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The meeting was called to order at 10.25 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued)
(A/C.2/46/L.62, L.63 and L.64)

Draft decision on the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa
(A/C.2/46/L.62)

Draft decision on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (A/C.2/46/L.63)

Draft decision on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000) (A/C.2/46/L.64)

1. Mr. MAMFOUMBI (Gabon), speaking on behalf of the Group of African States introduced the three draft decisions. He hoped that the drafts would be adopted at the current session of the General Assembly.

Draft decision on Phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994 (A/C.2/46/L.65)

2. Mr. BUTAYNEH (Jordan) introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors.

AGENDA ITEM 77: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION
(continued)

Draft resolutions on the report of the South Commission (A/C.2/46/L.26 and L.73)

3. Mr. BARAC (Romania), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.73, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.26. He recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

4. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.73 was adopted.

5. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.26 was withdrawn.

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/46/L.22 and L.57)

Draft resolution on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (A/C.2/46/L.57)

6. Mr. MUGAME (Uganda), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, which had been joined by Chad, Malawi and Mali, said that he hoped that the draft resolution would be adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (A/C.2/46/L.22)

7. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

8. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.22 was adopted.

(e) ENVIRONMENT (continued) (A/C.2/46/L.71 and L.74)

Draft resolution on international cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (A/C.2/46/L.71)

9. Mr. AL-SALLAL (Kuwait), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, which had been joined by China, Jordan, Samoa and Sri Lanka, said that he hoped that the draft would be adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution on environment and agricultural protectionist policies (A/C.2/46/L.74)

10. Mr. SERSALE di CERISANO (Argentina), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, which had been joined by Nicaragua and Samoa, said that the United Nations had an important role to play in studying the relationship between environment and agricultural protectionist policies, and he hoped the General Assembly would decide to include an item on the subject in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session.

(g) HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (continued) (A/C.2/46/L.58)

Draft resolution on living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory (A/C.2/46/L.58)

11. Ms. JANJUA (Pakistan), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, which had been joined by Mauritania, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, said that she hoped the draft would be adopted without a vote.

(j) EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/46/L.20 and L.61)

Draft resolutions on women, environment, population and sustainable development (A/C.2/46/L.20 and L.61)

12. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.61, which he was submitting on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.20. He recommended that the draft should be adopted without a vote.

13. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.61 was adopted.

14. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.20 was withdrawn.

AGENDA ITEM 82: OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (continued)
(A/C.2/46/L.66, L.67, L.69 and L.70 and Corr.1)

Draft resolution on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/C.2/46/L.66)

15. Mr. KUFUOR (Ghana), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77, said that he hoped that the draft would be adopted without a vote.

Draft decision on technical cooperation among developing countries as a modality in the formulation, preparation, execution and evaluation of the projects implemented by the organs, organizations, bodies, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields (A/C.2/46/L.67)

16. Mr. KUFUOR (Ghana) introduced the draft decision on behalf of the Group of 77.

Draft resolution on operational activities for development (A/C.2/46/L.69)

17. Mr. RADE (Netherlands), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, which had been joined by Austria, Japan, Luxembourg and Portugal, said that Ghana had introduced a draft resolution on the same subject (A/C.2/46/L.66). The sponsors hoped that the two draft resolutions could be integrated into one consensus resolution, that would be adopted without a vote.

Draft decision on operational activities for development (A/C.2/46/L.70 and Corr.1)

18. Mr. HJELMAKER (Sweden) introduced the draft decision on behalf of the Nordic countries.

AGENDA ITEM 84: SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE (continued)

(b) SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (continued) (A/C.2/46/L.2/Rev.2, L.35, L.37, L.42, and L.46)

Draft resolution on a Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America (A/C.2/46/L.2/Rev.2)

19. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft should be adopted without a vote. He said that in the first line of paragraph 4 the word "Member" and the words "and observers" should be deleted. In paragraph 8 the word "its" should be inserted before the word "implementation".

20. Mr. TIKANVAARA (Finland) and Mr. LIMON (Suriname) said that their delegations wished to join the sponsors of the resolution.

21. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.2/Rev.2, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft resolution on special economic assistance to Chad (A/C.2/46/L.35)

22. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.35 should be adopted without a vote.

23. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.35 was adopted.

24. Mr. VALENZUELA (Honduras), Mr. FALL (Senegal), Mr. ALIOU MOUSSA (Cameroon), Mr. BALE (Congo) and Mr. HERRERA (Costa Rica) said that their delegations wished to join the sponsors of the resolution.

25. Mr. STOBY (Secretary of the Committee) said that there were procedural difficulties in becoming sponsors of a resolution once it had been adopted. However, note would be taken of the intentions of the delegations concerned.

26. Mr. TOROU (Chad) expressed his gratitude to the members of the Committee for reaching a consensus on the resolution just adopted.

Draft resolution on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon (A/C.2/46/L.37)

27. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations on the subject, recommended that the draft should be adopted without a vote. He said that Pakistan wished to join the sponsors. In paragraph 4 the words "take the steps necessary" should read "take necessary steps", and in paragraph 5 (b) the words "resident representative" should be replaced by "resident coordinator".

28. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.37, as orally revised, was adopted.

29. Mr. MAHMOUD (Lebanon) said that his delegation wished to thank the members of the Committee for adopting the resolution, since the assistance concerned was vital for rebuilding his country's infrastructure and revitalizing its economy.

Draft resolution on special assistance to Yemen (A/C.2/46/L.42)

30. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, recommended that the draft should be adopted without a vote. He said that Algeria, Costa Rica, Honduras, Oman, Suriname and Yemen had joined the sponsors. In paragraph 1 the word "special" should be inserted before the word "assistance".

31. Mr. JOMAA (Tunisia) said that his delegation also wished to join the sponsors of the resolution.

32. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.42, as orally revised, was adopted.

33. Mr. MISSARY (Yemen) thanked the Committee for adopting the resolution, which reflected the international community's concern at the situation in Yemen. He also wished to mention the earthquake which had occurred in his country on 20 November 1991, leaving hundreds of victims and destroying homes. His Government was doing everything possible to deal with the disaster but the special assistance was urgently required. He also expressed appreciation of the work of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator in evaluating the impact of the disaster.

Draft resolution on emergency assistance to the Philippines (A/C.2/46/L.46)

34. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, said that the following countries had joined the sponsors of the draft: Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Mozambique, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Suriname, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Yemen and Zambia. Following informal consultations, it had been decided to change the word "aid" in the title of the draft and in paragraph 1 to "assistance". Commending the negotiating parties on the spirit of compromise that had been displayed in working on the text of the resolution, he said he hoped that the same spirit would continue to inform the Committee's work on other resolutions and that draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.46 would be adopted without a vote.

35. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.46, as orally revised, was adopted.

36. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), speaking on behalf of the sponsors of the draft resolution just adopted as well as on behalf of the people and the Government of the Philippines, expressed his appreciation for the adoption of the resolution by consensus. He also wished to convey the gratitude of the Philippine people to all donor countries and to the agencies of the United Nations system for the assistance they had rendered so promptly to the Philippines.

AGENDA ITEM 90: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND THE DIVERSIFICATION AND MODERNIZATION OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (continued) (A/C.2/46/L.17 and L.72)

Draft resolution on industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries

37. Mr. BARAC (Romania), Vice-Chairman, introducing draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.72, said that the consensus text now before the Committee had been prepared during informal consultations on the basis of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.17. He recommended that the text should be adopted without a vote.

38. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.72 was adopted.

39. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.17 was withdrawn.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

40. The CHAIRMAN announced that a number of delegations wished to join in sponsoring draft resolutions which the Committee would consider. The draft resolutions and respective sponsors were A/C.2/46/L.25 (agenda item 77 (i)) - Peru, Samoa, Singapore and Uruguay; A/C.2/46/L.39 (agenda item 83) - France and Iceland; A/C.2/46/L.47 (agenda item 82) - Chad; and A/C.2/46/L.49 (agenda item 85) - Argentina, Belgium, Côte d'Ivoire, Spain, Suriname and Turkey. Following informal consultations, a revised text of resolution A/C.2/46/L.25 had been prepared and would be issued under the symbol A/C.2/46/L.25/Rev.1. In addition, a number of countries had expressed their desire to withdraw from the list of sponsors of resolution A/C.2/46/L.47, namely: the Comoros, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Venezuela.

41. Mr. JOMAA (Tunisia) said that when requests were made to the President of the General Assembly concerning postponements of deadlines, it should be pointed out that delays in the Committee's work were caused by the non-availability of the necessary documentation. Representations should be made concerning the need for increased resources to be allocated for administrative purposes, so that the Organization could dispatch its work with the required efficiency.

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.