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**Chairman: Mr. Blasco LANZA D'AJETA (Italy).**

## AGENDA ITEM 84

### Population growth and economic development (A/C.2/L.635/Rev.1) (continued)

1. Mr. CHAMMAS (Lebanon) said that at the 792nd meeting, when he had asked to speak before the vote on the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.635/Rev.1), it had been in order to request a separate vote on the words "given priority" and "important". Since those words did not appear in the final text of the draft resolution, he no longer had any reason to explain his vote. His delegation wished to assure the Committee that it would examine the question with complete objectivity at the seventeenth session of the General Assembly, in the knowledge that the matter had in no way been prejudged.

### Statement by the Secretary of the Committee concerning financial implications

2. Mr. MALINOWSKI (Secretary of the Committee), speaking on behalf of the Secretary-General, reminded the Committee that it had received statements on the financial implications of the draft resolution on the establishment of a capital development fund (E/3514, annex) and of the draft resolution on the world food programme (A/C.2/L.617/Add.2). In view of the general financial situation, the Secretary-General hoped to be able to meet the necessary expenditure out of the appropriations for 1962, without

having to submit supplementary estimates. The Committee was asked to make that point in the relevant reports.

## AGENDA ITEMS 12, 28, 29 AND 30

Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters II, IV, V (sections II-V), VI (paragraph 489) and VIII (paragraphs 650 and 651)) (A/4820 and Corr.2, A/4911) (concluded)

Economic development of under-developed countries (A/4820 and Corr.2) (continued):

- (a) Industrial development and activities of the organs of the United Nations in the field of industrialization;
- (b) Establishment of a United Nations capital development fund: report of the Committee established by General Assembly resolution 1521 (XV) (A/4878, E/3514, E/AC.6/SR.305-309);
- (c) Accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries: report of the Secretary-General (A/4906, E/3556);
- (d) Land reform: interim report of the Secretary-General (A/4850)

Questions relating to international trade and commodities (A/4820 and Corr.2, E/3452/Rev.1, E/3466, E/3468, E/3486, E/3497) (concluded):

- (a) Strengthening and development of the world market and improvement of the trade conditions of the economically less developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council (A/4885, E/3519, E/3520 and Add.1, E/3530);
- (b) Improvement of the terms of trade between the industrial and the under-developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council

Questions relating to science and technology (A/4820 and Corr.2) (concluded):

- (a) Development of scientific and technical co-operation and exchange of experience: report of the Secretary-General (A/4904, E/3515);
- (b) Main trends of inquiry in the natural sciences, dissemination of scientific knowledge and application of such knowledge for peaceful ends: report of the Economic and Social Council (A/4898)

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (A/C.2/L.620 AND ADD.1 AND 2)

3. Mr. REGO MONTEIRO (Brazil), Rapporteur, introduced the draft report of the Committee (A/C.2/L.620 and Add.1 and 2) and announced certain changes in the text. In document A/C.2/L.620, the following sentence should be inserted at the beginning of paragraph 65:

"The Committee's attention was drawn to the statement of financial implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.2/L.572/Add.1), which superseded the statements of the Secretary-General (A/C.2/L.551/Rev.2/Add.1 and A/C.2/L.552/Add.1) circulated with regard to draft resolutions A/C.2/L.551/Rev.2 and A/C.2/L.552." That insertion was necessary because the statement of financial implications should be mentioned and because the two draft resolutions concerned had been combined in one text on which a statement of financial implica-

tions had also been submitted. There was an error to be corrected in paragraph 109, sub-paragraph (a), which should refer to resolution 1514 instead of 1415. In addition the United States had proposed that, in order to conform to normal practice, the phrase "and taking into account the fact that many parts of their amendments had been accepted by the sponsors and incorporated in the draft resolution" should be deleted from paragraph 110. At the request of Romania, that country should be shown in the French text of paragraph 139 among the countries which had voted against the Italian amendment in document A/C.2/L.607. In the English and Spanish versions of draft resolution VI, appearing in the annex to document A/C.2/L.620, the words "which shows a progressive increase during the period" should be inserted at the end of the seventh preambular paragraph. With respect to document A/C.2/L.620/Add.1, he pointed out that in the last paragraph, the comma after the word "conventions" should be replaced by the word "and".

*The draft report, as amended, was adopted unanimously.*

## AGENDA ITEMS 22, 28, 31, 32 AND 33

Assistance to Africa (concluded):

- (b) Economic development of Africa (A/4899);
- (c) African educational development (A/4820 and Corr.2, chapter VIII, paragraph 648; A/4903 and Add.1, A/4928)

Economic development of under-developed countries (concluded):

- (e) Provision of food surpluses to food-deficient peoples through the United Nations system (A/4820 and Corr.2, chapter II, section III; A/4907 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2, E/3509)

Progress and operations of the Special Fund (A/4820 and Corr.2, chapter III, section III; A/4897, E/3435, E/3521, SF/L.45 and Corr.1, SF/L.45/Add.1 and Corr.1) (concluded)

United Nations programmes of technical co-operation (concluded):

- (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/4820 and Corr.2, chapter III, sections I, II and IV);
- (c) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (A/C.2/211)

Assistance to newly independent States: report of the Economic and Social Council (A/4820 and Corr.2, chapter III, section V) (concluded)

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (A/C.2/L.639 AND ADD.1)

4. Mr. REGO MONTEIRO (Brazil), Rapporteur, introduced the draft report of the Committee (A/C.2/L.639 and Add.1). Japan had requested that the following sentence should be inserted at the beginning of paragraph 55:

"The representative of France suggested that, in the light of the views expressed by some delegations in the Committee's discussion on this item, the co-sponsors might agree that the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.614/Rev.1 be referred,

without pressing it to a vote, to the Governing Council of the Special Fund for its consideration."

5. Mr. DANGEARD (France) said that the amendment proposed by Japan fully corresponded to the statement made by France on the subject.

6. Mr. EL-MUTWALLI (Iraq) noted that the draft report mentioned agenda item 33 in paragraph 3 but gave no indication of what the Committee had decided on the subject.

7. Mr. REGO MONTEIRO (Brazil), Rapporteur, said that he would add to the report a sentence to the effect that no specific proposals had been made on the subject and that the question had been examined in conjunction with item 22 relating to the development of Africa.

*The draft report, as amended, was adopted unanimously.*

### AGENDA ITEM 87

**Permanent sovereignty over natural resources (A/4820 and Corr.2, chapter V, section I; A/4905) (concluded)**

#### ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (A/C.2/L.640)

8. Mr. REGO MONTEIRO (Brazil), Rapporteur, introduced the draft report of the Committee (A/C.2/L.640). The United States had proposed, in agreement with Afghanistan, that the beginning of the second sentence of paragraph 8 should be amended to read as follows: "He stated that in the view of his delegation the contents of the study should be brought up to date, and suggested...".

9. Mr. EL-MUTWALLI (Iraq) considered that, when the representative of Afghanistan had introduced the draft resolution, he had spoken on behalf of its sponsors and therefore had also expressed their opinion. He accordingly proposed that the words "and that of Iraq" should be inserted after the words "in the view of his delegation".

10. Mr. CVOROVIC (Yugoslavia), Mr. MARAMIS (Indonesia) and Mr. EL-GARHI (United Arab Republic) said that they would like their delegations also to be mentioned among those on whose behalf the representative of Afghanistan had spoken at the 792nd meeting.

11. Mr. NATORF (Poland) thought that it would be preferable to retain the original text of the report, which faithfully reflected the Committee's discussions.

12. Mr. TABIBI (Afghanistan) confirmed that he had spoken on behalf of the sponsors of the draft resolution. The United States delegation, in common with all the other members of the Commission on Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources, had considered that the contents of the study which had already appeared should be brought up to date, in order to include in it the information which had reached the Secretariat after it had been prepared.

13. Mr. FINGER (United States of America) said that he relied on the representative of Afghanistan and withdrew his objections to paragraph 8 of the report. However, he wished to state that that paragraph represented, not a decision of the Second Committee, but the expression of the views of at least four sponsors of the draft resolution.

14. Mr. REGO MONTEIRO (Brazil), Rapporteur, proposed that, in order to reconcile all shades of opinion, the words "on behalf of the co-sponsors" should be inserted after the words "by the representative of Afghanistan" in the first sentence of paragraph 8 and after the words "He suggested" at the beginning of the second sentence of the paragraph.

*It was so decided.*

*The draft report, as amended, was adopted unanimously.*

### AGENDA ITEM 84

**Population growth and economic development (A/4820 and Corr.2, chapter VI, section II; A/4849) (concluded)**

#### ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (A/C.2/L.641)

15. Mr. REGO MONTEIRO (Brazil), Rapporteur, introduced the draft report of the Committee (A/C.2/L.641).

16. Mr. ÖRN (Sweden) requested that the words "on behalf of the co-sponsors" should be inserted after the words "by the representative of Sweden" in paragraph 8 of the draft report.

*It was so decided.*

*The draft report, as amended, was adopted unanimously.*

### Completion of the Committee's work

17. The CHAIRMAN expressed gratification at the successful completion of the Committee's work. Although not given the greatest publicity or directly related to the dramatic episodes of world politics, the decisions reached would in due course be considered as important stepping-stones in the dynamic progress of the United Nations and a faithful implementation, in the economic field, of the spirit and letter of the Charter. The Committee had successfully steered a middle course between conservatism and Utopia. It had adopted important draft resolutions on the United Nations Development Decade, international trade, economic planning, industrial development, decentralization, the World Food Programme and African educational and economic development. Above all, it had sought not to achieve majorities but to reach agreement, a process which was not the simplest or the fastest but the most satisfactory and the most lasting. He thanked the officers of the Committee, the Secretariat and all representatives for their unflinching co-operation.

18. Mr. EL-MUTWALLI (Iraq) proposed that the complete text of the Chairman's statement should be reproduced as a Committee document.

*It was so decided.<sup>1/</sup>*

19. Mr. AYARI (Tunisia), speaking on behalf of the Arab States, paid a tribute to the Chairman for the courtesy and patience with which he had conducted the Committee's discussions and to the Vice-Chairman, the Rapporteur, the Secretary of the Committee and the Secretariat as a whole for their devoted service. Despite their intensity, the discussions had always maintained the moderate tone necessary to

<sup>1/</sup> The complete text of the statement made by the Chairman of the Second Committee was circulated as document A/C.2/L.642.

any impartial examination and effective action; the Committee had to keep clear of the cold war if it was not to distort the problems under its scrutiny. Violent argument was by no means the only way to prove the dynamism of different economic systems, and economic development was one sphere in which the scope for co-operation was inexhaustible. The proclamation of the United Nations Development Decade should constitute a real charter of principles and methods for the development of under-developed countries. His delegation, which had enthusiastically supported the use of food surpluses for a humanitarian purpose, had asked that they should be used as an instrument of development only with the greatest caution; it was glad to note that its expressions of concern had been favourably received. Lastly, the Committee's discussions had shown the importance which delegations attached to the improvement of international trade as a means of enabling the under-developed countries to finance their own expansion systematically.

20. Mrs. WRIGHT (Denmark), speaking on behalf of the delegations of the five Nordic countries; Mr. KLUTZNICK (United States of America); Mr. TABIBI (Afghanistan), speaking on behalf of his delegation and of the Yugoslav delegation; Mr. AMADOR (Mexico), speaking on behalf of the delegations of the Latin American countries; Mr. KÖMIVES (Hungary), speaking on behalf of the delegations of all the socialist countries; Mr. TOURE (Mali), speaking on behalf of his delegation and of the delegations of Tunisia, Congo (Brazzaville), Ethiopia, Madagascar, Cameroun, Sudan, Indonesia, United Arab Republic, Somalia, Togo, Ghana and Guinea; Mr. LYNCH-SHYLLON (Sierra Leone), speaking on behalf of the delegations of the Commonwealth countries; Mr. VEJAJIVA (Thailand), speak-

ing on behalf of the delegations of the Association of South-East Asian countries, namely, the Federation of Malaya, the Philippines and Thailand; Mr. KARA-KÖYLÜ (Turkey), speaking on behalf of his delegation and of the delegations of Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Greece, Iran, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Miss HARELI (Israel); Mr. KAKITSUBO (Japan); Mr. CHA (China); Mr. DERICOYARD (Congo, Leopoldville); and Mr. DOE (Liberia) paid tributes to the Chairman for the competence and impartiality with which he had conducted the Committee's discussions, and to the Vice-Chairman, the Rapporteur and all members of the Secretariat for their effective contributions to the success of the Committee's work.

21. Mr. REGO MONTEIRO (Brazil), Rapporteur, thanked the members of the Committee for the kind words they had addressed to him. He would have been unable to accomplish his difficult task without the understanding of the Chairman and the delegations and the efficient help of the Secretariat.

22. Mr. GOODARZI (Iran), speaking on behalf of his delegation and of the Vice-Chairman, who had been unable to attend the meeting, thanked the representatives who had referred in such flattering terms to Mr. Mahdavi's services as Vice-Chairman. His success had been largely due to the enlightened guidance he had received from the Chairman and the friendly co-operation extended to him by the members of the Committee and the Secretariat.

23. The CHAIRMAN declared that the Committee had concluded its work.

The meeting rose at 5.30 p.m.



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