that the text was generally acceptable.

12. The CHAIRMAN suggested that, as the representative of the Secretariat who could answer the question raised by the representative of the Soviet Union was currently unavailable, the Committee should defer taking action on the draft decision.

13. It was so decided.

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(c) DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENERGY RESOURCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (continued)

Draft resolutions A/C.2/40/L.80 and A/C.2/40/L.100

14. Ms. ERIKSSON (Sweden), Vice-Chairman, said that the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.80 had led to a consensus text which had been issued as draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.100.

15. Mr. HACKETT (Department of International Economic and Social Affairs) said that if the Committee adopted the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would, in accordance with paragraph 4, assign responsibility for the preparation of a report on trends in energy exploration and development to the Energy Unit of the Office for Development Research and Policy Analysis in the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs. The report would be included in subprogramme 1 of programme 2 under section 6 (Department of International Economic and Social Affairs) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. A new programme element, 1.5, entitled "Monitoring and analysis of trends in energy exploration and development" would be added to subprogramme 1 and would have as its output the report, which would be submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. The report would be completed by the end of the second quarter of 1986, and the research and analytical work being carried out under the other programme elements of subprogramme 1 would provide the inputs for its preparation. As a result, the inclusion of the new programme element would have no financial implications, nor would it affect the delivery of outputs of the other parts of the approved programme of work.

16. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.100 was adopted.

17. Mr. JOHANSSON (Iceland) said his delegation had gladly joined in the consensus on draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.100 because of the importance of the subject matter and the rewarding progress which had been made in that area. However, he wished to note that, during its consideration of the agenda item, the Committee had been apprised of two trust fund arrangements which had been made involving a number of States for the development of energy resources; those arrangements had been welcomed by the Under-Secretary-General for Technical Co-operation for Development at the 35th meeting. His delegation wished to emphasize, however, that all such arrangements must operate on the premise that project management and procurement should be carried out on an equitable and fair basis.

18. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.80 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

AGENDA ITEM 87: SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (continued)

19. Mr. BRODININGRAT (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman, said that the Secretary of the Committee would announce the changes in the various draft resolutions, under which the item which had been agreed upon during informal consultations.

Draft resolution on assistance to Democratic Yemen (A/C.2/40/L.45)

20. Mr. ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) said that the word "Requests" in paragraph 5 should be replaced by the word "Invites".
21. Mr. AL MERREE (United Arab Emirates) said that, although that change had not been discussed during informal consultations, it was acceptable to the sponsors of the draft resolution.
22. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.45, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft resolution on assistance to Equatorial Guinea (A/C.2/40/L.50)

23. The CHAIRMAN announced that Afghanistan and the Dominican Republic had become sponsors of the draft resolution.
24. Mr. ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) said that in paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, the words "Secretary-General" should be replaced with the words "Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme". In addition, the words "among the bilateral and multilateral donors" should be added to the end of that paragraph.
25. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.50, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft resolution on assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the Central African Republic (A/C.2/40/L.53)

26. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Dominican Republic and Haiti had become sponsors of the draft resolution.
27. Mr. ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) said that the word "Requests" at the beginning of paragraph 6 should be replaced by the word "Invites".
28. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.53, as amended, was adopted.

Draft resolution on special economic assistance to Chad (A/C.2/40/L.54)

29. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Dominican Republic and Haiti had become sponsors of the draft resolution.
30. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.54 was adopted.

Draft resolution on assistance for the reconstruction, recovery, rehabilitation and development of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (A/C.2/40/L.55)

31. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Dominican Republic, Gabon, Haiti, Sao Tome and Principe, Suriname and the United States of America had become sponsors of the draft resolution.
32. Mr. ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) said that, in paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, the word "requests" should be replaced by the word "invites".
33. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.55, as amended, was adopted.

34. Miss FRANKINET (Belgium) said that her delegation's position with regard to special programmes of economic assistance was well known; nevertheless, it believed that Mauritania deserved special attention and therefore particularly welcomed the provisions of paragraph 4 of the draft resolution just adopted.

Draft resolution on assistance to Sierra Leone (A/C.2/40/L.56)

35. The CHAIRMAN announced that Algeria, Bangladesh, Equatorial Guinea, Japan and Swaziland had also become sponsors of the draft resolution.

36. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.56 was adopted.

Draft resolution on special economic assistance to Benin (A/C.2/40/L.58)

37. The CHAIRMAN announced that Haiti, Mali and Zaire had also become sponsors of the draft resolution.

38. Mr. ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) said that in paragraph 9, the word "Requests" should be replaced by the word "Invites".

39. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.58, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft resolution on assistance to the Comoros (A/C.2/40/L.59)

40. The CHAIRMAN announced that Mali had also become a sponsor of the draft resolution.

41. Mr. ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) said that in paragraph 6, the word "Requests" should be replaced by the word "Invites".

42. Draft resolution A/C.2/L.59, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft resolution on assistance to the Gambia (A/C.2/40/L.60)

43. The CHAIRMAN announced that Algeria, Bangladesh, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, Liberia, the Niger and Senegal had also become sponsors of the draft resolution.

44. Mr. ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) said that in paragraph 6, the word "Requests" should be replaced by the word "Invites", and in paragraph 9 the date "15 July" should be inserted before "1986".

45. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.60, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft resolution on special economic assistance to Guinea-Bissau (A/C.2/40/L.61)

46. The draft resolution was adopted.

Draft resolution on assistance to Cape Verde (A/C.2/40/L.62)

47. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea and Mali had also become sponsors of the draft resolution.

48. Mr. ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) said that in paragraph 9, the word "Requests" should be replaced by the word "Invites", and "the United Nations Fund for Population Activities," should be added immediately before "the World Food Programme".

49. The draft resolution was adopted with minor drafting changes.

Draft resolution on assistance to Djibouti (A/C.2/40/L.63)

50. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya had also become sponsors of the draft resolution.

51. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.63 was adopted.

Draft resolution (A/C.2/40/L.64)

52. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Dominican Republic, Mali and Sweden had also become sponsors of the draft resolution.

53. Mr. ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) said that a new second preambular paragraph should be inserted reading: "Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia, the appropriate references should be inserted in the spaces left for the purpose and in paragraph 6, the words "are willing" should be replaced by "those who wish".

54. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.64, as orally revised, was adopted with minor drafting changes.

Draft resolution on assistance to Madagascar (A/C.2/40/L.69)

55. The CHAIRMAN announced that Argentina, the Congo, Haiti, Lebanon, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tunisia and Yugoslavia had also become sponsors of the draft resolution.

56. Mr. ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) said that in paragraph 4, the word "Requests" should be replaced by the word "Invites".

57. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/64, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft resolution on the long-term and durable solution of the problem of natural disasters faced by Bangladesh (A/C.2/40/L.70)

58. The CHAIRMAN announced that Suriname had become a sponsor of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution on economic assistance to Vanuatu (A/C.2/40/L.73)

59. The CHAIRMAN announced that Afghanistan and Romania had also become sponsors of the draft resolution.

60. Mr. ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) said that in paragraph 6 the word "Requests" should be replaced by the word "Invites".

61. Mr. VAN LIEROP (Vanuatu) said that Vanuatu was a small sea-locked country which was proud of its achievement during the first five years of political independence. The present resolution was the third one on economic assistance to his country, but he pledged the application of its people so that the assistance would not become permanent: while Vanuatu's classification as a least-developed country was welcome, that status would change.

62. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.73, as orally revised, was adopted.

63. Mr. PAYTON (New Zealand) said that his delegation had been pleased to join the consensus on economic assistance to Vanuatu which acknowledged its needs as an island developing nation. He was convinced that assistance to Vanuatu would be used to create the economic and social environment where special assistance would no longer be needed.

Draft resolution on assistance to Nicaragua (A/C.2/40/L.74)

64. The CHAIRMAN announced that Mauritania had also become a sponsor of the draft resolution.

65. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.74 was adopted.

66. Mr. MADRID-FORNOS (Nicaragua) thanked the international community for having adopted the draft resolution by consensus and expressed appreciation to the Secretary-General and the Secretariat for the assistance that had been given to his country.

Draft resolution on special economic assistance to Guinea (A/C.2/40/L.75)

67. The CHAIRMAN announced that Afghanistan had also become a sponsor of the draft resolution.

68. Mr. ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) said that in the third preambular paragraph, the word "formerly" should be inserted before "exiled". Operative paragraph 3 should be deleted and the subsequent paragraphs renumbered accordingly, and in the new paragraph 4 the word "requests" should be replaced by "invites".

69. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.75, as orally revised, was adopted.

AGENDA ITEMS 85 and 86: OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (continued)

70. The CHAIRMAN announced that Chile and Senegal had become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.96, Madagascar had become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.90, and Mali had become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.87.

The meeting rose at 5.40 p.m.