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# **AGENDA ITEM 28**

Economic development of under-developed countries: Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development: final and supplementary reports of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee and recommendations of the Economic and Social Council (A/3579 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/3580, A/ 3613, A/3661, A/C.2/L.331/Rev.1, A/C.2/L.354, (continued)

1. Mr. ARDALAN (Iran) expressed his appreciation of the willingness to make concessions which had been shown by the sponsors of the eleven-Power draft resolution and the delegation of the United States of America in seeking a solution that could command unanimous support.

2. As paragraphs 2 and 3 of the United States amendments (A/C.2/L.360) had been accepted, the only remaining problem was to find a satisfactory formula for paragraph 1 of Section II of the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.331/Rev.1). He proposed that in order to make the paragraph clearer the words "as a part of the technical assistance and development programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies" should be replaced by the words "as an expansion of the existing technical assistance and development activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies".

3. Mr. JUNG (India) accepted the proposal on behalf of the sponsors.

4. Mr. JUDD (United States of America) said that his delegation would be happy to accept the change in its original amendment. He hoped that with the adoption of the draft resolution a fresh impetus would be given to joint action to promote the economic development of under-developed countries.

5. Mr. JUNG (India), supported by Mr. BRILEJ (Yugoslavia) and Mr. EL KOHEN (Morocco), proposed that the Committee should vote immediately on the draft resolution and postpone explanations of vote to the following meeting.

It was so decided.

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6. Mr. ALFONZO RAVARD (Venezuela) hoped that the Chairman would not insist on the strict application of rule 129 of the rules of procedure, which provided that the proposer of a proposal or of an amendment was not permitted to explain his vote on his own proposal or amendment, and that, in the present instance, he would permit the proposers of the draft resolution to speak for the purpose of clarifying their interpretation of certain provisions.

7. Mr. JUNG (India) endorsed that suggestion. He also hoped that the Rapporteur would indicate in his report that the draft resolution was the outcome of lengthy negotiations and of intensive efforts to achieve a compromise.

8. The CHAIRMAN said that that fact would be mentioned in the report. With reference to the Venezuelan representative's request, he said that in view of the complexity of the draft under consideration and the circumstances in which it had been worked out, he saw no objection, provided the Committee agreed, to giving the sponsors an opportunity to explain their vote at the next meeting.

#### It was so decided.

9. Mr. JUDD (United States of America), announcing the withdrawal of the United States draft resolution (A/C.2/L.354), said that his delegation wished to be included among the sponsors draft resolution A/C.2/L. 331 as revised, which included the essential elements of the United States proposal.

10. Mr. ROGERS (Canada) expressed a similar wish on the part of the Canadian delegation.

11. Mr. KITTANI (Iraq) proposed two drafting changes which were, he believed, desirable. In the English text the word "the" should be replaced by the word "their" before the phrase "economic and social infrastructure" in the second paragraph of the preamble. In paragraph 2 of section II, it would be better, from the drafting point of view, to say that the operations of the fund "shall be directed towards enlarging the scope of the ... programmes."

## It was so decided.

12. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to vote on the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.331/Rev.1), as amended during the 508th meeting and at the present meeting. He announced that the representative of France had asked that his country should be added to the list of sponsors.

13. Mr. FIGUEROA (Chile) requested a vote by roll-call.

14. Mr. SERBAN (Romania) asked that the last paragraph of the preamble, paragraph 2 of section II and the first paragraph of the annex should be voted on separately. 15. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that as the annex was mentioned in paragraph 4 of section  $\Pi$  it was unnecessary to vote on it.

16. Mr. ARKADEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked for a separate vote, in operative paragraph 4 of section II, on the words "taking into account the principles set out in the annex". His delegation would abstain in the vote on those words as it had reservations concerning certain parts of the annex.

17. In response to a question from Mr. BRILEJ (Yugoslavia), the CHAIRMAN said that it was for the General Assembly to decide the number of members on the Preparatory Committee. As Chairman of the Second Committee, he would, however, make suggestions on that subject to the President of the General Assembly after consulting the various delegations.

18. Mr. JUNG (India) hoped that the consultations would be as broad as possible and that the Chairman would make proposals ensuring that the Preparatory Commission would be generally representative; subject to that understanding, his delegation would vote for paragraph 4 of section II.

The last paragraph of the preamble was adopted by 63 votes to none, with 9 abstentions.

Paragraph 2 of section II was adopted by 63 votes to none, with 9 abstentions.

The words "taking into account the principles set out in the annex..." in paragraph 4 of section  $\Pi$  were adopted by 63 votes to none, with 9 abstentions. 19. The CHAIRMAN put the draft resolution as amended to the vote.

A vote was taken by roll-call.

Denmark, having been drawn by lot by the Chairman, was called upon to vote first.

In favour: Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaya (Federation of), Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia.

The draft resolution, as amended, was unanimously adopted by the 72 members present and voting.

20. Mr. HALIQ (Saudi Arabia) announced that he had been absent when the roll-call had been taken and asked that his delegation's vote in favour of the draft resolution should be placed on record.

The meeting rose at 10.40 p.m.