

## 214th meeting

Tuesday, 30 October 1973, at 9.45 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. Leopoldo BENITES (Ecuador).

A/BUR/SR.214

**Allocation of the items included in the agenda of the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly: note by the President of the General Assembly (A/BUR/181)**

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to his note (A/BUR/181) concerning items 48, 49, 50 and 52, in which it was suggested that the reports submitted under those items should be allocated to the Second Committee, except for the portions thereof relating to administrative and budgetary matters, which should be referred to the Fifth Committee.

2. Mr. FERGUSON (United States of America) said that, while his delegation appreciated the spirit behind the compromise solution suggested by the Chairman, it had some difficulty with the phrase "after prior consideration by the Second Committee of the principle of an increase in the regular programme of technical assistance" in subparagraph 3 (a) (i) and a similar phrase in subparagraph 3 (a) (ii) of document A/BUR/181. Although that formula was designed to avoid the simultaneous consideration of the same item by two Committees, it did not wholly eliminate the danger of overlapping, especially since it was difficult to define the parameters of a budgetary question. Moreover, his delegation considered that the Fifth Committee was the body best suited to consider the kind of questions referred to in the two subparagraphs. Accordingly,

while he would not press the matter, he felt that the best solution would be to refer the questions concerned to the Fifth Committee in their entirety.

3. Mr. DRISS (Tunisia) said that, while he did not oppose the Chairman's suggestion, he felt that the matter should be decided not by the General Assembly, but by agreement between the Chairmen of the two Committees concerned. He could accept the suggestion on the understanding that it would not be regarded as a precedent.

4. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the suggestion was the result of consultations he had held with the Chairmen of the Second and Fifth Committees. If there were no objections, he would take it that the General Committee approved the suggestion contained in paragraph 3 of document A/BUR/181 concerning the allocation of agenda items 48, 49, 50 and 52.

*The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the reports submitted under agenda items 48, 49, 50 and 52 should be allocated to the Second Committee, except for those portions of the reports listed in subparagraphs 3 (a) to (d) of the note by the President of the General Assembly, relating to administrative and budgetary matters, which should be referred to the Fifth Committee.*

*The meeting rose at 9.55 a.m.*

## 215th meeting

Wednesday, 31 October 1973, at 9.45 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. Leopoldo BENITES (Ecuador).

A/BUR/SR.215

**Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the twenty-eighth session: item proposed by the Secretary-General (A/9198)**

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the note by the Secretary-General containing a request for the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-eighth session of an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Emergency Force established pursuant to Security Council resolution 340 (1973): report of the Secretary-General" (A/9198). He invited the Secretary-General to make a statement.

2. The SECRETARY-GENERAL said that the explanatory memorandum accompanying the request, although brief, contained the facts necessary for a decision on the inclusion of the item in the agenda and its

allocation to the appropriate Committee, namely, the Fifth Committee.

3. He drew attention to Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations, which stated that "The expenses of the Organization shall be borne by the Members as apportioned by the General Assembly".

4. Should the item be included in the agenda and allocated to the Fifth Committee, he would at the earliest possible time provide that Committee with the detailed cost estimates for the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force. His report of the cost estimates would, in the usual manner, be scrutinized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions prior to its consideration by the Fifth Committee.

5. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would assume that the General Committee wished to comply with the Secretary-General's request.

*The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda.*

6. Mr. CHUANG Yen (China) said that, although his delegation had not opposed the inclusion of the additional item in the agenda, it was, fundamentally speaking, not in favour of the dispatch of the United Nations Emergency Force to the Middle East, because that would only pave the way for international intervention and control, with the super-Powers as the behind-the-scenes bosses, a situation fraught with infinitely evil consequences. As a matter of course, his delegation would not agree to the inclusion of the expenses of the Force in the United Nations regular budget. It would further elaborate its position when the substance of the question was discussed.

7. Mr. GONZÁLEZ GÁLVEZ (Mexico) said that his delegation's support for the inclusion of the item in the agenda was without prejudice to its views on the various aspects of the question, particularly paragraph 7 of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>1</sup> on the implementation of Security Council resolution 340 (1973) of 25 October 1973. Those views would be explained in detail when the matter was considered by the appropriate Committee.

8. Mr. SAFRONCHUK (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation could not fail to express its surprise that one delegation, a permanent member of the Security Council, should even at the present stage find it necessary to make certain reservations. That delegation's statement was in open contradiction of Article 24, paragraph 1, and Articles 25 and 49 of the Charter. According to the Charter, no State Member of the United Nations could question the legitimacy of the decisions of the Security Council and its right to impose on all Members, without exception, the obligations flowing from those decisions. The principle of the collective responsibility of Member States for the implementation of the Security Council's decisions under the Charter was one of the fundamental

principles of the Organization and must be strictly upheld.

9. Mr. STOBY (Guyana) said that his delegation's agreement to the inclusion of the additional item in the agenda was without prejudice to any position it might adopt regarding any decision taken by the Fifth Committee as to whether it would include the expenses of the United Nations Emergency Force in the regular budget or establish some special scale.

10. He requested the Secretary-General, in presenting his report to the Fifth Committee, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to append, for the information of the Fifth Committee, background material regarding past practice in financing peace-keeping operations.

11. Mr. MSELLE (United Republic of Tanzania) said that his delegation's agreement to the inclusion of the additional item in the agenda in no way prejudiced his delegation's position regarding the apportionment of the expenses of the Force. At the same time, he endorsed the request by the representative of Guyana that the Secretary-General, in preparing his report to the Advisory Committee and the Fifth Committee, should give a clear exposé of past practice, particularly in the case of the Congo Operation, for the guidance of delegations.

12. The SECRETARY-GENERAL, replying to the representatives of Guyana and the United Republic of Tanzania, said that information on the past practice of the United Nations in such situations would, as requested, be added to his report to the Fifth Committee as a special annex.<sup>2</sup>

13. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to decide on the allocation of the item, and reminded members that the Secretary-General had proposed that it should be allocated to the Fifth Committee. If he heard no objection, he would assume that the Committee agreed to that proposal.

*The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.*

*The meeting rose at 10 a.m.*

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1973*, document S/11052/Rev.1.

<sup>2</sup> Subsequently issued as annex II to document A/9285.

## 216th meeting

Thursday, 8 November 1973, at 9.35 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. Leopoldo BENITES (Ecuador).

A/BUR/SR.216

### Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the twenty-eighth session: item proposed by Zaire (A/9199)

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to a letter addressed to the President of the General Assembly by

the Permanent Representative of Zaire to the United Nations asking for the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-eighth session of an additional item entitled: "Restitution of works of art to countries victims of expropriation" (A/9199). As the representative of Zaire had asked to take part in the discussion, in accordance