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**President:** Mr. Mohammad MIR KHAN (Pakistan).

*Present:*

The representatives of the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Greece, Indonesia, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

Observers from the following countries: Bulgaria, Sudan.

The representatives of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; International Monetary Fund; World Health Organization.

**AGENDA ITEM 19**

**Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council (E/3056/Add.2) (*concluded*)**

1. The PRESIDENT called attention to the additional list of members of functional commissions submitted by the Secretary-General (E/3056/Add.2) for confirmation by the Council and asked the Council to take action on it.

*The appointment of the persons listed in the note by the Secretary-General (E/3056/Add.2) was confirmed.*

**AGENDA ITEM 20**

**Work of the Council in 1958 (E/L.776, E/L.777 and Add.1)**

2. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the draft programme for 1958 prepared by the Secretary-General (E/L.776). He observed, with regard to item 7 in the draft list of items for the twenty-fifth session, that the six-weeks rule would have to be waived if the Council were to have before it the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its March 1958 session. The same would apply to the reports of the Commission on International Commodity Trade, the Statistical Commission and the Commission

on Narcotic Drugs to be submitted at the twenty-sixth session. He invited the Council to comment on the draft programme.

3. Mr. AHMED (Pakistan) had no specific amendment to propose to the draft programme but wished simply to remark on the evident tendency for the agenda of the summer sessions of the Council to become heavier and heavier and for those of the spring sessions to become correspondingly lighter. It might perhaps be well for the Council to investigate that tendency and consider the possibility of transferring certain items from the later to the earlier sessions if that could be done without inconvenience to the Secretariat or to the Council itself.

4. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council approve the draft programme prepared by the Secretary-General (E/L.776) subject to any decisions it might take with regard to the disposal of items arising out of the twelfth session of the General Assembly (E/L.777 and Add.1).

*It was so decided.*

5. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly listed in the Secretary-General's note (E/L.777) and to take the action it deemed appropriate in each case.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1163 (XII): SEMINARS ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

*It was decided to transmit General Assembly resolution 1163 (XII) to the Commission on the Status of Women.*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1189 (XII): FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

*It was decided to transmit General Assembly resolution 1189 (XII) to the Commission on Human Rights.*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1202 (XII): PATTERN OF CONFERENCES**

*It was decided to request the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to convene the fourteenth session of the Commission on Human Rights at Headquarters.*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1155 (XII): PROPOSED ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA**

*It was decided to consider General Assembly resolution 1155 (XII) at the twenty-fifth session under an item reading "Consideration of the establishment of an Economic Commission for Africa".*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1218 (XII): STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PROBLEMS**

*It was decided to consider General Assembly resolution 1218 (XII) under item 5 in the draft list of items for the twenty-sixth session (International commodity problems).*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1215 (XII): UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES

*It was decided to consider General Assembly resolution 1215 (XII) under item 8 in the draft list of items for the twenty-sixth session (Technical assistance).*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1217 (XII): DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

*It was decided to consider General Assembly resolution 1217 (XII) under item 18 in the draft list of items for the twenty-sixth session (Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly) and to transmit the resolution to the Population Commission for consideration at its tenth session.*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1164 (XII): DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE, CULTURE AND EDUCATION

6. The PRESIDENT noted that the Secretary-General had suggested that General Assembly resolution 1164 (XII) might be taken into account in connexion with item 3 in the list of items for the twenty-sixth session (General review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole).

7. Mr. ARKADEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) suggested that the subject of the resolution might perhaps better be included as a sub-item of item 3 in the list of items for the twenty-sixth session.

8. Mr. KOTSCHNIG (United States of America) had no objection to the suggestion that the subject should be discussed under item 3 but thought that as the item had no other sub-items, although it covered many important issues, it might distort the perspective of the subject as a whole if one aspect of it were singled out in that way.

9. Mr. DAVIDSON (Canada) thought that it might be preferable, as had been done for the twenty-fourth session, if the material relating to that topic were included in the documentation under item 3 and if it were left to the Co-ordination Committee to decide to make it a sub-item.

10. Mr. ARKADEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) pointed out that the subject could be of interest not merely to the Co-ordination Committee but also, say, to the Social Committee.

11. The PRESIDENT thought that the matter might perhaps be left to the Co-ordination Committee, on the understanding that the Council would, if it deemed it appropriate, decide to transmit the item also to its Social Committee.

*It was decided to consider General Assembly resolution 1164 (XII) under item 5 in the draft list of items for the twenty-sixth session (General review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programme and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole).*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1166 (XII): INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES WITHIN THE MANDATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

12. The PRESIDENT observed that item 14 in the draft list of items for the twenty-sixth session read:

“Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees”. It was suggested that the item should be reformulated to read: “Refugees”, and that under it the Council should consider both the annual report of the High Commissioner and the establishment of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner’s Programme.

13. Mr. KOTSCHNIG (United States of America) thought that in order to lighten the burden of the Council at its summer session the question concerning the establishment of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner’s Programme and the election of its members might be taken up at the twenty-fifth session.

14. In reply to a question from Mr. ABDELGHANI (Egypt), Mr. VAKIL (Secretary of the Council) said that the new title for the item had been suggested in order that there might be included under it both the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the question concerning the establishment of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner’s Programme. The sub-items would make it clear that the heading “Refugees” had a specific and limited application.

15. Mr. KOTSCHNIG (United States of America) observed that if the question concerning the establishment of the Executive Committee and the election of its members were dealt with at the twenty-fifth session there would be no need to alter the title of the item for the twenty-sixth session, since the only matter under it would, as formerly, be the High Commissioner’s annual report.

16. Mr. ARKADEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) felt that the proposed new heading for that item might be misleading; he preferred the old formula. Further, his delegation saw no reason for spreading the work on that item over two sessions and thought that both sub-items should be dealt with at the twenty-sixth session.

17. Mr. BRILEJ (Yugoslavia) felt that the United States representative’s proposal had considerable merit. The spring session of the Council was, after all, largely organizational in character, and it would be reasonable, therefore, to deal with the question of establishing and electing the members of the Executive Committee at the twenty-fifth session, leaving the broader question of the refugees under the High Commissioner’s mandate to the summer session. His delegation saw no difficulty in the Council’s dealing with those two items under the common heading “Refugees”.

18. Mr. ARKADEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that he would not press his objection to the inclusion of the question concerning the establishment of the Executive Committee in the agenda of the twenty-fifth session.

19. Mr. SCOTT FOX (United Kingdom) said that in principle his delegation favoured any measures designed to lighten the burden of the Council’s summer session. He was prepared to support the United States proposal, provided it would not require the High Commissioner to make a special trip to Headquarters for the purpose of attending the elections.

20. After a short discussion, in which Mr. KOTSCHNIG (United States of America), Miss BERNARDINO (Dominican Republic), Mr. VAKIL

(Secretary of the Council) and Mr. CARANICAS (Greece) took part, Mr. VAKIL (Secretary of the Council) suggested that the Council might, at that stage, include in the provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth session an item entitled "Establishment of, and election to, the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees", on the understanding that the item could later be deferred to the twenty-sixth session if, after consultation with the High Commissioner, the Council felt that there were good reasons for so doing.

*It was so decided.*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1202 (XII): PAT-  
TERN OF CONFERENCES

21. Mr. TURPIN (France) agreed with the Secretary-General's suggestion that the Council should consider General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII) in connexion with items 3 (General review) and 16 (Calendar of conferences for 1959) in the draft list of items for its twenty-sixth session. In addition, he proposed that the Council should call the attention of its subsidiary bodies to paragraph 5 of the resolution, in which the General Assembly invited all organs of the United Nations as well as the specialized agencies to review their working methods and the frequency and length of sessions.

22. Mr. KOTSCHNIG (United States of America) agreed. He hoped that the Council would take immediate steps to draw the attention of its subsidiary bodies to paragraph 5 of the resolution so that it could have the benefit of their comments when it came to consider items 3 and 16 of the draft list of items for the twenty-sixth session.

23. Mr. SCOTT FOX (United Kingdom) warmly supported the French representative's proposal.

*It was decided to consider General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII) under item 3 (General review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole) and item 16 (Calendar of Conferences for 1959) and to call the attention of subsidiary organs of the Council to the resolution, in particular to paragraph 5.*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1219 (XII): FI-  
NANCING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

24. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the resolution which had just been adopted by the Second Committee of the General Assembly on the economic development of under-developed countries (General Assembly resolution 1219 (XII)) and to the Secretary-General's suggestions concerning that resolution (E/L.777/Add.1).

25. Mr. SCOTT FOX (United Kingdom) said that he was at a loss to understand why consideration of the Secretary-General's report on organizational and administrative machinery in the field of industrialization should be postponed from the twenty-fifth to the twenty-sixth session.

26. Mr. HILL (Deputy Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs) replied that organizational and administrative machinery in the field of industrialization would have to be considered in the light of the internal organizational and administrative arrange-

ments required in respect of the future special projects fund, on which there would be no report until the Council's twenty-sixth session. Moreover, he reminded the Council that it had requested the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to consider the possibilities for concerted action in particular fields and to report to the Council at its twenty-sixth session. One of the fields selected, which the ACC would study and report on at its session in May 1958, was industrialization. It would obviously be difficult for the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council prior to such consultation within the ACC.

27. Mr. ARKADEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) felt that the arguments in favour of postponing consideration of the report to the twenty-sixth session were unconvincing. There was no reason why the subject should not be discussed at the twenty-fifth session even if other reports on certain related topics were not ready. The Council, in his opinion, should make every effort to distribute agenda items as equally as possible between the spring and summer sessions.

28. Mr. AHMED (Pakistan) supported that view. The proposed postponement would remove from the agenda of the spring session the only really substantive item on it. It would be far better, he believed, if some items were removed from the agenda of the summer session and transferred to the agenda of the spring session.

29. Mr. CHENG (China) observed that the report on organizational and administrative machinery in the field of industrialization was limited in scope and not closely related to the resolution as a whole. Moreover, if consideration of the report was postponed, the agenda of the spring session would be too light, and that might reflect unfavourably on the Council.

30. Mr. DAVIDSON (Canada) was opposed to the suggestion that consideration of the report should be postponed. The report had been requested more than a year previously and as the preliminary work should have been largely completed, there was no reason why the report as a whole should not be forthcoming in time for the spring session.

31. Mr. TURPIN (France) could not agree that there was no link between the report on organizational and administrative machinery and the action required under the General Assembly resolution.

32. In view, however, of the practical disadvantage of adding further questions to the already heavy agenda of the twenty-sixth session, he suggested that the question be left on the agenda of the spring session on the understanding that if the Secretariat could not prepare a complete report by the twenty-fifth session, the question would be considered at the following session.

33. Mr. SCHURMAN (Netherlands) supported that suggestion.

34. Mr. ARKADEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) felt that it would be unsatisfactory from the organizational standpoint to leave the matter undecided. The Council should take a definite decision.

35. Mr. AHMED (Pakistan) observed that if the report on industrialization was discussed at the Council's spring session, the discussion would be a useful guide in connexion with the organization of the special projects fund.

36. Mr. SCOTT FOX (United Kingdom) pointed out that the Council would be in a better position to take a decision in the matter at the beginning of the twenty-fifth session.

37. Mr. KOTSCHNIG (United States of America) thought that the Council should take a decision in the matter but felt that it was first necessary to ascertain whether the Secretariat would be able to prepare its report by April 1958.

38. Mr. HILL (Deputy Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs) said that the Secretariat would naturally be prepared to make the attempt, should the Council insist. For the reasons given, however, it would scarcely be possible to produce at that stage the Secretary-General's definitive views on appropriate organization and machinery. He felt that some of the members of the Council might have underestimated the effect which General Assembly resolution 1219 (XII), concerning the special projects fund, would have on the Secretariat's exiguous resources. Any proposals produced for the spring session would, moreover, have to be reviewed later to take into account the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee set up under resolution 1219 (XII).

39. The PRESIDENT suggested that the report should remain on the agenda of the twenty-fifth session on the understanding that the Secretariat would prepare as definitive a report as it found possible. Should the Council, at its twenty-fifth session, feel that supplementary information on the subject was needed, it might decide to refer part or the whole of the item to the next session.

*It was so decided.*

40. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to decide whether the title of item 4 in the list of items for the twenty-sixth session should be reformulated to read: "Economic development of under-developed countries".

41. Mr. AHMED (Pakistan) felt that the title "Economic development of under-developed countries" was preferable as the item was not concerned solely with matters of financing.

42. Mr. KOTSCHNIG (United States of America) agreed. He observed that in the light of the lengthy

discussions in the Second Committee about the financing of economic development the title "Economic development of under-developed countries" would be preferable.

*It was decided to reformulate item 4 in the list of items for the twenty-sixth session to read: "Economic development of under-developed countries".*

43. In reply to a question by Mr. ARKADEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Mr. VAKIL (Secretary of the Council) said that at the twenty-sixth session the item "Economic development of under-developed countries" would comprise sub-items (a), (c) and (d) listed in the addendum to the note by the Secretary-General (E/L.777/Add.1), with the addition of a sub-item (e): "Report on bilateral aid".

44. The PRESIDENT noted that in accordance with rules 9 and 11 of its rules of procedure the Council had worked out its basic programme for 1958.

45. He suggested that, in accordance with the usual practice, the Secretariat should be requested to prepare, after consultation with delegations and the specialized agencies, a document indicating in what order and on what approximate dates the various items of the provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth session could be considered by the Council.

*It was so decided.*

#### ***Opening date of the summer session of the Technical Assistance Committee***

46. The PRESIDENT suggested that, in accordance with the recommendation made by the Technical Assistance Committee at its 154th meeting, the summer session of TAC should be convened one week before the Council's twenty-sixth session and that, during that week, TAC should meet alternatively with the Co-ordination Committee.

*It was so decided.*

#### ***Closure of the session***

47. The PRESIDENT declared the twenty-fourth session closed.

The meeting rose at 4.50 p.m.