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The meeting was called to order at 10.40 a.m.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): On 21 October 1987 the General Assembly adopted a decision whereby it urged the Governments of the USSR and the United States of America to spare no effort to conclude at the earliest possible date a treaty on the elimination of their intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles.

Today, the General Assembly can welcome the signing by the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Mikhail S Gorbachev, and President Ronald Reagan of the United States of the Treaty on the elimination of intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles, which is the first agreement actually reducing the world's arsenals of nuclear weapons, and express hope for the early achievement and conclusion of still more far-reaching agreements on disarmament. Noting with satisfaction that the appeals to the Governments of the United States and of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics by the General Assembly, which reflect the will of the international community, have helped determination and goodwill to prevail over the impediments and obstacles to the achievement of this historic agreement, we state once again that we favour the development of a broad dialogue on ways to achieve general and complete disarmament, and reaffirm the role of all peoples in ensuring the survival of our civilization.

AGENDA ITEM 3 (continued)

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FORTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (A/42/630/Add.1)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): I now invite members to turn their attention to the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 13 of its second report (A/42/630/Add.1).

(The President)

The Credentials Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 42/2 B).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): I call on the representative of Cuba, who wishes to explain his position on the resolution just adopted.

Mr. MORENO FERNANDEZ (Cuba) (interpretation from Spanish): The delegation of Cuba has asked to speak on the second report of the Credentials Committee to record our reservation regarding the credentials of Grenada. In the opinion of Cuba, the present régime in that country is the result of foreign military intervention and consequently does not represent the interests of the people of Grenada.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): I call on the representative of Grenada, who wishes to speak in exercise of the right of reply.

Mr. STANISLAUS (Grenada): If the statement just made by the representative of Cuba was not so much at variance with the truth with respect to the situation in my country, I would be apt just to dismiss it with contemptuous disregard. In the circumstances, however, I must point out that in the general elections held in my country on 4 December 1984 the people of Grenada showed that they were satisfied with the results of the circumstances preceding the election and they are therefore satisfied with the results of the election.

All I wish to say to the representative of Cuba is this: "... why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" (The Holy Bible, St. Matthew 7:3)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): We have thus concluded consideration of agenda item 3.

AGENDA ITEMS 12 and 82 (continued) and 83 to 86

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Parts I to III) (A/42/820 and Add.1 and 2)

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part I) (A.42/821)

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

(i) REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part II) (A/42/821/Add.1)

(ii) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/42/855)

(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL NEW PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE 1980s FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

(i) REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part III) (A/42/821/Add.2)

(ii) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/42/856)

(c) EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part IV) (A/42/821/Add.3)

(d) ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part V) (A/42/821/Add.4)

(e) ENVIRONMENT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part VI) (A/42/821/Add.5)

(f) DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part VII) (A/42/821/Add.6)

(g) HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part VIII) (A/42/821/Add.7)

(h) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part IX) (A/42/821/Add.8)

(i) NEW INTERNATIONAL HUMAN ORDER: MORAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part X) (A/42/821/Add.9)

(j) PROPOSALS NOT RELATED TO ANY PARTICULAR SUB-ITEM: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (Part XI) (A/42/821/Add.10)

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/42/822)

TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/42/823)

EXTERNAL DEBT CRISIS AND DEVELOPMENT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/42/824)

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/42/796)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): I request the Rapporteur of the Second Committee, Mr. Seyed Mojtaba Arastoo of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to introduce the reports of the Second Committee in one statement.

Mr. ARASTOO (Islamic Republic of Iran), Rapporteur, Second Committee: I have the honour to present the report of the Second Committee on the various items allocated to it by the General Assembly for its consideration.

Under item 12 entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council", the Second Committee recommends in document A/42/820 and Add.1 and 2, the adoption of nine draft resolutions and seven draft decisions. All but three draft proposals were adopted without a vote.

Before proceeding to the next item, I should like to make some corrections in document A/42/820/Add.2. First, on page 25, in the English version, in paragraph 3, the word "Decade" should be changed to "decade" beginning with the small letter "d", and in paragraph 4 of the English version the word "decade" should be changed so as to begin with the capital letter "D". On page 26 of the same document, in paragraph 7, first line, instead of the word "for", the text should read "in the". On page 28 of the same document, the first paragraph in the French version reads "resolution 1980/57"; this should be changed to "resolution 1980/67".

With regard to agenda item 82, entitled "Development and international economic co-operation", sub-items (a) through (i), the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly, in document A/42/821 and Add.1 to 10, the adoption of 24 draft resolutions and eight draft decisions. With the exception of five draft proposals under sub-item 82 (a), entitled "Trade and development", contained in document A/42/821/Add.1, all the draft proposals were adopted without a vote.

In connection with the report contained in document A/42/821/Add.6, under item 82 (f), as I see it in the French version, in paragraph 4 of draft resolution I, the words "Ministerial Conference" should read "Ministerial Conferences", as in the English version.

(Mr. Arastoo, Rapporteur,
Second Committee)

Under item 83 entitled "Operational activities for development", the Committee recommends, in document A/42/822, the adoption of one draft resolution and one draft decision. Both of these draft proposals were adopted without a vote.

With regard to item 84 entitled "Training and research", the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research", which is contained in paragraph 14 of its report (A/42/823). That draft resolution was also adopted without a vote.

Turning now to item 85 entitled "External debt crisis and development", the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly, in document A/42/824, the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Furthering international co-operation regarding the external debt problems", which was adopted by the Committee without vote. In connection with this draft resolution, I should like to draw the Assembly's attention to paragraph 11 of the report.

A draft decision, which was adopted without a vote, is also recommended for adoption by the Assembly under this item.

Lastly, under item 86, entitled "Special programmes of economic assistance" the report of the Second Committee, in document A/42/796, contains seven draft resolutions for adoption by the General Assembly. Except for draft resolution I entitled "Special assistance to front-line States", all the draft resolutions were adopted without a vote.

Before concluding, I should like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Second Committee for their contribution to the work of the Committee and also pay tribute to the Chairman and the two Vice-Chairmen for their efforts completing the work of the Committee successfully.

(Mr. Arastoo, Rapporteur,
Second Committee)

My thanks also go to the members of the Secretariat for all their assistance.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee which are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the various recommendations of the Second Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that:

"When the same draft resolution is considered by a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee".

(The President)

I now call the attention of members to the report of the Second Committee (A/42/820 and Add.1 and 2) on agenda item 12, concerning the report of the Economic and Social Council.

We turn first to part I of the report of the Second Committee (A/42/820). I take it that the General Assembly decides to take note of part I of the report.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): The General Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions and two draft decisions contained in paragraphs 21 and 22, respectively, of part II of the report (A/42/820/Add.1).

In paragraph 21, the Second Committee first recommends the adoption of draft resolution I, entitled "Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1989-1990". The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. I take it that the Assembly adopts draft resolution I?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 42/164).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution II, entitled "International economic security". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, La People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamhuriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal,

Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Belgium, France, Israel, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liberia, Norway, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sweden, Togo, Turkey

Draft resolution II was adopted by 119 votes to 10, with 20 abstentions (resolution 42/165).*

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): The Assembly will now turn to the two draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 22 of part II of its report (A/42/820/Add.1).

Draft decision I, entitled "Inclusion of Burma in the list of the least developed countries", is being recommended by the Second Committee for adoption by the General Assembly.

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft decision II is entitled "Net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries". A recorded vote has been requested.

*Subsequently the delegation of Sudan advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Denmark, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Spain, Sweden

Draft decision II was adopted by 133 votes to 13, with 7 abstentions.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Next, the General Assembly will take a decision on the six draft resolutions and six draft decisions contained in paragraphs 49 and 50, respectively, of part III of the report of the Second Committee (A/42/820/Add.2).

*Subsequently the delegation of Sudan advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.

(The President)

In paragraph 49 the Second Committee first recommends the adoption of draft resolution I, entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Draft resolution I was adopted by 152 votes to 2 (resolution 42/166).*

*Subsequently the delegation of Sudan advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft resolution II is entitled "World Tourism Organization". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 42/167).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft resolution III is entitled "Fortieth anniversary of the World Health Organization". The Second Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to adopt it?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 42/168).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft resolution IV is entitled "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction". This draft resolution too was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 42/169).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft resolution V is entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 in the economic and social fields". In the Second Committee it was adopted without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt the draft resolution?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 42/170).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft resolution VI is entitled "Guidelines for international decades". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 42/171).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): The Assembly will now turn to the six draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 50 of its report.

Draft decision I is entitled "United Nations Fund for Population Activities: change of name".

The Second Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): We turn now to draft decision II, which deals with the in-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields.

As representatives may recall, at the 93rd plenary meeting, in the course of its consideration of the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 12, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of a similar draft decision recommended by the Third Committee so that it could be consolidated with the draft decision now before the Assembly into a single text.

In order to do so, I propose that the Assembly merge the two texts so that the draft decision under consideration would read as follows:

"The General Assembly requests all subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in the economic and social fields that have not yet done so to submit their views and proposals to the Special

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Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1987/112 of 6 February 1987".

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt that decision?

Draft decision II, as orally amended, was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft decision III is entitled "Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system".

The Second Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision III was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft decision IV is entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/201".

The draft decision was adopted without a vote by the Second Committee. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft decision IV was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Next the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft decision V, entitled "Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council".

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt this draft decision?

Draft decision V was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Finally, the Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft decision I entitled "Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1988-1989".

(The President)

May I take it that the General Assembly adopts the draft decision?

Draft decision VI was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): I shall now call upon those representatives who wish to explain their votes.

Mr. STEBELSKI (Poland) (interpretation from Russian): It is my honour to speak on behalf of the delegations of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Hungarian People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Mongolian People's Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and my own delegation, that of the Polish People's Republic, in expressing our satisfaction at the adoption of the draft resolution relating to international economic security in the report of the Second Committee (A/42/820/Add.1). We regard its adoption as an important step forward in developing a constructive dialogue and co-operation in order to seek ways and means of stimulating the economic activities of the United Nations and its system in implementing the new decisions agreed upon in this field, in the interests of all States, particularly the developing States.

The resolution just adopted focuses attention on concrete ways and means of achieving those targets. Work on the draft at this session has clearly shown that discussion on the concept of international economic security not only helps countries to have a better understanding of particular positions but also serves the interests of all who participate in the world economy and that it will ensure the stability, predictability and fairness of international economic relations, the joint resolution of economic problems and more effective use of the potential of multilateral organizations in bringing about a new and fairer international economic order.

(Mr. Stebelski, Poland)

The adoption of the resolution on international economic security will help efforts to strengthen confidence and trust among States in international economic relations and make it possible to establish in the United Nations a genuinely universal economic dialogue. Through this dialogue it will be possible to respond to the challenge to the international community represented by the interrelationship of all parts of the world economy and the numerous problems that beset it. The socialist countries will play an active part in efforts to give effect to the resolution just adopted, to expand the consensus on ways and means of strengthening the activity of the United Nations in the international economic sphere to serve the interests of all States and to ensure a greater degree of interaction and co-operation in tackling other acute international economic problems.

Mr. LUCAS (Guyana): My delegation wishes to explain its vote on draft resolution II in document A/42/820/Add.1, entitled "International economic security", which has just been adopted by the General Assembly.

The record will show that my delegation voted in favour of the resolution, entitled International economic security. We did so because developments in the international arena have indicated that there is a need to re-examine the concept of security and the premise on which it is based. Security does not consist not only in military and political elements but has been shown to have economic and social dimensions as well. A proper and clear definition of its economic parts would help in redesigning the overall concept of security. We understand that this resolution aims at clarifying the economic dimensions of the concept.

It is the view of my delegation that such an effort could be facilitated by the proposal contained in operative paragraph 6 of the resolution. The idea of using eminent persons is one which has worked on other occasions and we have no

(Mr. Lucas, Guyana)

doubt that its use would benefit the objective being pursued by this resolution. We feel that the process of selection of eminent persons is an important one and it is our hope that Governments will be consulted in the selection of such persons.

Mr. FAABORG-ANDERSEN (Denmark): The 12 member States of the European Community were pleased to join in the adoption without a vote of draft resolution V, "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 in the economic and social fields", in document A/42/820/Add.2. However, I should like to state for the record that in our view it would have been more in line with the established division of labour of the General Assembly if the draft resolution had been introduced in the Fifth Committee, since resolution 41/213 is rightly within the purview of that Committee.

Finally, the Community welcomes the fact that the resolution stresses the need to continue to implement fully all aspects of resolution 41/213.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): We have completed our consideration of agenda item 12.

We turn now to the report of the Second Committee (A/42/821) on agenda item 82, entitled "Development and international economic co-operation".

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of this report?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): I now invite members to turn their attention to the report of the Second Committee (A/42/821/Add.1) on sub-item (a) of agenda item 82, concerning trade and development.

The Assembly has to take decisions on five draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 44 of its report.

Draft resolution I is entitled "International code of conduct on the transfer of technology". The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote.

(The President)

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 42/172).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft resolution II is entitled "Economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Greece, Spain, Turkey

Draft resolution II was adopted by 128 votes to 21, with 5 abstentions (resolution 42/173).*

*Subsequently the delegations of Honduras and Sudan advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour; the delegation of Gambia had intended to abstain.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): We shall now proceed to draft resolution III, entitled "Special action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: United States of America

Draft resolution III was adopted by 152 votes to 1 (resolution 42/174).*

*Subsequently the delegations of Botswana and Sudan advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution IV, "Seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development." The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 42/175).

Mr. DIECKMANN (Federal Republic of Germany): I apologize for returning to draft resolution III. It was my understanding - and, I think, the understanding of other delegations - that there would be a separate vote on paragraph 1 of that draft resolution.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): There was no request for a separate vote.

Mr. DASGUPTA (India): Like the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany, my delegation was under the impression that there would be a separate vote on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III, "Specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries." My delegation would like to state that, in the event that a separate vote had been taken on that paragraph, it would have abstained in the vote.

Mr. HARRISON (United Kingdom): Like the delegations of the Federal Republic of Germany and India, it was my delegation's understanding that there would be a separate vote on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III. Had there been such a vote, my delegation would have abstained.

Mrs. DUEÑAS de WHIST (Ecuador) (interpretation from Spanish): Like the other delegations that have just spoken, my delegation thought there would be a separate vote on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III. The last time we voted on a similar paragraph my delegation voted against it. Had a separate vote been taken on paragraph 1 this year, my delegation would have abstained in the vote.

Mr. DIECKMANN (Federal Republic of Germany): Had a separate vote been taken on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III, my delegation would have abstained.

Mr. UMER (Pakistan): It was also the impression of my delegation that a separate vote would be taken on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III. Had such a vote been taken, my delegation would have abstained.

Mr. MOHAMED (Somalia): Like those who have spoken earlier, we too were under the impression that a separate vote would be taken on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III. Had a separate vote been taken, my delegation would have abstained.

Mr. FALL (Senegal) (interpretation from French): Like other delegations, my delegation thought there would be a separate vote on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III. Had such a vote been taken, my delegation would have abstained.

Mr. ARNOUSS (Syrian Arab Republic) (interpretation from Arabic): Like other delegations that have just spoken, had a separate vote been taken on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III, my delegation would have abstained, because my country's position regarding the Convention on the Law of the Sea has not changed.

Mr. ALPTUNA (Turkey): As other delegations have stated, had a separate vote been taken on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III, my delegation would have abstained.

Mr. ARASTOO (Islamic Republic of Iran): Had there been a vote on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III, my delegation would have abstained.

Mr. BAMBA (Côte d'Ivoire) (interpretation from French): Like other delegations that have just spoken, my delegation would like to state that, had a separate vote been taken on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III, we would have abstained, as we did in the vote taken in the Second Committee.

Mr. DE ALMEIDA (Angola): Like other delegations who have just spoken, my delegation would have abstained had a vote been taken on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III.

Mr. OULD CHEIKH EL GHAOUTHE (Mauritania) (interpretation from French):

Had a separate vote been taken on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III, my delegation, like other delegations, would have abstained in the voting, as we have done in the past.

Mrs. SHAHIN (Egypt): My delegation would also have abstained had a separate vote been taken on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III.

Mr. SECKA (Gambia): My delegation would also like to make known its position on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III. Had a separate vote been taken on that paragraph, my delegation would have abstained.

Mr. KAGAMI (Japan): My delegation is in the same position: had a separate vote been taken on paragraph 1 of draft resolution III, my delegation would have abstained.

Mr. DINU (Romania): If a separate vote had been taken on operative paragraph 1, we would have abstained.

Mr. AL-ZADGALY (Oman) (interpretation from Arabic): If a separate vote had been taken on operative paragraph 1, we would have abstained.

Mr. SALES (Mozambique): If a separate vote had been taken on operative paragraph 1, we would have abstained.

Mr. CAKPO-TOZO (Benin) (interpretation from French): If a separate vote had been taken on operative paragraph 1, we would have abstained.

Mr. BALE (Congo) (interpretation from French): If a separate vote had been taken on operative paragraph 1, we would have abstained.

Mr. DAWSON (United States of America): It was my delegation's understanding that we had requested a vote on that paragraph. However, since it has not been recorded, my delegation wishes to state for the record that we would have voted against that paragraph.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Let us now proceed to draft resolution V, which is entitled "Trade embargo against Nicaragua". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, France, Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Grenada, Honduras, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Luxembourg, Mauritania, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Portugal, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Draft resolution V was adopted by 94 votes to 2, with 48 abstentions (resolution 42/176).*

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): I now invite representatives to turn to the five draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 45 of its report (A/42/821/Add.1).

Draft decision I is entitled "International conference on money and finance for development."

*Subsequently the delegations of Belize and Ecuador advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.

(The President)

May I take it that the General Assembly adopts the draft decision?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft decision II is entitled "Commodities and protectionism and structural adjustment".

May I consider that the General Assembly adopts the draft decision?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft decision III is entitled "International conference on money and finance".

May I take it that the General Assembly adopts the draft decision?

Draft decision III was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft decision IV is entitled "International conference on money and finance".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Finland, Lebanon, Norway, Sweden, Turkey

Draft decision IV was adopted by 132 votes to 18, with 5 abstentions.*

*Subsequently the delegations of Lebanon and Sudan advised the Secretary that they had intended to vote in favour.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft decision V is entitled "Preparation of summary records for the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development".

The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the draft decision has been issued as document A/42/855.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: United States of America

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Draft decision V was adopted by 131 votes to 1, with 22 abstentions.*

*Subsequently the delegations of Lebanon and Sudan advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): We have concluded our consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 82.

The Assembly will now turn to the report of the Second Committee (A/42/821/Add.2) on sub-item (b) of agenda item 82, entitled "Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries".

In paragraph 11 of the report the Second Committee recommends the adoption of the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries".

The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution has been issued as document A/42/856.

The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 42/177).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): We have concluded our consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 82.

We turn next to the report of the Second Committee (A/42/821/Add.3) on sub-item (c) of agenda item 82, entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in development".

The draft resolution contained in paragraph 7 of the report was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 42/178).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): That concludes our consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 82.

(The President)

The Assembly will now turn to the report of the Second Committee (A/42/821/Add.4) on sub-item (d) of agenda item 82, entitled "Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries".

The Assembly has to take decisions on the three draft resolutions contained in paragraph 15 of the report.

Draft resolution I, entitled "Strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 42/179).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft resolution II, entitled "Technical co-operation among developing countries", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 42/180).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft resolution III, entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 42/181).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): We have concluded our consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 82.

I now invite members to turn their attention to the report of the Second Committee (A/42/821/Add.5) on sub-item (e) of agenda item 82, entitled "Environment".

(The President)

The Assembly has to take decisions on the six draft resolutions and two draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraphs 37 and 38, respectively, of the report.

Draft resolution I, entitled "Protection of the ozone layer", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 42/182).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution II, entitled "Traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes". May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 42/183).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft resolution III is entitled "International co-operation in the field of the environment". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel

Draft resolution III was adopted by 149 votes to 1 (resolution 42/184).*

*Subsequently the delegations of Sudan and Tunisia advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft resolution IV concerns the "Biennial cycle of sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme". The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 42/185).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): We turn next to draft resolution V, dealing with "The Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond". It was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft resolution V?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 42/186).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft resolution VI, which concerns the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, was also adopted by Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 42/187).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): We turn now to the two draft decisions contained in paragraph 38 of the report of the Second Committee (A/42/821/Add.5).

Draft decision I concerns "International ecological security". The Second Committee recommends the adoption of this draft decision. May I therefore take it that the General Assembly adopts draft decision I?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Draft decision II deals with "Consideration of accession by the United Nations to the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident, Vienna, 1986, and to the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency, Vienna 1986".

(The President)

The Second Committee adopted this draft decision without a vote. May I therefore take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision II was adopted.*

The PRESIDENT: I shall now call on those representatives who wish to explain their positions.

Mr. HARAN (Israel): The delegation of Israel asked for a vote on draft resolution III in document A/42/821/Add.5 relating to the environment, and specifically entitled "International co-operation in the field of the environment". It also voted against this draft resolution. The reason for doing so is the following.

Operative paragraph 1 of that draft resolution takes note with appreciation of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on the work of its fourteenth session and "endorses the decisions contained therein, as adopted".

Among the decisions adopted by the Governing Council of UNEP is decision 14/11 entitled "The environmental situation in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories". The state of the environment in the world is precarious and the state of the environment in areas of confrontation is serious. Yet, despite the fact that the areas of confrontation are numerous - too numerous to count them here in the Assembly - there is only one case singled out for a special decision. This is a practice in which we cannot acquiesce, and we must insist that not every United Nations body be used to carry out the war against Israel.

For that reason the delegation of Israel asked for a vote on this draft resolution and voted against it.

*Mr. Jacobovits de Szeged (Netherlands), Vice-President, took the Chair.

Mrs. GREGORY (Canada): In the Committee my delegation welcomed the fact that consensus had been restored to draft resolution III, given the importance of the subject-matter to our delegation. My delegation therefore naturally regrets that a vote was requested on this draft resolution in the plenary meeting

This draft resolution was the subject of extensive informal consultations in Committee conducted in the spirit of co-operation. We hope that the matter which brought on this vote can in the future be addressed through this process, when we take up the important issue of the environment in the next biennium.

The PRESIDENT: That concludes our consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 82.

(The President)

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Second Committee on sub-item (f) of agenda item 82, entitled "Desertification and drought" (A/42/821/Add.6).

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa." The Second Committee it without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 42/188).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II, A to D, is entitled "Plan of action to combat desertification". It was adopted by the Committee without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 42/189).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 82.

The General Assembly will now consider the report of the Second Committee on sub-item (g) of agenda item 82, entitled "Human settlements" (A/42/821/Add.7).

The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report.

Draft resolution I deals with the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: United States of America

Abstaining: Togo

Draft resolution I was adopted by 151 votes to 1, with one abstention (resolution 42/190).*

The PRESIDENT: In the same paragraph the Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution II, concerning the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000.

*Subsequently the delegation of Sudan advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour; the delegation of Israel had intended to vote against.

(The President)

The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 42/191).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 82.

I now invite members to turn their attention to the report of the Second Committee on sub-item (h) of agenda item 82, entitled "Science and technology for development" (A/42/821/Add.8).

The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendations of the Second Committee in that document.

In paragraph 7 of the report, the Second Committee recommends for adoption a draft resolution which deals with the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development.

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt that draft resolution?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 42/192).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 82.

The Assembly will now turn to the report of the Second Committee on sub-item (i) of item 82, entitled "New international human order: moral aspects of development" (A/42/821/Add.9).

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of this report?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 82.

The Assembly will now turn to the report of the Second Committee dealing with proposals not related to any particular sub-item of agenda item 82 (A/42/821/Add.10).

(The President)

The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendations of the Second Committee contained in paragraphs 16 and 17 of its report.

First, we turn to the three draft resolutions contained in paragraph 16 of the report of the Second Committee.

Draft resolution I concerns the preparation of the new international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade.

The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 42/193).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Raúl Prebisch Foundation". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 42/194).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III deals with the consequences of the recent sharp fluctuations in the international financial and stock markets and the implications of those fluctuations for the development of the developing countries.

The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 42/195).

The PRESIDENT: Next we turn to the draft decision contained in paragraph 17 of the report of the Second Committee.

This draft decision, which concerns the documents relating to development and international economic co-operation, was adopted by the Second Committee. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: I shall now call on those representatives who wish to explain their positions on the resolutions and decisions just adopted.

Mr. DAWSON (United States of America): The United States was pleased to join in support of the resolution entitled "International co-operation in the field of the environment", which was draft resolution III under the sub-item on the environment. It deals with environmental matters of overwhelming importance to us all. On balance we think this resolution satisfactorily reflects progress achieved over the past two years by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and by the world community at large in addressing significant international environmental issues.

I am constrained to point out, however, that operative paragraph 1 of the resolution endorses the decisions of the Governing Council of UNEP at its fourteenth session. The United States delegation precipitated a roll-call vote on decision 14/11 entitled "The environmental situation in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories" and thereupon registered its firm objection to the injection of a highly politicized element into the work of a United Nations technical agency. Thus, the United States did not support all of the resolutions adopted at the fourteenth session and wishes to reaffirm at this time its continued opposition to the intrusion of controversial and extraneous issues into the work of a technical body of the United Nations system.

The United States is pleased that the resolution reflects the important progress achieved over the past two years in UNEP and by the world community in general in addressing international environmental matters. The United States, however, would like to draw attention to paragraph 76 of chapter 2 of UNEP document GC.14/26. This paragraph describes reservations stated by the United States delegation regarding Governing Council decision 14/27 on environmentally safe management of chemicals. The United States maintains those reservations relating to the appropriateness, viability and need for a system of prior informed consent

(Mr. Dawson, United States)

in connection with international transfers of chemicals. In any event, we strongly believe it would be premature to address this question before gaining substantial experience in applying the London guidelines on information exchange adopted by the Governing Council last June.

In addition, regarding the resolution entitled "Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development", which was draft resolution VI under the sub-item on environment, the United States was pleased to join the consensus in adopting this resolution. We commend the Commission for proposing numerous creative strategies for addressing the major environmental and development issues facing nations today. We agree with many of the Commission's findings, particularly its recognition of the important link between economic growth and environmental protection, although we do not agree with some of the other conclusions in the report. We look forward to working with other countries, the United Nations Environment Programme, and other bodies in moving the world towards sustainable development.

Mr. AGUILAR HECHT (Guatemala) (interpretation from Spanish): On behalf of the Group of 77 I should like to say that we feel great satisfaction that draft resolution III in document A/42/821/Add.10, entitled "Consequences of the recent sharp fluctuations in the international financial and stock markets and the implications of those fluctuations for the development of the developing countries" has been adopted. That is further evidence that the international community, in particular the Group of 77, is deeply concerned at the sharp fluctuations and possible negative effects on economic stability, growth and world trade, especially the negative impact on the development of the developing countries.

We believe that full implementation of this resolution is of vital importance in enabling the United Nations to achieve one of its goals; early warning regarding the possible negative effects on the growth and development of the developing

(Mr. Aguilar Hecht, Guatemala)

countries in particular of sharp fluctuations in international financial and stock markets.

We believe that the report to be prepared by the Secretary-General should be broad and should cover the risks involved in intensification of the world-wide recession and the increase in instability in world markets. We believe that the developed countries should direct their fiscal and monetary policies towards growth, reduce real rates of interest and oppose protectionist pressures.

We are convinced that it is essential that the United Nations and the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should begin consideration of this subject as soon as possible. The Trade and Development Board may be able to deal with this in the spring of 1988, and then the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly may be able to give proper attention to the subject.

The PRESIDENT: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 82.

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Second Committee (A/42/822) on agenda item 83, entitled "Operational activities for development".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendations of the Second Committee contained in paragraphs 13 and 14 of its report in that document. The draft resolution contained in paragraph 13 is entitled "Operational activities for development". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 42/196).

The PRESIDENT: In paragraph 14 of its report the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft decision entitled "Operational activities for development". May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of the United States, who wishes to explain his position on the resolution just adopted.

Mr. CAHILL (United States of America): My delegation agreed to join in the consensus on this resolution because of my country's longstanding support for the operational activities of the United Nations system in promoting development. We do, however, wish to note for the record several points of concern. First, we have not agreed to the targets for official development assistance as spelt out in the International Development Strategy, and do not accept identification of any volume goals other than explicit commitments negotiated with individual developing countries or international institutions. We believe that broad targets do not clearly reflect the actual amount or the extent of resources being appropriated for developing countries.

(Mr. Cahill, United States)

We do, however, support the concept of voluntary contributions for operational activities within the United Nations system.

Secondly, we support the idea of increased grant resources, but we wish to emphasize that increased grant resources should be primarily directed to the least developed countries.

Thirdly, the resolution, while calling for a substantial and real increase in concessional resources, fails to acknowledge the substantial increase in concessional resources accomplished in the last year, including IDA-VIII and the fifth replenishment of resources of the African Development Fund, or to stress adequately the responsibility of all parties involved in the development process.

Finally, we do not believe that singling out one specialized United Nations executing agency for scrutiny, as is done in paragraph 18 of the resolution, works towards improving operational activities for development. In addition, we would encourage greater exchange with all relevant parties, including the specialized agencies, before resolutions are drafted and introduced for discussion.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda item 83.

I now ask the Assembly to turn to the report of the Second Committee (A/42/823) on agenda item 84, "Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 14 of the Second Committee's report.

The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution, which is entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research", without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to do so?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 42/197).

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of agenda item 84.

We now turn to the report of the Second Committee (A/42/824) on agenda item 85, "External debt crisis and development".

The Assembly will first take a decision on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 13 of the report. It is entitled "Furthering international co-operation regarding the external debt problems".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: United States of America

The draft resolution was adopted by 154 votes to 1 (resolution 42/198).*

The PRESIDENT: I now request representatives to turn to the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of its report. It is entitled "External debt crisis and development".

The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it adopt this draft decision. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do so?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: I shall now call on representatives who wish to explain their votes.

Mr. PILBEAM (Australia): The General Assembly has just adopted its second comprehensive resolution on the important question of debt and development. My delegation has been a willing partner in every stage of the discussions on the issue of debt and development in this forum, and we sincerely regret that a consensus resolution could not be achieved this year, as it was in 1986, when the Assembly adopted its historic resolution 41/202.

The resolution we have just adopted is not as well balanced as we would have hoped, but it is a pragmatic effort to come to grips with the problem of debt. We welcome in particular the recognition, in operative paragraphs 5, 6 and 7, of the reality of economic interdependence; the recognition, in operative paragraph 9, of the important, necessary and appropriate role of the multilateral international financial institutions; and the recognition, in operative paragraph 16, of the importance of the expansion and liberalization of world trade as a means of overcoming the external debt problems of developing countries. We note in

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(Mr. Pilbeam, Australia)

particular the stress laid in paragraph 16 on the importance of the effective observance of standstill and rollback commitments to the strengthening of an open and liberalized trading system.

The adoption of such a resolution on such a difficult, controversial and rapidly changing situation reflects well on the Second Committee and on the tireless efforts of all those involved in drafting and considering the many texts that preceded the resolution we have just adopted - particularly, the efforts by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Shabaan. We take this opportunity to pay public tribute to them.

Mr. AGUILAR HECHT (Guatemala) (interpretation from Spanish): I have the honour of stating the position of the Group of 77 on the draft resolution contained in document A/42/824 and entitled "Furthering international co-operation regarding the external debt problems". Unfortunately, it was not possible to adopt that draft resolution without a vote. It is regrettable that an item like this one on the external debt, which requires the highest priority for its solution, could not obtain a consensus.

It is particularly important to the Group of 77 that the United Nations take an effective stand on this subject and, through an exchange of views and serious negotiations, arrive at an adequate strategy for the final solution of the debt problem - a problem that especially affects the developing countries - and thereby make possible sustained economic development.

The text that has been adopted today is a compromise text which was the product of intense negotiations, in which we noted with regret the non-participation of one delegation. Because of the economic weight and influence on the world economy which that delegation's country has, it would have been desirable for it to join in the adoption of this resolution.

(Mr. Aguilar Hecht, Guatemala)

We welcome the general agreement of the international community to seek a final solution to the problem of the external debt crisis. However, we regret that the flexibility demonstrated by the Group of 77 did not lead to the adoption of the draft resolution without a vote.

We are sure that today's vote does not constitute a step back from the progress made this year and last year on the subject of the external debt. We hope that in the future we shall see a more positive attitude by all countries.

I stress that the basic position of the Group of 77 on the subject of the external debt remains unchanged. It is contained in a document presented to the Second Committee at the forty-first session under the symbol A/C.2/41/L.55. The document was published this year under the symbol A/C.2/42/L.9, entitled "External debt crisis and development". There is a supplementary document, presented this year under the symbol A/C.2/42/L.20 and entitled "Furthering international co-operation regarding the external debt problem between developing and developed countries, multilateral financial institutions and commercial banks". Both documents are still valid and in full force. That is why the Group of 77 wishes to keep them under discussion.

(Mr. Aguilar Hecht, Guatemala)

The Group of 77, in keeping with operative paragraph 3, stresses that in order to attain a durable, equitable and mutually agreed solution to debt problems, debtor developing countries, creditor developed countries and international private and multilateral financial institutions should strengthen work on an evolving and growth- and development-oriented strategy, through continuous dialogue and shared responsibility.

It must also be stressed that adjustment efforts are needed on the part of all countries, as stated in operative paragraph 5. We believe that the developed countries, which have the greatest influence on the world economy and the creation of a climate of international economic support for the growth and development of the developing countries, have a special responsibility.

As stated in operative paragraph 9, we recognize the competence of multilateral financial institutions. Yet we would like to stress that the activities of these institutions have not been consistent with the gravity of the problem of the external debt crisis, which has worsened considerably for the developing countries since 1982.

It should also be made clear, in the light of operative paragraph 10, that it is indispensable for the Governments of the developed countries to encourage their commercial banks to co-operate in a flexible manner with the developing debtor countries in an effort to find a permanent solution to the problem of the external debt of the developing countries, in particular by taking mutually agreed steps to reduce the debt burden on those countries on the basis of shared responsibility.

Finally, we would like to stress the importance that the Group of 77 attaches to operative paragraph 18, and especially to the personal action of the

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Secretary-General, who is to consult with the relevant bodies and eminent persons. Those eminent persons should have acknowledged ability to influence world public opinion and the decision-making process at the national, regional and international levels and should include Heads of State or Government, heads of multilateral organizations and institutions, renowned academics and formulators of international economic policy, among others.

The report, to which the Group of 77 attaches crucial importance, should make a substantial contribution to the search for a lasting, equitable and mutually agreed solution to the problem of the external debt of the developing countries.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda item 85.

The Assembly will now turn to the report of the Second Committee (A/42/796) on agenda item 86, entitled "Special programmes of economic assistance".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the seven draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 31 of its report.

Draft resolution I deals with assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran

(Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: United States of America

Draft resolution I was adopted by 152 votes to 1 (resolution 42/199).*

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II deals with special economic assistance to Chad. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan,

*Subsequently the delegations of Morocco and Sudan advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.

Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: United States of America

Draft resolution II was adopted by 150 votes to none, with one abstention (resolution 42/200).*

The PRESIDENT: We turn now to draft resolution III, which concerns special assistance to front-line States. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain,

*Subsequently the delegations of Morocco and Sudan advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.

Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: United States of America

Draft resolution III was adopted by 154 votes to none, with one abstention (resolution 42/201).*

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IV deals with special assistance to Maldives for disaster relief and the strengthening of its coastal defences. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain,

*Subsequently the delegation of Sudan advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.

Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: United States of America

Draft resolution IV was adopted by 153 votes to none, with one abstention (resolution 42/202).*

*Subsequently the delegations of Sudan and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution V, entitled "Assistance to El Salvador". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: United States of America

Draft resolution V was adopted by 154 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 42/203).*

*Subsequently the delegation of Sudan advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now vote on draft resolution VI, entitled "Special economic assistance to Central America". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: United States of America

Draft resolution VI was adopted by 154 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 42/204).*

*Subsequently the delegation of Sudan advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now vote on draft resolution VII, entitled "Assistance to Benin, the Central African Republic, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, the Gambia, Madagascar, Nicaragua and Vanuatu". A separate vote has been requested on the sixth, seventh, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth preambular paragraphs. Is there any objection to that request?

Mr. OUDOVENKO (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) (interpretation from Russian): Draft resolution VII was adopted in the Second Committee without a vote. This is in fact referred to in paragraph 29 of the report of the Second Committee which is now before us. Before that draft resolution was adopted, a great deal of work was done, with the help of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Gajentaan of the Netherlands. The draft resolution before the Assembly is a result of consideration of its provisions, and of dialogue and co-operation.

In accordance with rule 89 of the rules of procedure, my delegation objects to a separate vote on this resolution, and I should like to propose that my motion be put to the vote.

The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly has heard that an objection has been made to the request for division. Rule 89 of the rules of procedure reads, in part:

"... If objection is made to the request for division, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Permission to speak on the motion for division shall be given only to two speakers in favour and two speaker against. ..."

In accordance with that rule, I now ask whether any member wishes to speak to the request for division.

Mr. AL-ALFI (Democratic Yemen): My delegation would like to support the motion just made by the representative of the Ukrainian SSR.

Mr. AGUILLAR HECHT (Guatemala) (interpretation from Spanish): What the Chairman of the Second Committee said a moment ago is quite true. The draft resolution was adopted by consensus after intense negotiations, and we should proceed as we did in the Second Committee. The draft resolution should be adopted without a vote. We support the motion.

The PRESIDENT: We have heard two speakers in favour. Is there any representative who wishes to speak against?

Mr. CAHILL (United States of America): This draft resolution contains calls for assistance put forth by various countries. My delegation's response differs according to the individual countries. Thus a paragraph-by-paragraph vote would allow us to reflect these differences accurately.

The PRESIDENT: There is no other representative who wishes to speak against. We have heard two speakers in favour and one against.

Mr. MULLER (Australia): Mr. President, may I seek clarification from you. It is my understanding that rule 89 indicates that if objection is made to a request for division, which I presume was the United States request, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Are we voting upon the United States request or are we voting upon the objection of the Ukrainian SSR?

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly is voting on the motion for division requested by the United States. Therefore, the Assembly will now vote on the motion for division, requested by the United States.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Australia, Canada, Ireland, Israel, New Zealand, United States of America

Against: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Abstaining: Austria, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Burma, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mali, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The motion for division was rejected by 113 votes to 6, with 22 abstentions.*

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now vote on draft resolution VII. A recorded vote has been requested.

*Subsequently the delegation of Sudan advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote against.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: United States of America

Draft resolution VII was adopted by 154 votes to 1 (resolution 42/205).*

The PRESIDENT: I now call on those representatives who wish to explain their vote.

*Subsequently the delegation of Sudan advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.

Mr. CAHILL (United States of America): I should like to explain our vote on draft resolution VII contained in document A/42/796. My delegation had requested separate votes on several paragraphs of that draft resolution. Had our request for separate votes been agreed to, we would have voted in the following way: we would have abstained on the sixth preambular paragraph; we would have voted against the seventh and ninth preambular paragraphs; we would have abstained on the tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth preambular paragraphs; we would have voted against the fourteenth and fifteenth preambular paragraphs; and we would have abstained in the vote on the draft resolution as a whole.

Mr. MULLER (Australia): On this occasion, my delegation has the honour of speaking also on behalf of the delegations of Canada and New Zealand. Our delegations voted in favour of the procedural motion for separate votes on nine preambular paragraphs of draft resolution VII contained in document A/42/796. We did so because it is our firm belief that every delegation has the right to present its position to the General Assembly for action. To deny a delegation the right to call for a vote on particular paragraphs of a draft resolution runs counter to that principle and is, in effect, an unacceptable abrogation of a delegation's basic rights.

We regret, therefore, that the Assembly voted to deny that right to a delegation. Had the nine preambular paragraphs been put to the vote separately, the three delegations on whose behalf I am speaking would, of course, have voted in favour of all nine. Those votes would, however, have been based on the substance of the paragraphs.

(Mr. Muller, Australia)

We should like to register our concern here that, for the second consecutive year, it has been necessary to reopen a text which had been the subject of extensive informal consultations in the Second Committee and which was subsequently adopted by consensus in that Committee. We believe that this process does not assist the work of this body or the consultation process of the Second Committee.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 86 and of all the reports of the Second Committee.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.