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Report of the Second Committee (part II)

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1. As indicated in paragraph 5 of document A/8203, the remainder of the report of the Second Committee on item 12 is given below.

II

Unified approach to economic and social
planning in national development

2. At the 1322nd meeting on 26 October 1970, the representative of Sweden, on behalf of the delegations of Canada, Denmark, Finland, Jamaica, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, the Sudan, Sweden and United Republic of Tanzania, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Unified approach to economic and social planning in national development" (A/C.2/L.1111). The following countries also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution: Austria, Kenya, Madagascar and Malaysia, the text reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 2436 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, in which it endorsed the guidelines for an integrated approach to the goals and programmes for the Second United Nations Development Decade contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1320 (XLIV),

"Recalling further its resolution 2542 (XXV) of 11 December 1969 containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, in which it

drew particular attention to the importance of planning for social progress and development as an integral part of balanced over-all development,

"Affirming Economic and Social Council resolution 1409 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969 in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to review and evaluate all means at his disposal to further the integrated aims of the Decade,

"Noting with appreciation the report of the Meeting of Experts on Social Policy and Planning in national development (E/CN.5/445 and Corr.1),

"1. Confirms the need for a unified approach to development analysis and planning which would fully integrate the economic and social components in the formulation of policies and programmes at the national and the international levels;

"2. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1494 (XLVIII), which emphasizes the views expressed in the report of the Meeting of Experts on Social Policy and Planning in national development on the aims and content of such an approach;

"3. Supports in particular the views of the experts regarding the need to include in such an approach components which are designed:

"(a) To leave no section of the population outside the scope of change and development,

"(b) To effect structural change which favours national development and to activate all sectors of the population to participate in the development process,

"(c) To aim at social equity, including the achievement of an equitable distribution of income and wealth in the nation,

"(d) To give high priority to the development of the human potentials, including the provision of employment opportunities and meeting the needs of children;

"4. Requests those bodies responsible for the implementation of the strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, as well as for the various social and economic long-term plans and programmes worked out within the United Nations system in the context of the Decade and for the review and appraisal of objectives and policies during the Decade, to aim at the most effective integration of policy measures across the different sectors, based inter alia on the principles and guidelines embodied in the unified approach;

"5. Further requests the Economic and Social Council to ensure the contribution of the Commission for Social Development in its task to undertake an over-all review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the strategy;

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"6. Requests the Secretary-General to draw up an action programme, in co-operation with other members of the United Nations family and UNRISD, for the improvement and unification of methods for collecting and evaluating social data and information required for planning at the national and regional levels;

"7. Further requests the Secretary-General to work out, in the context of this work and the draft framework for a study on the unified approach to development analysis and planning requested by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1494 (XLVIII), effective methods and techniques for the application of a unified approach in the formulation and implementation of national plans designed to achieve a fully integrated economic and social development."

3. At the 1327th meeting, on 30 October, the representative of Sweden, on behalf of the sponsors now joined by Syria and Malta, introduced a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1111/Rev.1).

4. During the discussion of the revised draft resolution, the representative of Morocco, on behalf of the delegations of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, proposed an oral amendment to add in operative paragraph 3 (d), after the words "human potentials," the following phrase: "including vocational and technical training and".

5. At the same meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposed an oral amendment to operative paragraph 8 which called for the addition, after the phrase "for financial and technical assistance", of the following text:

"provided from UNDP funds and from the funds of the international financial institutions in the United Nations system, as well as from sources of bilateral assistance".

6. Also at the same meeting the Committee voted on the sixteen-Power revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1111/Rev 1) as follows:

(a) It accepted the oral amendment to operative paragraph 3 (d) proposed by Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia;

(b) It rejected the oral amendment submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to operative paragraph 8 by 44 votes to 9, with 18 abstentions;

(c) It adopted operative paragraph 8 by 63 votes to 8, with 2 abstentions, on a separate vote requested by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

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(d) It adopted the revised sixteen-Power draft resolution by 68 votes to none, with 8 abstentions (see paragraph 47 below, draft resolution II).

III

Multilateral food aid

7. The Executive Director of the World Food Programme made an introductory statement at the 1324th meeting, on 27 October.^{1/}

8. At the same meeting, the representative of New Zealand, on behalf of the delegations of Canada, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand and Turkey, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Multilateral food aid" (A/C.2/L.1112). Madagascar and the Netherlands joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, the text of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2096 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 2300 (XXII) of 12 December 1967 on the programme of studies on multilateral food aid and resolution 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 which, inter alia, requested the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme to review the studies and to submit recommendations, especially to assist in the preparation of the Second United Nations Development Decade, on those aspects of the food aid question which might guide member States and international organizations in helping to solve the world food problem,

"Having examined the report entitled 'Food aid and related issues during the Second Development Decade', prepared by the United Nations /FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme, 2/ as well as the comments of the Economic and Social Council in its report to the General Assembly, 3/

"Taking note of the recommendations and observations contained in the report and, in particular, those concerning the direction of food aid through multilateral channels, the doubling or more of the target level of the World Food Programme and the improvement of the procedures of the World Food Programme,

^{1/} See A/C.2/SR.1324.

^{2/} See E/4835.

^{3/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3, chapter X, paras. 447-451.

"1. Notes with appreciation the quality of the report and the value of the contribution it can make to the Second United Nations Development Decade;

"2. Invites member States to take account of the relevant recommendations and observations in the report when considering implementation of the policy measures set out in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade (A/8124 and Corr.1 and Add.1);

"3. Recommends to member States:

"(a) That such food supplies as are in excess of commercial demand should be used to an increased extent constructively to meet the unsatisfied food needs of people in developing countries and to assist in their economic and social development, particularly through a project-oriented approach;

"(b) That they give full consideration to the advantages of directing a greater proportion of food aid through multilateral channels;

"(c) That when expanding multilateral food aid they should place special emphasis on using the World Food Programme in order to take advantage both of the experience already gained by the World Food Programme and of its access to the experience of both donor and recipient countries with bilateral aid and the expertise and co-ordinating facilities of the United Nations family of organizations;

"4. Draws the attention of member States to the fact that recent experience demonstrates that the World Food Programme could effectively utilize resources up to double or more the target level agreed for pledges in 1971/72 without basic changes in the existing procedures of the Programme;

"5. Requests the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee and the Executive Director of the World Food Programme to take appropriate action on the suggestions contained in the report concerning the improvement of the World Food Programme's procedures and administration;

"6. Requests the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme, drawing on assistance as appropriate from the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other interested organizations within the United Nations family, to review at its twenty-third session progress made on the proposals in the report and to submit its findings to the Economic and Social Council for transmission to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session."

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9. Also at the 1324th meeting, the representative of Argentina introduced an amendment (A/C.2/L.1114) to the draft resolution, providing for the addition of the following paragraph after operative paragraph 4:

"5. Requests Governments of member States to endeavour to raise their cash contribution to the World Food Programme, wherever possible, above the amounts required for transport, insurance and other services for World Food Programmes operations so as to enable the World Food Programme to increase its purchases from exporting developing countries at world market prices."

10. At the 1354th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of New Zealand, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced, a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1112/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1 Spanish only), operative paragraph 8 of which she revised during her statement.

11. The representative of Argentina accepted an oral amendment by the representative of France to add the following phrase to his amendment (A/C.2/L.1114) after the words "wherever possible" the phrase "and without prejudice to the obligations arising from existing international agreements".

12. At the 1354th meeting, the Committee voted as follows:

(a) It adopted the amendment submitted by Argentina, as orally revised, (A/C.2/L.1114), by 45 votes to 9, with 35 abstentions;

(b) On a separate vote requested by the representative of the United States of America it adopted operative paragraph 8 of the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1112/Rev.1/Corr.1 Spanish only) as orally revised by 81 votes to 1, with 10 abstentions;

(c) It adopted, by 82 votes to none, with 9 abstentions, the revised draft resolution as a whole (see paragraph 47 below, draft resolution III).

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IV

Population and its relation to economic
and social development

13. The Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "World Population Year" recommended by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1485 (XLVIII) for adoption by the General Assembly.
14. The Director of the Population Division made a statement at the 1324th meeting, on 27 October.^{4/}
15. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada introduced an amendment (A/C.2/L.1113) to the draft resolution which provided for the replacement of the existing operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution recommended by the Council by the following text:
- "2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a detailed programme of proposed measures and activities by Member States and by the interested organizations of the United Nations system during the year 1974, taking into account his proposals as contained in document E/CN.9/224 and Add.1, and to submit it to the Economic and Social Council in 1972 through the Population Commission at its sixteenth session."
16. The amendment also provided for the modification of operative paragraph 3 to read in part "... in the preparation of the proposed programme", as well as for the deletion of operative paragraph 5, which would become redundant with the adoption of the amendment.
17. The representative of the Philippines, at the 1325th meeting, on 28 October 1970, introduced amendments (A/C.2/L.1115) to the draft resolution which provided for the addition of:

(a) A new fifth preambular paragraph reading as follows:

"Recognizing the important role being played by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in the demographic field;"

(b) A new paragraph, after operative paragraph 4, reading as follows:

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to consult States Members of the United Nations on the possibility of holding a pledging conference for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities either before or during the World Population Year,".

^{4/} See A/C.2/SR.1324.

18. Canada and Madagascar later submitted a revised text of the amendment (A/C.2/L.1113/Rev.1), which included certain oral amendments proposed by the representatives of Madagascar and Syria at the 1325th meeting. The revised text included the following changes:

(a) The addition of the words "to be undertaken" between "proposed measures and activities" and "by Member States";

(b) The inclusion, after "taking into account", of the words "the population policies of Member States and".

19. At the 1352nd meeting, on 25 November, a draft resolution entitled "World Population Year" (A/C.2/L.1126) was introduced by the representative of India on behalf of India, Indonesia and Pakistan. He also made slight oral revisions to the fifth preambular paragraph. This draft resolution was presented as an alternative text to the one recommended by the Economic and Social Council. Nepal, the Philippines and the United Arab Republic joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

20. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee submitted a statement of the financial implications of the draft resolution.^{5/}

21. At the 1353rd meeting, the sponsors accepted an oral amendment by the representative of Kenya to replace the word "demographic" in operative paragraph 2 by "population". At the same meeting, the representative of the Philippines withdrew his delegation's amendment (A/C.2/L.1115, No. 2) to the draft resolution.

22. Voting by roll-call at the request of the representative of Guatemala, the Committee, at its 1353rd meeting, adopted the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1126), as orally revised, by 53 votes to 9, with 33 abstentions (see paragraph 47 below, draft resolution IV). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, China, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cyprus, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Ghana, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

^{5/} See A/C.2/SR.1352.

Against: Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Mali, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Dahomey, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Spain, Swaziland, Togo, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela.

23. As a consequence of the adoption of the six-Power draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1126), the Committee took no action on the draft resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1485 (XLVIII).
24. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the world population situation (E/4778) (see paragraph 48 below, recommendation (a)).

V

Increase in the production and use
of edible protein

25. The Director of the Office for Science and Technology made an introductory statement at the 1318th meeting, on 21 October.^{6/}
26. The representative of the World Health Organization made a statement at the 1326th meeting, on 28 October.^{7/}
27. At the 1343rd meeting, on 18 November, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of Brazil, Canada, Finland, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Peru and Zambia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1116) entitled "Increase in the production and use of edible protein". During his statement he revised the text by deleting the expression "FAO/WHO/UNICEF" in the fifth preambular paragraph as well as in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution. Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution

^{6/} See A/C.2/SR.1318.

^{7/} See A/C.2/SR.1326.

28. A statement by the Secretary-General regarding the administrative and financial implications (A/C.2/L.1122) of the draft resolution was before the Committee. At the 1343rd meeting, however, the Director of the Office for Science and Technology informed the Committee that the Secretary-General would endeavour to meet the costs of implementing the draft resolution from within the funds expected to be made available in 1971.

29. The representative of the Philippines proposed an oral amendment to the draft resolution which provided for the addition of the following clause at the end of paragraph 4: "taking into account the statements made at its twenty-fifth session". The amendment proposed by the representative of the Philippines was accepted by the sponsors on the understanding that it be included in paragraph 3 rather than in paragraph 4.

30. At its 1343rd meeting, the Committee voted as follows on the nine-Power draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1116), as orally revised by the sponsors:

(a) In a separate vote requested by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, it adopted paragraph 3 by 81 votes to 9, with 6 abstentions.

(b) It adopted the draft resolution as a whole by 87 votes to none, with 10 abstentions (see paragraph 47 below, draft resolution V).

VI

Economic and social consequences of disarmament

31. At the 1343rd meeting on 18 November, the representative of the Philippines introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1124) entitled "Economic and social consequences of disarmament", the text of which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 1516 (XV), 1837 (XVII), 1931 (XVIII) and 2387 (XXIII) on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament, resolutions 2526 (XXIV) on a day for peace and 2602 E (XXIV) declaring the decade of the 1970s as a Disarmament Decade, and also Economic and Social Council resolutions 891 (XXXIV), 982 (XXXVI) and 1026 (XXXVII) on the economic and social consequences of disarmament,

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"Recalling the report of the consultative group on the economic and social consequences of disarmament 8/ and the various reports of the Secretary-General on national studies of the subject, 9/

"Aware that progress towards general and complete disarmament would release substantial resources which could be utilized for accelerating economic and social development in general and in the developing countries in particular,

"Encouraged that the super Powers have at least given tangible signs of recognizing that it is in their own interest, as well as in the interest of the entire world, to prevent what might become an uncontrollable escalation of the nuclear arms race,

"Recalling further that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade has called for a close link between the Disarmament Decade and the Development Decade,

"Recognizing likewise the importance of adopting appropriate measures to ensure that the link between the Disarmament Decade and the Second United Nations Development Decade shall be fully understood and utilized in as practical and comprehensive a manner as possible,

"1. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with such advisers as he may deem necessary to designate:

"(a) To prepare a plan of action for the guidance of Member States, the specialized agencies and/or organizations in the United Nations family, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, as well as non-governmental organizations concerned, in order to establish the link between the Disarmament Decade and the Second United Nations Development Decade;

"(b) To propose measures for the mobilization of world public opinion in support of the link between disarmament and development and thus encourage intensified negotiations towards disarmament and/or limitations of arms under effective international control;

"(c) To formulate proposals which could lead to the effective use, for the social and economic development of developing countries, of an appropriate share of the resources that are released by disarmament;

"2. Requests States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut and non-governmental organizations concerned to submit to the Secretary-General their comments and recommendations on the matters indicated in paragraph 1 above;

8/ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.IX.1.

9/ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.IX.2.

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report hereon in time for consideration by the General Assembly at the first biennial review of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade to be made in 1973."

32. A statement by the Secretary-General regarding the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.2/L.1128.

33. At the 1343rd meeting the representative of Senegal introduced two amendments (A/C.2/L.1129) to the draft resolution which provided: (a) for the deletion, in the fourth preambular paragraph, of the words "as well as in the interest of the entire world"; and (b) for the replacement in paragraph 1 (b) of the words "and/or limitations of arms" by "general and complete".

34. At the 1345th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of the Philippines introduced several oral revisions to the draft resolution, and announced that Colombia had joined in sponsoring it.

35. The text was further revised by the sponsors, and a new text was before the Committee at its 1348th meeting, on 23 November. The Central African Republic and Cyprus became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

36. The sponsors accepted the following oral suggestions of the representative of Cyprus concerning the first three lines of paragraph 1 (a) of the draft resolution:

(a) The replacement of the word "proposals" by "suggestions" after the words "to formulate";

(b) The replacement of the phrase "in order to establish" by "with a view to establishing" before the words "the link between".

37. At the 1348th meeting the Committee voted as follows on the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1124/Rev.1), as orally revised by the sponsors:

(a) It rejected, by 31 votes to 22, with 41 abstentions, an oral proposal by the representative of France to put square brackets round the expression "in consultation with such advisers as he may deem necessary to designate" in operative paragraph 1;

(b) It adopted paragraph 1, as a whole, by 71 votes to 10, with 8 abstentions, on a separate vote requested by the representative of Poland;

(c) In a roll-call vote requested by the representative of the Philippines, it adopted by 74 votes to 9, with 14 abstentions, the revised draft resolution as a whole (see paragraph 47 below, draft resolution VI). The voting was as follows:

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- In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chile, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Southern Yemen, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia
- Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- Abstaining: Australia, Belgium, Burma, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, New Zealand, Portugal, Romania, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

VII

Regional economic commissions

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38. At the 1348th meeting, on 23 November, the representative of the Philippines introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1125/Rev.1) submitted by the Philippines and Thailand providing for the renaming of the regional economic commissions. In introducing the draft resolution, he orally revised the operative paragraph to read as follows:

"Recommends to the Economic and Social Council to consider, in consultation with the Secretary-General and taking into account the views expressed on this subject at its twenty-fifth session, the renaming of the regional economic commissions, as follows: Economic and Social Commission for Europe; Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Far East; Economic and Social Commission for Latin America, and Economic and Social Commission for Africa."

39. At the 1349th meeting, on 23 November, the sponsors accepted an oral amendment to the operative paragraph by the representative of Nigeria to the effect that the words "of the regional economic commissions and those" should be added after

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"taking into account the views". They were not able to accept an amendment by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to replace in the fourth preambular paragraph the words "regional economic commissions" by "ECAFE, ECLA and ECA", and for the deletion of the name "Economic and Social Commission for Europe" in the operative paragraph.

40. At the 1349th meeting the Committee voted as follows on the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1125/Rev.1), as further revised orally by the sponsors:

(a) It rejected, by 34 votes to 12, with 34 abstentions, an oral amendment by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to delete the words "Economic and Social Commission for Europe" in the operative paragraph;

(b) It adopted by 52 votes to 1, with 33 abstentions, the draft resolution as a whole (see paragraph 47 below, draft resolution VII).

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41. At the 1349th meeting, on 23 November 1970, the representative of India, on behalf of the delegations of India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Senegal, the Sudan, Tunisia and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1121), which he orally revised, entitled "Role of the regional economic commissions in the Second United Nations Development Decade". The draft resolution, which Iraq, Nigeria, Southern Yemen and Yemen joined in sponsoring, reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recognizing the important role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

"Conscious of the importance of making appropriate arrangements for conducting regular appraisals, on a regional basis, of progress made towards the implementation of the Strategy,

"Considering that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut will be called upon to assume major responsibilities for review and appraisal at the regional level of the progress in the implementation of the Strategy, in collaboration with regional banks and other regional or subregional institutions,

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"1. Expresses its appreciation of the contributions made by the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut towards the formulation of the Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

"2. Requests the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to continue and further intensify their efforts to promote trade expansion, economic co-operation and integration among the countries of the region, as a concrete step towards the attainment of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

"3. Affirms that these efforts deserve the active support of the entire international community and, particularly, of the developed countries;

"4. Requests the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, in co-operation where appropriate with regional development banks and subregional groupings and with the assistance of other organizations of the United Nations system, to take appropriate action for making suitable arrangements for conducting regular appraisals and evaluation of the progress in the implementation of the Strategy;

"5. Urges that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut should be provided with the means and resources necessary to fulfil their role for the benefit of the countries of the region."

42. The Secretary of the Committee submitted a statement^{10/} of the financial implications of the draft resolution.

43. The sponsors of the draft resolution accepted the following oral amendments:

(a) By Syria, to revise paragraph 2 to read:

"Requests the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to continue and further intensify their efforts in helping to promote on a regional, subregional or interregional basis trade expansion, economic co-operation and integration among their member countries, as a concrete step towards the attainment of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade";

(b) By the United Kingdom, to replace, in paragraph 4, the words "make suitable arrangements" for "take appropriate action for making suitable arrangements";

(c) By Syria, to replace, in paragraph 5, the words "the countries of the region" by "their member countries".

^{10/} See A/C.2/SR.1349.

44. At the 1349th meeting, the Committee voted as follows on the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1121), as orally revised by the sponsors:

(a) It adopted the third preambular paragraph by 83 votes to 10, with 3 abstentions, on a separate vote requested by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

(b) It adopted both paragraphs 4 and 5 by 84 votes to 10, with 1 abstention, on separate votes requested by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

(c) It adopted the draft resolution as a whole by 85 votes to 2, with 11 abstentions (see paragraph 47 below, draft resolution VIII).

VIII

Exploitation and conservation of living marine resources

International co-operation on questions relating to oceans

45. At its 1353rd meeting, on 25 November, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted without objection two procedural decisions relating to the above topics (see paragraph 48 below, recommendations (b) and (c)).

IX

Application of computer technology for development

Outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries

46. At its 1318th meeting, on 21 October, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it defer consideration of the reports of the Secretary-General on the above questions until its twenty-sixth session (see paragraph 48 below, recommendation (d)).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

47. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

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DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Feasibility of creating an international corps of volunteers
for development

[At its 1918th plenary meeting, on 7 December 1970, the General Assembly adopted this draft resolution (resolution 2659 (XXV)).]

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DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Unified approach to economic and social planning in
national development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2436 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, in which it endorsed the guidelines for an integrated approach to the goals and programmes for the Second United Nations Development Decade contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1320 (XLIV),

Recalling further its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, in which it drew particular attention to the importance of planning for social progress and development as an integral part of balanced over-all development,

Affirming Economic and Social Council resolution 1409 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to review and evaluate all means at his disposal to further the integrated aims of the Decade,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Meeting of Experts on Social Policy and Planning in National Development,^{11/}

1. Confirms the need for a unified approach to development analysis and planning which would fully integrate the economic and social components in the formulation of policies and programmes at the national and international levels;

2. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1494 (XLVIII), which emphasizes the views expressed in the report of the Meeting of Experts on Social Policy and Planning in National Development on the aims and content of such an approach;

3. Supports in particular the views of the experts regarding the need to include in such an approach components which are designed:

(a) To leave no section of the population outside the scope of change and development,

(b) To effect structural change which favours national development and to activate all sectors of the population to participate in the development process,

(c) To aim at social equity, including the achievement of an equitable distribution of income and wealth in the nation,

^{11/} E/CN.5/445 and Corr.1.

(d) To give high priority to the development of the human potentials, including vocational and technical training and the provision of employment opportunities and meeting the needs of children, the above criteria to be borne in mind in development analysis and planning processes, as well as in their implications, according to the particular developmental needs of each country;

4. Requests those bodies responsible for the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, as well as for the various social and economic long-term plans and programmes worked out within the United Nations system in the context of the Decade and for the review and appraisal of objectives and policies during the Decade, to aim at the most effective integration of policy measures across the different sectors, based inter alia on the principles and guidelines embodied in the unified approach;

5. Further requests the Economic and Social Council to ensure the contribution of the Commission for Social Development to the aspects of the strategy directly related to matters within the Commission's competence;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to suggest, in co-operation with other organizations of the United Nations system and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, specific measures for the refinement and unification of methods for collecting and evaluating social data and information at the national and international levels, in the context of his study requested in Economic and Social Council resolution 1494 (XLVIII);

7. Further requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the above-mentioned study, to evolve methods and techniques for the application of a unified approach to development, to be put at the disposal of Governments at their request;

8. Stresses the need, in the context of the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade, for financial and technical assistance to support initiatives leading to the achievement of a unified approach to development.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Multilateral food aid

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2096 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 2300 (XXII) of 12 December 1967 on the programme of studies on multilateral food aid and resolution 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968,

Recognizing that the world food problem is an inseparable part of the broader problem of development,

Having examined the report entitled "Food aid and related issues during the Second Development Decade", prepared by the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme,^{12/} as well as the comments of the Economic and Social Council in its report to the General Assembly,^{13/}

Taking note of the recommendations and observations contained in the report,^{12/} and in particular those concerning the direction of food aid through multilateral channels, the doubling or more of the target level of the World Food Programme and the improvement of the procedures of the World Food Programme,

1. Notes with appreciation the report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme and invites member States to take account of the relevant recommendations and observations therein while considering the implementation of the policy measures set out in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. Reaffirms that the ultimate solution of the food problem of the developing countries lies in increased production in the developing countries with a food deficit, in the context of their general economic development, with the co-operation of the developed countries;

3. Recommends to member States that:

(a) Such food supplies as are in excess of commercial demand should be used to an increasing extent constructively to meet the unsatisfied food needs of people

^{12/} E/4835.

^{13/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8003), chap. X, paras. 447-451.

in developing countries and to assist in their economic and social development, particularly through a project-oriented approach,

(b) They give full consideration to the advantages of directing a greater proportion of food aid through multilateral channels,

(c) When expanding multilateral food aid they should place special emphasis on using the World Food Programme in order to take advantage both of the experience already gained by the World Food Programme and of its access to the experience of both donor and recipient countries with bilateral aid and the expertise and co-ordinating facilities of the United Nations family of organizations;

4. Draws the attention of member States to the fact that recent experience demonstrates that the World Food Programme could effectively utilize resources up to double or more than double the target level agreed for pledges in 1971/1972 without basic changes in the existing procedures of the Programme;

5. Requests Governments of member States to endeavour, wherever possible and without prejudice to the obligations arising from existing international agreements, to raise their cash contribution to the World Food Programme above the amounts required for transport, insurance and other services for World Food Programme operations so as to enable the Programme to increase its purchases from exporting developing countries at world market prices;

6. Requests the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee and the Executive Director of the World Food Programme to take appropriate action on the suggestions contained in the report concerning the improvement of the World Food Programme's procedures and administration;

7. Requests the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme, drawing on assistance as appropriate from the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other interested organizations within the United Nations family, to review at its twenty-third session progress made on the proposals in the report and to submit its findings to the Economic and Social Council for transmission to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

8. Reminds the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of the contents of paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII) and requests

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them, in consultation with the executive heads of other interested agencies and programmes, to report on this subject, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly as soon as possible;

9. Notes that, in pursuance of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII), the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has given active consideration to member States and has consulted with them on possible ways of making appraisals of prospective food deficits and food aid needs and of ensuring that sufficient food-stuffs are available to cope with unforeseen urgent situations, including the establishment of food reserves; and further notes that he has submitted his conclusions to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and invites him to report to the Economic and Social Council as soon as possible.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

World Population Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 on population growth and economic development,

Noting resolution 1484 (XLVIII) of the Economic and Social Council of 3 April 1970 on the Third World Population Conference,

Noting also that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade provides for action, both at the national and international levels, to deal with the problem of population growth in those countries which, in accordance with their concept of development, consider that their rate of population growth hampers their development,

Taking into account the progress made by Member States in coping with those aspects of the population problem which are relevant to their respective economic, social, humanistic and cultural development,

Recognizing that, in spite of the progress made so far in this regard by Member States and international organizations and particularly the important role being played by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in the population field, varied aspects of the population problem require further attention from Member States and international organizations,

Recognizing further that a way of focusing international attention on different aspects of the population problem would be for Member States and international organizations to devote the year 1974 especially to appropriate efforts and undertakings in the field of population in the context of their respective needs and areas of competence,

Confident that the designation of the year 1974 for encouraging appropriate and relevant co-operative activity in the field of population would make a significant contribution to the realization of the objectives in this field,

1. Designates the year 1974 as World Population Year;
2. Acknowledges also that the formulation and implementation of population policies and programmes are matters falling under the internal competence of each country and, consequently, that international action in the population sphere should be responsive to the varied needs and requests of individual Member States;

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3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with interested Member States, a detailed programme of proposed measures and activities to be undertaken by the organizations of the United Nations system during the year 1974, taking into account the different character of population problems in each country and region, the population policies of Member States, as well as the proposals contained in the Secretary-General's report on the question of holding a third world population conference,^{14/} and to submit it to the Economic and Social Council in 1972 through the Population Commission at its sixteenth session;

4. Invites interested organizations of the United Nations system to render the necessary assistance to the Secretary-General in preparing the programme of measures and activities for the World Population Year;

5. Invites States Members of the United Nations to participate fully in the World Population Year in the context of their capacities and policies;

6. Stresses that assistance from organizations of the United Nations system and interested Member States should continue to be available upon request for evolving and implementing a dynamic population policy to cope with all problems emanating from different population levels, characteristics and trends, including assistance in developing a comprehensive demographic research and studies' programme, training programmes and providing advisory services in this field;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, in 1975 a final report on the World Population Year.

^{14/} E/CN.9/224.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Increase in the production and use of edible protein

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2416 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968,

Recognizing the importance of assuring adequate levels of protein production and consumption in the context of economic and social development and the well-being of present and future generations in all countries,

Cognizant of the fact that the protein problem, because of its interdisciplinary implications, requires the concerted action of all sectors, at both the national and the international level, and an integrated approach, involving economic, managerial, social and scientific considerations,

Welcoming the increased level of activities and greater attention being given to the subject by the various agencies and organizations of the United Nations family, as well as the growing interest being taken in the subject by Governments,

Expressing its appreciation for the activities undertaken at the technical and interagency levels by the Protein Advisory Group,

Recognizing, however, that the efforts being made fall far short of meeting the urgent requirements of the problem,

Concerned at the lack of a coherent plan of international action and a framework for stimulating action and concern at the governmental level in the field of protein, as called for by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the Secretary-General, and at the insufficient impact of current efforts to achieve better levels of protein production and consumption, especially in developing countries,

Reaffirming that, in order to deal effectively with the protein problem, further and fresh efforts are necessary and the maximum co-ordination of these efforts by all agencies and organizations of the United Nations family is essential,

1. Takes note of the Secretary-General's progress report on the protein problem;^{15/}

2. Takes note also of the comments on the subject made at the forty-ninth session of the Economic and Social Council;^{16/}

3. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the statements made at its twenty-fifth session, to prepare, with the assistance of independent experts and in close consultation with the agencies and organizations of the United Nations family, a concise report on the possible elements of a broad statement of strategy, as contemplated by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, suggesting the role of Governments and the contribution of the United Nations system in closing the protein gap and including recommendations regarding those proposals already put forward which are found to be both desirable and feasible, together with an indication of the possible means of their implementation;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit the report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

5. Recommends, in the meantime, that the Secretary-General should take all possible steps in pursuance of paragraphs 3 and 5 of General Assembly resolution 2416 (XXIII), that the United Nations Development Programme should give increased attention to projects directly related to the protein problem, and that the Protein Advisory Group, the specialized agencies and other United Nations organizations should continue and intensify their current activities in this field.

^{16/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8003), chapter IV, paras. 92-97.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Economic and social consequences of disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1516 (XV) of 15 December 1960, 1837 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, 1931 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2387 (XXIII) of 19 November 1968 on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament, resolution 2526 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969 on a day for peace and resolution 2602 E (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 declaring the decade of the 1970s as a Disarmament Decade and also Economic and Social Council resolutions 891 (XXXIV) of 26 July 1962, 982 (XXXVI) of 2 August 1963 and 1026 (XXXVII) of 11 August 1964 on the economic and social consequences of disarmament.

Recalling the report of the consultative group of experts on the economic and social consequences of disarmament^{17/} and the various reports of the Secretary-General on national studies of the subject,^{18/}

Aware that progress towards general and complete disarmament would release substantial resources which could be utilized for accelerating economic and social development in general and in the developing countries in particular,

Encouraged that the great Powers are exerting efforts to prevent what might become an uncontrollable escalation of the nuclear arms race,

Recalling further that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade has called for a close link between the Disarmament Decade and the Development Decade,

Recognizing likewise the importance of adopting appropriate measures to ensure that the link between the Disarmament Decade and the Second United Nations Development Decade shall be fully understood and utilized in as practical and comprehensive a manner as possible,

^{17/} United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.IX.1.

^{18/} United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.IX.2.

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with such advisers as he may deem it necessary to designate:

(a) To formulate suggestions for the guidance of Member States, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other organizations in the United Nations family, with a view to establishing the link between the Disarmament Decade and the Second United Nations Development Decade so that an appropriate portion of the resources that are released as a consequence of progress towards general and complete disarmament would be used to increase assistance for the economic and social development of developing countries,

(b) To propose measures for the mobilization of world public opinion in support of the link between disarmament and development and thus encourage intensified negotiations aimed at progress towards general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

2. Requests Member States, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other organizations in the United Nations family, to submit to the Secretary-General their comments and recommendations on the matters indicated in paragraph 1 above;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report thereon, through the Economic and Social Council, in time for consideration by the General Assembly at the first biennial review of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, to be made in 1973.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Regional economic commissions

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations relating to economic and social development, particularly Chapter IX on international economic and social co-operation and Chapter X pertaining, inter alia, to the mandate and functions of the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on the terms of reference and functions of the regional economic commissions,

Taking into account the statements made in the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies on the need for uniformity in nomenclature of these commissions in keeping with their terms of reference and functions,

Noting the importance of the unified or integrated socio-economic approach to development which the regional economic commissions have adopted and will be called upon to put into practice particularly in the context of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Considering that the renaming of the regional economic commissions to correspond with the true nature of their activities in the economic and social fields would further emphasize the importance of an integrated socio-economic approach to development, particularly in the developing countries,

Recommends the Economic and Social Council to consider, in consultation with the Secretary-General and taking into account the views of the regional economic commissions and those expressed on this subject at the twenty-fifth session, the renaming of the commissions as follows: Economic and Social Commission for Europe; Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Far East; Economic and Social Commission for Latin America; and Economic and Social Commission for Africa.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Role of the regional economic commissions in the
Second United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the important role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Conscious of the importance of making appropriate arrangements for conducting regular appraisals, on a regional basis, of progress made towards the implementation of the International Development Strategy,

Considering that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut will be called upon to assume major responsibilities for review and appraisal at the regional level of the progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy, in collaboration with regional banks and other regional or subregional institutions,

1. Expresses its appreciation of the contributions made by the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut towards the formulation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. Requests the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to continue and further intensify their efforts in helping to promote on a regional, subregional or interregional basis trade expansion, economic co-operation and integration among their member countries, as a concrete step towards the attainment of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. Affirms that these efforts deserve the active support of the entire international community and, particularly, of the developed countries;

4. Requests the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, in co-operation where appropriate with regional development banks and subregional groupings and with the assistance

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of other organizations of the United Nations system, to make suitable arrangements for conducting regular appraisals and evaluation of the progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy;

5. Urges that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut be provided with the means and resources necessary to fulfil their role for the benefit of their member countries.

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48. The Second Committee also recommends that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the World Population Situation (E/4778);

(b) Take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council^{19/} relating to the report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the exploitation and conservation of living marine resources (E/4842) submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2413 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968;

(c) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation on questions relating to the oceans (E/4836), prepared in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2414 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968;

(d) Defer consideration, until its twenty-sixth session, of the questions entitled "Application of computer technology for development" and "Outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries".

^{19/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8003), chapter III, section B.