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[Item 26]*

1. Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Chile) recalled that, at the previous meeting, he had explained his delegation's purpose in proposing its original draft resolution on integrated economic development (A/C.2/L.78), namely the encouragement of joint action by the industrialized and the under-developed countries for economic development. That draft resolution had provided for the convening of working parties whose terms of reference would be drawn up by the Economic and Social Council. His delegation's proposal had been made with a view to solving the long-term problem and was not concerned with the present emergency situation which it believed could be thoroughly discussed when the Committee considered chapter II of the Economic and Social Council's report.

2. The joint draft resolution sponsored by the French delegation and his own (A/C.2/L.111); which had replaced his original draft, had deleted all mention of the convening of working parties and consisted of recom-

mendations to governments and to the Council. The amendments submitted to the joint draft resolution by various delegations showed that if recommendations were to be made to governments and to the Council for facilitating joint action by both industrialized countries and under-developed countries, they would have to be of a more precise and detailed nature than those set forth in the joint draft. It had also become apparent that to attempt to establish such detailed measures might give rise to controversy within the Committee which would be highly undesirable, particularly as the original aim of the draft resolution had been more general in scope.

3. His delegation would consequently withdraw as co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

4. Mr. BORIS (France) stated that his delegation had become a co-sponsor of the joint draft resolution with the Chilean delegation as it had considered that such a resolution could constitute a basis for understanding between the industrialized and the under-developed countries and bring out the existence of common interests. However, although he had hoped that the draft resolution, if adopted, could have been an affirmation at long last of the solidarity which already existed in practice on that question, it had become apparent from the amendments, which had all been made with the most excellent intentions, that such a compromise proposal could not now achieve the quasi-unanimity hoped for.

5. His delegation would, therefore, regretfully withdraw as co-sponsor of the joint draft resolution.

6. The CHAIRMAN noted that the sponsors of the joint draft resolution (A/C.2/L.111) had withdrawn their proposal in accordance with rule 121 of the rules of procedure.

* Indicates the item number on the General Assembly's agenda.

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 3.*

7. Mr. STADNIK (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) wished to explain the purpose of the amendments (A/C.2/L.94) he had submitted to the original Chilean draft resolution (A/C.2/L.78) although it had been withdrawn, because they incorporated the basic ideas which his delegation would like to see embodied in any new draft resolution on the subject.

8. The new joint draft resolution (A/C.2/L.111) had enunciated a number of principles with which his delegation could not agree. Neither in the original Chilean draft resolution nor in the joint draft resolution did paragraph 4 reflect the true state of affairs in the under-developed countries. The delegation of the Ukrainian SSR had therefore submitted new amendments to the joint draft, now withdrawn; and had wished to include a statement that living standards in those countries had not only failed to improve but had actually deteriorated during the last ten years, as a number of the representatives of under-developed countries had pointed out in the course of the debate. Furthermore, the domestic resources of those countries had dwindled because they did not have full control of their natural wealth and because a disproportionate part of the income derived from its utilization was exported. The paragraph, as worded in either draft resolution, would have tended to give world public opinion a false impression that some progress, however slow, was being made, while, in fact, delaying any United Nations action.

9. His amendment to paragraph 6 of the new draft had been inspired by the belief that agricultural development in the under-developed countries was as important as industrial development. Moreover, the amended text would have stressed that the goods imported ought to be really essential goods and not mere luxury articles.

10. His delegation had proposed the deletion of the words "and, where appropriate, of man-power" in paragraph 8 because it considered that an attempt by the United Nations to increase movements of man-power would constitute an infringement of the sovereignty of States. Moreover, an influx of man-power might be prejudicial to the interests of the workers of a country.

11. The reason why his amendment included the deletion of the word "industrialized" was that the end of paragraph 8, as worded, would have meant that the economies of the under-developed countries were to be subordinated to those of the industrialized countries. Furthermore, it was important that goods be exchanged briskly not only between the under-developed countries and the industrialized countries, but also between the under-developed countries themselves.

12. In making the proposed amendment to paragraph 9, sub-paragraph (i), the delegation of the Ukrainian SSR had wished to stress the need for the development of national industries, of which industrialization was the keystone.

13. His delegation had proposed the deletion of paragraphs 7 and 11 because it had considered them to be not only redundant but pernicious, since their object was to guarantee and protect the interests of the industrialized countries rather than those of the under-developed countries.

14. ABDEL RAZEK Bey (Egypt) expressed his appreciation of the gesture made by the Chilean and French representatives in withdrawing their joint draft resolution. His delegation's attitude had been based on the belief that the exploitation of natural resources was essentially a matter falling within the national sovereign powers of States. He believed that the present situation in the Middle East provided considerable material for reflection when compared with past happenings in other parts of the world where the cause of the oppressed had found a champion.

15. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Cuban delegation would submit a revised text of its draft resolution (A/C.2/L.84) and that the United States delegation had stated its intention of submitting amendments to the draft resolution submitted by Haiti (A/C.2/L.95). The draft resolution submitted by Poland (A/C.2/L.81 and Corr.1) also remained for consideration. Several delegations had requested time to study further the proposals which were before the Committee.

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.