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1. The CHAIRMAN invited comments on the report of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its first session (E/4435) and on chapter III of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session (A/6703/Add.1) relating to the Council's discussion of that report.

2. Mr. BADAWI (United Arab Republic) observed that the report of the Enlarged Committee mainly consisted of an outline of its future work. He therefore suggested that the Second Committee should take note of the report and recommend to the General Assembly that it endorse the work programme which it contained.

3. Mr. BLAU (United States of America) recalled that the general review requested in General Assembly resolution 2188 (XXI) of 13 December 1966 was expected to take three years, and that the report now before the Second Committee was only a preliminary report outlining the Enlarged Committee's future work. The Enlarged Committee had listed the issues which it might examine in depth, and had requested the Secretary-General to prepare a consolidated handbook of procedures and criteria for requesting assistance from the organizations in the United Nations system (see E/4435, paras. 27 and 28). That handbook would be of great value to both recipient and donor

countries as a guide to the wide variety of technical assistance activities and procedures involved, and he therefore suggested that the Secretariat should issue it as soon as possible. There was little the Committee could do but take note of the report of the Enlarged Committee, and the United States delegation therefore supported the suggestion of the representative of the United Arab Republic.

4. Mr. WILMOT (Ghana) supported the suggestions made by the two previous speakers. He pointed out that the report of the Enlarged Committee was merely a progress report, and that even the list of topics for examination in depth was subject to further consideration.

5. Mr. BRADLEY (Argentina) expressed his delegation's appreciation of the work done by the Enlarged Committee, which had taken an important first step in fulfilling the task before it. The Second Committee should take note of its report with satisfaction and express the hope that it would continue its work with the same energy and efficiency that it had so far displayed.

6. Mr. SVENNEVIG (Norway) said that his delegation placed great hopes on the general review to be undertaken by the Enlarged Committee, and trusted that it would constitute an important step in the evolution of the institutional machinery of the United Nations family of organizations. He supported the suggestion that the Second Committee should take note of the Enlarged Committee's report and encourage it to continue its work along the lines laid down in the report.

7. Mr. PATRIOTA (Brazil) endorsed the views expressed by previous speakers. Although the Enlarged Committee had submitted only a preliminary report, it would look to the Second Committee for guidance and support in its future work.

8. Mr. HILL (Under-Secretary for Inter-Agency Affairs) said that the Secretariat, in co-operation with the specialized agencies and United Nations programmes concerned, was already working on a considerable number of the topics which the Enlarged Committee intended to examine in depth, and he hoped that there would be a substantial amount of documentation before that Committee at its next session.

9. With regard to the suggestion of the United States representative, he pointed out that the Enlarged Committee, in paragraph 28 of its report, had requested the Secretary-General to prepare only the preliminary draft of a consolidated handbook of procedures and criteria for requesting assistance. Thus, the handbook could not be issued in its final form until that preliminary draft had been considered by the Enlarged Committee at its second session.

10. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Second Committee should include a paragraph in its report stating that it took note with appreciation of the report of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the addendum to the report of the Economic and Social Council relating to the item under discussion.

11. Mr. AHMED (Pakistan) said that the Enlarged Committee had received valuable assistance from the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations within the United Nations family, and

suggested that the paragraph to be inserted in the Second Committee's report should include a request for the continued co-operation of those bodies with the Enlarged Committee.

12. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee seemed to be in agreement to include the proposed paragraph, the exact wording of which could be left to the Secretariat.

*It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 5.5 p.m.*