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AGENDA ITEM 92

Medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (PART I) (A/35/548)

AGENDA ITEM 96

Pattern of conferences: report of the **Committee on Conferences**

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/35/576)

AGENDA ITEM 97

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

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/35/564)

- 1. Mr. PEDERSEN (Canada), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee: I have the honour to submit for consideration by the General Assembly three reports of the Fifth Committee, as follows.
- The first report on agenda item 92 entitled "Medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983", of the Fifth Committee's report [A/35/548], in paragraph 8 of which the Fifth Committee recommends a draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly. As members will note from the report, the draft resolution was adopted by the Fifth Committee without objection.
- The second report relates to agenda item 96, on the pattern of conferences [A/35/576]; paragraph 33 contains three draft resolutions recommended by the Fifth Committee for adoption by the General Assembly.
- 4. Draft resolution A, dealing with the future work of the Committee on Conferences, and draft resolution C, on the subject of special conferences of the United Nations were adopted by the Fifth Committee without objection. Draft resolution B, which deals with the question of summary records for meetings of subsidiary organs of the General Assembly, was adopted by the Fifth Committee by a vote of 87 to 6, with 20 abstentions.
- Finally, I should like to introduce the Fifth Committee's report on agenda item 97, on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [A/35/564], paragraph 5 of which contains two draft resolutions which were adopted by the Fifth Committee without objection and which it recommends for adoption by the Assembly.

Pursuant to rule 66 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuse the reports of the Fifth Committee.

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^{*} Resumed from the 1st meeting.

- The PRESIDENT: The position of delegations regarding the various recommendations of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.
- May I also remind members that under decision 34/401 the Assembly agreed that:
 - "When the same draft resolution is considered in 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."
- May I also remind members that, in accordance with decision 34/401, explanations of vote should not exceed 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seat.
- We shall now consider part I of the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 92, concerning the medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983 [A/35/548]. The Assembly has to take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. The Fifth Committee adopted that draft resolution without objection. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 35/9).

The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 96, on the pattern of conferences [A/35/576]. The General Assembly will now take a decision on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 33 of its report. Draft resolution A is entitled "Future work of the Committee on Conferences". The Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution A by consensus. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 35/10 A).

11. The PRESIDENT: We shall now take a decision on draft resolution B. entitled "Summary records for meetings of subsidiary organs of the General Assembly". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Democratic Kampuchea, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Nepal, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zar bia.

Against: Canada, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Israel, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Australia, Belgium, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Denmark, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Viet Nam.

Draft resolution B was adopted by 74 votes to 6, with 23 abstentions (resolution 35/10 B).1

12. The PRESIDENT: We now turn to draft resolution C entitled "Special conferences of the United Nations". The Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution C by consensus. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt the draft resolution?

Draft resolution C was adopted (resolution 35/10 C).

- The PRESIDENT: Now we turn to the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 97, concerning the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [A/35/564].
- 14. I shall now put before the Assembly draft resolutions A and B, recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report. Those draft resolutions were adopted without objection by the Fifth Committee. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolutions were adopted (resolutions 35/11 A and B).

AGENDA ITEM 52

Effects of atomic radiation: report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL **COMMITTEE** (A/35/555)

AGENDA ITEM 53

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East:

(a) Report of the Commissioner-General;

(b) Report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(c) Report of the United Nations Conciliation Commis-

sion for Palestine;

(d) Reports of the Secretary-General

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL **COMMITTEE (A/35/579)**

AGENDA ITEMS 55 AND 56

International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of **Outer Space**;

¹ The delegations of Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Ecuador, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Mali, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria, the Sudan and the United Republic of Cameroon subsequently informed the Secretariat that they wished to have their votes recorded as having been in favour of draft resolution B.

(b) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Preparation of an international convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (A/35/582)

AGENDA ITEM 60

Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (A/35/583)

- 15. Mr. PELÁEZ (Peru), Rapporteur of the Special Political Committee (interpretation from Spanish): I have the honour and privilege of presenting to the General Assembly four reports of the Special Political Committee on five of today's agenda items.
- 16. The first report is on agenda item 52, concerning the entitled effects of atomic radiation [A/35/555]. That item was discussed at two meetings of the Special Political Committee on the basis of the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation [A/35/451]. Nineteen representatives spoke in the general debate and agreed to commend the work done by the Scientific Committee, the next report of which will be submitted to the General Assembly at the thirty-sixth session. A draft resolution sponsored by 26 Member States was adopted without a vote. It is recommended for adoption by the Assembly and is contained in paragraph 7 of the report.
- 17. The second report is on item 53 regarding UNRWA [A/35/579]. This item was considered at eight meetings of the Special Political Committee, with the participation of the Commissioner-General of UNRWA. Fifty-three delegations spoke during the general debate on this item. During that discussion most speakers agreed to commend the work of the Agency and to highlight the delicate financial situation being faced by it. As can be seen from the relevant part of the report of the Committee, six draft resolutions are being recommended for adoption by the General Assembly, two of which were adopted by the Committee without a vote. The draft resolutions are contained in paragraph 22 of the report of the Committee.
- 18. The third report concerns agenda items 55 and 56, on international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space and the preparation of an international convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting [A/35/582]. The Special Political Committee considered these two items simultaneously at six meetings. The Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space introduced the reports of that Committee and then 46 statements were heard during the general debate on these items. The three draft resolutions recommended by the Special Political

Committee are contained in paragraph 14 of its report. They were adopted without a vote. However, a separate vote was taken on section II of draft resolution III, in which the President of the Peneral Assembly is requested to appoint a maximum of five new members to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space after consultation with the regional groups.

19. The Fourth report refers to agenda item 60, on the question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations [A/35/583]. For the reasons contained in paragraph 3 of the report, the Special Political Committee recommends to the General Assembly that that item be included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-sixth session.

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

- 20. The PRESIDENT: Statements shall be limited to explanations of vote.
- 21. The position of delegations regarding the various recommendations of the Special Political Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.
- 22. May I remind members that under decision 34/401 the General Assembly agreed that

"When the same draft resolution is considered in 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."

- 23. May I also remind members that in accordance with that decision explanations of vote should not exceed 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.
- 24. We shall consider first the report of the Special Political Committee on agenda item 52 [A/35/555].
- 25. The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Special Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt that draft resolution?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 35/12).

- 26. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report of the Special Political Committee on agenda item 53 [A/35/579].
- 27. The Assembly will take a decision on the six draft resolutions recommended by the Special Political Committee in paragraph 22 of its report.
- 28. I now put to the Assembly draft resolution A, entitled "Assistance to Palestine refugees". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji,

Finland, France, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Israel.

Draft resolution A was adopted by 109 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 35/13 A).²

29. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution B is entitled "Offers by Member States of grants and schelarships for higher education, including vocational training, for the Palestine refugees". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chad, Congo, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Chile, China, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Israel.

Abstaining: United States of America.

Draft resolution B was adopted by 109 votes to 1, with I abstention (resolution 35/13 B).³

30. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution C entitled "Assistance to persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 hostilities", was adopted by the Special Political Committee without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly also adopts it?

Draft resolution C was adopted (resolution 35/13 C).

31. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution D is entitled "Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East". The Special Political Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly also adopts it?

Draft resolution D was adopted (resolution 35/13 D).

32. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now vote on draft resolution E, entitled "Population and refugees displaced since 1967". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Barbados, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Kampuchea, Democratic Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, 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 Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Canada, Israel, United States of America.

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

Draft resolution E was adopted by 96 votes to 3, with 16 abstentions (resolution 35/13 E).4

² The delegations of Bangladesh, Benin, Costa Rica, Egypt, the Federal Republic of Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Mali, Nigeria, the Sudan and Sweden subsequently informed the Secretariat that they wished to have their votes recorded as having been in favour of draft resolution A.

³ The delegations of Bangladesh, Benin, Costa Rica, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Mali, Nigeria, the Qatar and Sudan subsequently informed the Secretariat that they wished to have their votes recorded is having been in favour of draft resolution B.

⁴ The delegations of Bangladesh, Benin, Costa Rica, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Mali and the Sudan subsequently informed the Secretariat that they wished to have their votes recorded as having been in favour of draft resolution E.

33. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now vote on draft resolution F, entitled "Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium. Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, 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 Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Israel.

Abstaining: Canada, Ivory Coast, United States of America.

Draft resolution F was adopted by 112 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions (resolution 35/13 F).5

34. The PRESIDENT: We shall now consider the report of the Special Political Committee on agenda items 55 and 56 [A/35/582].

⁵ Idem.

- 35. The Assembly will now vote on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Special Political Committee in paragraph 14 of its report.
- 36. Draft resolution I is entitled "International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space". The Special Political Committee adopted it without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 35/14).

37. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II, entitled "Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space", was adopted by the Special Political Committee without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 35/15).

38. The PRESIDENT: We now turn to draft resolution III, entitled "Enlargement of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space". The Special Political Committee adopted it without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 35/16).

- 39. The PRESIDENT: In connexion with section II, paragraph 3, of resolution 35/16, I shall undertake the necessary consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups with a view to appointing the additional members of the Committee as soon as possible.
- 40. We turn now to the report of the Special Political Committee on agenda item 60 [A/35/583].
- 41. In paragraph 4 of its report, the Special Political Committee makes the following recommendation:

"that the General Assembly should include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled 'Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations'."

In the absence of any objection, may I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

The recommendation was adopted (decision 35/404).

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.