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Chairman: Mr. Pierre FORTHOMME (Belgium).

AGENDA ITEM 42

The role of patents in the transfer of technology to developing countries: report of the Secretary-General (continued) (A/5743, A/6029; E/3861/Rev.1, E/4038 and Add.1; A/C.2/L.824/Rev.1)

- 1. Mr. LORENZO FERNANDEZ (Brazil) introduced a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.824/Rev.1) which incorporated changes suggested at the previous meeting. In addition, the final words of operative paragraph 3 (a) should read "including model clauses".
- 2. Mr. BLAU (United States of America) asked for a clarification of the expression "model clauses".
- 3. Mr. LORENZO FERNANDEZ (Brazil) replied that the sponsors had used that term in a very broad sense to cover contracts and other instruments in which the Governments of the developing countries might be interested.
- 4. Mr. BLAU (United States of America) pointed out that a considerable amount of work was being done at Geneva under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe on the development of standard contracts and clauses for various purposes. The United States had not taken an active part in such work because it believed that the development of clauses for use in commercial law and for other purposes was, generally speaking, the responsibility

of private associations rather than of inter-governmental bodies. In the United States, the formulation of such standard clauses was actively pursued under private auspices and many private international bodies also undertook such work. Of course, the United States had no objection to other countries taking part in such activities but hoped that the adoption of operative paragraph 3 (a) would not involve any duplication with the work of ECE.

- 5. Mr. DE SEYNES (Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs) assured the United States representative that, in its work on those subjects, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs would continue to maintain the closest possible contact with ECE in order to avoid duplication.
- 6. In reply to a question from Mr. GONZALEZ MACHADO (Dominican Republic), Mr. LORENZO FERNANDEZ (Brazil) said that for the sake of clarity the concluding part of operative paragraph 5 should be worded "for the purpose of implementing the tasks outlined in paragraphs 3 and 4".
- 7. Mr. DELGADO (Senegal) and Mr. BELEOKEN (Cameroon) proposed that in operative paragraph 3 the words "regional and" should be inserted before the words "international organizations".

It was so agreed.

The draft resolution (A/C.2/L.824/Rev.1), as amended, was adopted by acclamation.

8. Mr. PAVEC (France) recalled that, when recommendation A.IV.26 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. referred to in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution was adopted, the French delegation had specified that it did not consider it desirable to conclude international agreements on that subject. His delegation's views in that regard had not changed since then.

The meeting rose at 4.45 p.m.