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## Chairman: Mr. Ernest G. CHAUVET (Haiti).

## AGENDA ITEM 24

Economic development of under-developed countries (A/2955) (continued):

- (a) Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development: report submitted in accordance with resolution 822 (IX) of 11 December 1954 (A/2906, A/C.2/186, A/C.2/L.271, A/C.2/L.272) (continued)
- 1. Mr. MIR KHAN (Pakistan), Chairman of the Working Group, presented the report of the Working Group (A/C.2/L.272). The draft resolution recommended in the report reproduced to a great extent the terms of the thirty-two Power joint draft resolution (A/C.2/L.271). The Working Group had tried to reconcile the two opposing views and he did not think that the draft resolution could be any further amended without the risk of forfeiting the support of one side or the other.
- 2. With regard to operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, it was the clear understanding of the informal Working Group that the task of the ad hoc

committee to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly would comprise first, a summary of the views submitted by Governments in response to the request in paragraph 2; secondly, an analysis of those views, in order to present them in a way which would facilitate the understanding of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly; thirdly, such conclusions as clearly emerged from that analysis.

- 3. With regard to the *ad hoc* committee, the Working Group had felt that that body, which would be non-political, should have as few members as possible, but at the same time should be sufficiently representative. It had, accordingly, proposed eleven as the most suitable number of members, specifying that in no case should the membership exceed fifteen.
- 4. The Working Group had felt that the membership of the *ad hoc* committee should be determined by consultations between the Chairman of the Committee and the various delegations. The Chairman would then inform the President of the General Assembly of the result of his negotiations.
- 5. There had been no objection to the text of the annex. The Working Group, accordingly, recommended that the annex should be adopted without amendment.
- 6. Mr. O'NAGHTEN (Cuba) thought that delegations should be allowed sufficient time to study the Working Group's report in detail. He therefore proposed that the following meeting should be held not on the next day but the day after that.
- 7. Mr. PASTRANA (Colombia) supported that proposal.

The proposal was adopted by 14 votes to 4, with 28 abstentions.

The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.