

United Nations  
**GENERAL  
 ASSEMBLY**

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

Official Records

**95th  
 PLENARY MEETING**

Monday, 29 January 1979,  
 at 11.05 a.m.

NEW YORK

CONTENTS

	<i>Page</i>
Agenda item 108: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions ( <i>continued</i> ) . . . . .	1655
Agenda item 88: United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace: reports of the Secretary-General ( <i>concluded</i> ) Report of the Third Committee . . . . .	1655
Agenda item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council ( <i>concluded</i> ) Report of the Second Committee (part II) . . . . .	1656
Agenda item 70: United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development: (a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development; (b) Report of the Secretary-General Report of the Second Committee . . . . .	1656
Agenda item 58: Development and international economic co-operation ( <i>concluded</i> ): (b) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General; (c) Economic co-operation among developing countries: report of the Secretary-General; (d) Effective mobilization of women in development: report of the Secretary-General; (e) Multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources: report of the Secretary-General Report of the Second Committee . . . . .	1656
Tribute to the memory of Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York and former Vice-President of the United States of America . . . . .	1661

**President: Mr. Indalecio LIEVANO (Colombia).**

**AGENDA ITEM 108**

**Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (*continued*)\***

1. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I should like to invite the attention of the Assembly to document A/33/551/Add.2, which contains a letter dated 26 January 1979 addressed to me by the Secretary-General, informing the Assembly that the Sudan has made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears to below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

\* Resumed from the 93rd meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 88**

**United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace: reports of the Secretary-General (*concluded*)\*\***

**REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/33/479)**

2. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The report of the Third Committee on this item was introduced by the Rapporteur of the Committee at the 90th plenary meeting on 20 December 1978, at which time the General Assembly also decided under rule 66 not to discuss the report.

3. We shall now take decisions on the eight draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 27 of its report [A/33/479].

4. Draft resolution I is entitled "Importance of the improvement of the status and role of women in education and in the economic and social fields for the achievement of the equality of women with men". A recorded vote has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:* Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia

*Against:* None

*Abstaining:* Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden,

\*\* Resumed from the 90th meeting.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,  
United States of America

*Draft resolution I was adopted by 88 votes to none, with 22 abstentions (resolution 33/84).<sup>1</sup>*

5. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We shall now turn to draft resolution II entitled "Preparations for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, including the adoption of the subtheme 'Employment, Health and Education'". The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution II is contained in document A/33/554. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 33/185).*

6. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution III is entitled "Rationalization of the reporting system on the status of women". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 33/186).*

7. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution IV is entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 33/187).*

8. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution V is entitled "Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 33/188).*

9. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution VI is entitled "World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace". Document A/33/554 contains the report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution VI. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution VI without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 33/189).*

10. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution VII is entitled "Preparations for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace". The Third Committee

adopted draft resolution VII without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution VII was adopted (resolution 33/190).*

11. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution VIII is entitled "Venue of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution VIII without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution VIII was adopted (resolution 33/191).*

## AGENDA ITEM 12

### Report of the Economic and Social Council (*concluded*)\*

#### REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (PART II) (A/33/446/Add.1)

12. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): As I announced at the 92nd plenary meeting on 15 January 1979, when the session was resumed, because of a technical oversight resolution 33/148 on the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy was adopted without a statement of financial implications having been considered, as required by rule 153 of our rules of procedure. We therefore have to consider this question anew within the framework of item 12 of the agenda, "Report of the Economic and Social Council". The report of the Fifth Committee on this resolution, which was originally submitted for our consideration as draft resolution V in document A/33/446/Add.1, is now before us in document A/33/556.<sup>2</sup> Taking into account the fact that with the submission of the report of the Fifth Committee rule 153 of the rules of procedure has been complied with, may I consider that resolution 33/148 is adopted?

*It was so decided.*

## AGENDA ITEM 70

### United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development:

- (a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development;
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General

#### REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/33/516)

## AGENDA ITEM 58

### Development and international economic co-operation (*concluded*):\*\*

- (b) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General;

<sup>1</sup> The delegations of Bangladesh, Mauritius, Morocco and Sierra Leone subsequently informed the Secretariat that they wished to have their votes recorded as having been in favour of the draft resolution.

\* Resumed from the 91st meeting.

\*\* Resumed from the 39th meeting.

<sup>2</sup> See the 90th meeting, para. 56.

- (c) Economic co-operation among developing countries: report of the Secretary-General;
- (d) Effective mobilization of women in development: report of the Secretary-General;
- (e) Multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources: report of the Secretary-General

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE  
(A/33/527 and Add.1)

13. Mr. EVRIVIADES (Cyprus), Rapporteur of the Second Committee: I have the honour of introducing the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 70 [A/33/516]. In paragraphs 12 and 13 of its report, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution and a draft decision that were adopted by the Committee without a vote.

14. In addition, I also have the honour of introducing, on behalf of the Second Committee, its report on item 58 (b), (c), (d) and (e) [A/33/527 and Add.1]. In paragraph 46 of document A/33/527, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of nine draft resolutions. Lastly, in paragraphs 9 and 10 of its report on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system [A/33/527/Add.1], the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution and of a draft decision which were adopted by the Committee without a vote.

*Pursuant to rule 66 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee.*

15. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The positions of delegations with respect to the recommendations contained in the report of the Second Committee to the General Assembly are reflected in the relevant summary records of the Second Committee.

16. We shall first take up the report of the Second Committee on item 70, "United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development".

17. I call on the representative of the United States, who wishes to explain her position before we take a decision.

18. Ms WELLS (United States of America): The United States is seriously concerned over recent events in several United Nations forums which threaten to undermine the status of the United Nations as a world Organization of sovereign and equal States served by a dedicated, professional and objective Secretariat. Several efforts have been made to cause the Organization increasingly to serve the interests of only one group of countries. This we believe to be inappropriate.

19. As draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.39/Rev.2 was negotiated among the members of the Second Committee, the thrust and emphasis of its operative paragraph 7 was basically altered. The version finally adopted, as it appears in paragraph 12 of document A/33/516, does not speak of meetings to be paid for and serviced by the United Nations Secretariat for exclusive politico-economic groupings of States. Rather, the version adopted requests that the pattern of meetings held thus far be continued in the later

stages of preparation for the Conference. What was clearly meant by this language was that provision should be made of the means for holding caucuses for all groups immediately prior to the Conference. It did not authorize provision for a major conference of any one exclusive group, with both substantive input and conference-servicing support from the United Nations Secretariat. Under the terms of the agreed language of the draft resolution, any regional group could hold group caucuses in the days immediately prior to the opening of the Conference. Such caucuses, in the context of UNCTAD, for example, are a normal and helpful part of the negotiating process. Separate United Nations conferences supported by the United Nations Secretariat, but limited to some Members of the Organization only, are not normal. In fact, they violate a fundamental principle of the United Nations.

20. During consideration in the Fifth Committee of the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.39/Rev.2, certain delegations asserted that operative paragraph 7, as altered and adopted, retained the meaning of its original formulation. A representative of the Secretariat alleged that he also took the same view of that paragraph. My delegation and others objected to the interpretation advanced by those delegations and to the opinion expressed by the Secretariat. The report of the Fifth Committee now before the General Assembly [A/33/553] does not reflect our statement and our understanding of operative paragraph 7, which was the basis of the consensus by which the draft resolution was adopted in the Second Committee and is the only valid interpretation of that paragraph.

21. The United Nations is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members. The tendency which has arisen for some Members to view the United Nations as an organ for the provision of facilities and substantive support for some Members, to the exclusion of other Members, is not consistent with that principle. We consider that proposals for limited meetings of any exclusive politico-economic grouping conflict with the principle of universality of membership in the United Nations, a principle which aims at securing the widest possible participation in the United Nations system to permit all to present their points of view.

22. Equally, the Charter provides that the duties of the Secretariat are of an exclusively international character. This could be seriously undermined if the Secretariat were called upon to respond solely to the demands of a special grouping of States. The United Nations could not be defended as a world body dedicated to the common good if, increasingly, it were to be characterized as an Organization devoted to, and acting on behalf of, a particular segment of the membership.

23. Therefore, while the United States can accept the draft resolution before us within the context of the meaning of the language agreed to by all in the Second Committee, we find that the interpretation placed on that language by some Members and by the Secretariat in its preparation of the statement of financial implications is unacceptable and not in keeping with either the language of the resolution itself or with the universal character of this Organization.

24. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The General Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled “United Nations Conference on Science and Technology”, which was recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report [A/33/516]. The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of that draft resolution is contained in document A/33/553. The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 33/192).*

25. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We now turn to the draft decision entitled “United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development”, which was recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report [A/33/516]. The Second Committee adopted that draft decision without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft decision was adopted (decision 33/447).*

26. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I now call on those representatives who wish to explain their positions at this stage.

27. Mr. SMIRNOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (*interpretation from Russian*): With regard to the question which has arisen on the interpretation of operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution on the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, and also bearing in mind that the statement of the Soviet delegation in the Fifth Committee was not reflected in document A/33/553, we wish to reaffirm our position on the resolution as a whole, and in particular on operative paragraph 7, as it was reflected in the statement of the Soviet delegation in the Second<sup>3</sup> and Fifth Committees.<sup>4</sup>

28. Mr. DONNELLY (United Kingdom): With reference to paragraph 7 of resolution 33/192 on the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, my delegation would like to record that it agrees to the provision out of the regular budget for interregional meetings as referred to in operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.39/Rev.2, on the understanding that these are to be caucuses for any group of countries in direct preparation for the Conference, and that, as was the general understanding when the relevant recommendation of the first Preparatory Committee was adopted, participation by the Secretary-General of the Conference and his staff would be confined to the provision of conference services and of information.

29. We would consider that the principle of universality in the activities of the United Nations would be prejudiced if the Secretariat were to join in substantive discussion in a closed meeting limited to one group.

30. Mr. CAHANA (Israel): The delegation of Israel, while able to agree on what was draft resolution A/C.2/33/

L.39/Rev.2, is bound to register its reservations to the interpretation of its operative paragraph 7, which, in our mind, abuses the principle of the sovereign equality of all United Nations Members. We have only too often witnessed the United Nations as an organ being utilized to provide facilities and support for some Members or groups of Members to the exclusion of or, indeed, in discrimination against other Members.

31. The interpretation in question cannot therefore but induce our delegation to join with others which have expressed their objections to the interpretation placed on the text of the resolution as adopted in the Second Committee by certain Members and by the Secretariat.

32. Mr. KOCH (Federal Republic of Germany): My delegation shares the view just expressed by the representative of the United Kingdom. We also interpret paragraph 7 of the resolution that has just been adopted as providing for normal caucus meetings here at Headquarters. This interpretation was the result of the informal negotiations which took place within the framework of the Second Committee before the adoption of the draft resolution, and it was also the understanding of the partners in the negotiations that no substantive services should be provided—that means the preparation of documentation and so on.

33. Mr. KINSMAN (Canada): I should like to make the Canadian position clear on the meaning of operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution on the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development in document A/33/516.

34. We agree that at the first Preparatory Committee for the Conference on Science and Technology the developing countries may meet on an interregional level during the later stages of the preparatory process, because we consider that the holding of such meetings would assist those countries in their preparedness for the Conference and that that would in turn make it a more successful event for the world community. The participation in such a meeting by the Secretary-General of the Conference and his staff would be to contribute to such preparedness in so far as the participants in the meeting required such a contribution. Naturally, the nature of the contribution by the Secretariat would be a matter of record available to all Member States.

35. We presume that the above remains understood by all countries as the basis of the decision of the first Preparatory Committee. Paragraph 7 of the resolution in question was also based on this understanding as well as on the understanding that facilities in Vienna to be made available to the Group of 77 would also be available in the time immediately preceding the Conference for consultations among other countries, if they required them.

36. We urge delegations to maintain these understandings as the basis for the consultations identified in paragraph 7.

37. Mr. QUENTIN (Italy): My delegation was able to join in the consensus on the draft resolution in document A/33/516.

38. However, as far as operative paragraph 7 is concerned, we would support the explanation of vote made by the

<sup>3</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Second Committee*, 61st meeting, paras. 96-99, and *ibid.*, *Second Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fifth Committee*, 72nd meeting, paras. 74 and 75, and *ibid.*, *Fifth Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

representatives of the Federal Republic of Germany and the United Kingdom, in the sense that we understand that the interregional and other meetings should be meetings of all groups with no particular privilege or exclusion of any other group. This way of interpreting operative paragraph 7 stresses, in our view, the concept of universality of the United Nations. We proceed therefore on the assumption that group meetings before the Vienna Conference should be held in Vienna and should be open to all countries interested in having such meetings.

39. Miss COURSON (France) (*interpretation from French*): My delegation, like previous speakers, wishes to give its interpretation of paragraph 7 of the resolution we have just adopted. We do not object to the Group of 77 holding a preparatory meeting for the Conference of the Group of 77. However, we think that similar facilities should be extended to other geographical groups of the United Nations, if they so desire; otherwise the universal character of the United Nations would no longer be respected.

40. Furthermore, I should like to add that such meetings should be accorded only conference services, without secretariat services.

41. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We have heard the last speaker in explanation of vote after the voting.

42. The representative of Tunisia has asked to be allowed to speak in exercise of the right of reply. If I hear no objection, I shall call on him before we turn to the next agenda item. I should like to remind members that the General Assembly at its 4th plenary meeting decided that statements in exercise of the right of reply would be limited to 10 minutes. On that understanding I give the floor to the representative of Tunisia.

43. Mr. BACHROUCH (Tunisia) (*interpretation from French*): When we adopted the draft resolution on the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, the Group of 77 will recall—as will the entire General Assembly—that there was a gentlemen's agreement according to which the Secretary-General would be asked to see to it that the necessary measures would be adopted including financial arrangements, so that interregional meetings might be held. In order to allow that draft resolution to be adopted by consensus, we had agreed at that time that a meeting of the Group of 77 would be held before the holding of the Conference and that financial arrangements for this purpose would be included in the budget.

44. We interpret paragraph 7 as including this meeting of the Group of 77; that does not jeopardize the principle of universality, which was invoked today. If other groups wanted to meet, we would have no objections; on the contrary. Furthermore, when the draft resolution was adopted, the report on the financial implications provided for an amount of \$75,000 to be allocated for the meeting of the Group of 77, and that meeting was specifically mentioned. In the Fifth Committee we were surprised to hear certain delegations call the consensus into question; we held a vote and a very large majority expressed itself in

favour of the appropriation of \$75,000 in order to make the meeting of the Group of 77 possible. We reaffirm that that is our interpretation of operative paragraph 7 and that financial appropriations already voted upon would be set aside for the Group to meet before the Conference.

45. That is our interpretation, and we wanted to reaffirm it today. I repeat that if other groups or other interregional meetings are envisaged, we would certainly not object; on the contrary. We consider that the meeting of the Group of 77 will greatly contribute to the task of the Conference.

46. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We shall now consider the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 58 [A/33/527 and Add.1]. The General Assembly will first take a decision on the nine draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 46 of part I of its report [A/33/527].

47. Draft resolution I is entitled "Preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade". The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of that draft resolution is contained in document A/33/537/Add.1. The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do that also?

*Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 33/193).*

48. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution II is entitled "Multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do that also?

*Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 33/194).*

49. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution III is entitled "Economic co-operation among developing countries". The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of that draft resolution is contained in document A/33/537/Add.1. The Second Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do that also?

*Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 33/195).*

50. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution IV is entitled "Protectionism". A recorded vote on that draft resolution has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:* Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India,

Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, 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 Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia

*Against:* United States of America

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

*Draft resolution IV was adopted by 109 votes to 1, with 21 abstentions (resolution 33/196).<sup>5</sup>*

51. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution V is entitled "Transport and Communications Decade in Africa". The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of that draft resolution is contained in document A/33/537. The Second Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do that also?

*Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 33/197).*

52. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution VI is entitled "Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 1980". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do that also?

*Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 33/198).*

53. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution VII is entitled "Multilateral trade negotiations". A recorded vote on that draft resolution has been requested.

*A recorded vote was taken.*

*In favour:* Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea,

Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, 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 Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia

*Against:* Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

*Abstaining:* Australia, Austria, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden

*Draft resolution VII was adopted by 110 votes to 11, with 11 abstentions (resolution 33/199).<sup>6</sup>*

54. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution VIII is entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in development". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do that also?

*Draft resolution VIII was adopted (resolution 33/200).*

55. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Draft resolution IX is entitled "Comprehensive policy review of operational activities". The Second Committee adopted draft resolution IX without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*Draft resolution IX was adopted (resolution 33/201).*

56. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The General Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system", which was recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of part II of its report [A/33/527/Add.1]. In the Committee, this draft resolution was adopted without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 33/202).*

57. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I now invite representatives to turn to the draft decision entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197", which was recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of part II of its report [A/33/527/

<sup>5</sup> The delegations of Mauritius and Zaire subsequently informed the Secretariat that they wished to have their votes recorded as having been in favour of the draft resolution.

<sup>6</sup> The delegation of Mauritius subsequently informed the Secretariat that it wished to have its vote recorded as having been in favour of the draft resolution.

*Add.1*). The Second Committee adopted this draft decision without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft decision was adopted (decision 33/448).*

58. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I now call on the Secretary-General, who wishes to make a statement.

59. The SECRETARY-GENERAL: The resolution on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system just adopted by the General Assembly contains a number of broad recommendations aimed at providing further orientation and impetus to this process. I am gratified that the text of the resolution has been adopted by consensus, since such consensus will facilitate the proper implementation of its provisions.

60. I am also pleased to note that the thrust of these recommendations is very much in line with the initiatives and proposals which I myself advanced in my various reports on that same subject. I have in mind particularly those recommendations relating to the scope and nature of the functions of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, the broad tasks of the various Headquarters units, and the strengthening of the regional commissions.

61. I should like to take this opportunity to underline the importance I attach to the role of the Director-General in helping to provide effective leadership to the various components of the United Nations system in the field of development and international economic co-operation, and to achieve coherence, co-ordination and efficient management within the United Nations itself. Towards that end, the assistance I have received from Mr. Dadzie since his appointment as Director-General has indeed been invaluable and I have no doubt that that assistance will increase greatly as we evolve more detailed arrangements for the discharge of his functions. I shall also take further measures to advance the process of rationalizing the capabilities of the various organizational entities of the United Nations Secretariat, including appropriate decentralization to and the strengthening of the regional commissions.

62. As I have remarked on other occasions, the number and variety of obstacles in the way of the establishment of the New International Economic Order can be overcome only by wide-ranging measures, many of them multidisciplinary in nature and requiring the mobilization of contributions from the whole of the United Nations system. In assuring the implementation of the priorities and policy guidelines established by the General Assembly and the

Economic and Social Council, the leadership role of the United Nations, as reflected in the Charter, will be more vital than ever.

63. At the same time, it is my conviction that the success of an international institution, and even more of the decentralized network of international organizations constituting the United Nations system, depends greatly on the determination and political will of its Member Governments. The expectations generated by the restructuring exercise will be realized only if there is appropriate action by Governments as part of a collective effort. At the national level, Governments must adapt their administrative machinery and processes so as to take into account the interaction between internal and external decisions. At the international level, the process of preparing and formulating policy decisions must reflect the interrelationships between development issues.

64. In conclusion, I should like to take this opportunity to reaffirm my readiness, in co-operation with the heads of the various organizations of the United Nations system, to respond effectively by working out and initiating, as we did in connexion with General Assembly resolution 32/197, specific measures for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the resolution just adopted.

*Tribute to the memory of Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Governor of the State of New York and former Vice-President of the United States of America*

65. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): As President of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly of the United Nations I believe I am reflecting the feelings of members when I say that we share the grief of the people and Government of the United States and the international community at the untimely passing of Nelson Rockefeller, former Governor of New York State and Vice-President of the United States. Mr. Rockefeller was associated with our Organization in the days of its founding in San Francisco and he left the mark of his knowledge of world problems and his zeal for the cause of peace on some of our essential documents.

66. In his country, and in particular in the State of New York, Mr. Rockefeller exercised unquestionable civil and political leadership, lending his famous name to various causes of public benefit.

67. With his passing we have lost someone who was of invaluable assistance when the United Nations Headquarters was built.

*The meeting rose at 12.05 p.m.*