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**President: Mr. Rüdiger von WECHMAR**  
(Federal Republic of Germany).

**AGENDA ITEM 12**

**Report of the Economic and Social Council (*continued*)**

1. Mr. ADAN (Somalia): I wish to protest against the press release issued yesterday afternoon in connexion with my explanation of vote at the 96th plenary meeting on draft resolution IV, contained in document A/35/714 and relating to the so-called displaced persons in Ethiopia.

2. The press release in question is contained in GA/6366 and reads as follows:

“Ahmed M. Adan (Somalia) said Somalia’s silence at the introduction of draft resolution IV did not mean Somalia acquiesced in the presence of displaced persons in Ethiopia. Somalia had not wished to stand in the way in the Third Committee of any humanitarian measure.

3. This hardly reflects my statement, which seems to have been largely ignored by those responsible for the press release. I appreciate the fact that these people are under considerable pressure to meet deadlines for the issuance of press releases, but that is no justification for the gross distortion of statements made by delegations.

4. In the circumstances, I am left with no alternative but to express my delegation’s displeasure with the shoddy manner in which my statement was treated and to ask for the necessary corrections to be made in the press release in question in order to make it reflect adequately the gist of my statement, which I shall read out once again for the benefit of those responsible for issuing press releases:

“We are in favour of assistance and relief aid being rendered to people in need throughout the world, be they refugees or categorized by any other name. It was in that spirit that in the Third Committee we did not raise any objection to draft resolution IV, entitled ‘Assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia’. Our silence did not mean that we acquiesced to the presence in Ethiopia of so-called displaced persons. No statistics have so far been provided by the United Nations authorities concerned and therefore we cannot accept the figures given for these so-called displaced persons or even their existence in that country.

“My Government therefore disassociates itself from this so-called draft resolution entitled ‘Assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia’. If we did not speak on this in the Third Committee, it was out of deference to African solidarity and to the desire not to block aid to any genuine and certified persons who may be in need, be they in Ethiopia or elsewhere in the world.” [96th meeting, paras. 144 and 145.]

5. Needless to say, it is the duty of the United Nations agencies concerned not only to verify the existence of the true numbers of so-called displaced persons in Ethiopia, but also the circumstances leading to and the political motives behind their displacement.

6. The PRESIDENT: The observation of the representative of Somalia will certainly be reflected in the verbatim record of this meeting.

## AGENDA ITEM 59

## Questions relating to information:

- (a) Report of the Committee on Information;
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General;
- (c) Report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;
- (d) Co-operation and assistance in the application and improvement of national information and mass communication systems for social progress and development: report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL  
COMMITTEE (A/35/765)

7. The PRESIDENT: Members of the Assembly have before them the report of the Special Political Committee on agenda item 59 [A/35/765]. I should like to remind you that, in accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly does not discuss the report of the Special Committee.

8. Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

9. The positions of delegations regarding the recommendation of the Special Political Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

10. 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 the plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once: that is, either in the Committee or in the plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in the plenary meeting is different from the vote that it cast in the Committee. May I also remind members that, in accordance with the same decision, explanations of vote should not exceed 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

11. The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political Committee in paragraph 13 of its report. The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of that draft resolution is contained in document A/35/775.

12. The Special Political Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 35/201).*

13. The PRESIDENT: In section II, paragraph 4, of the resolution just adopted, the General Assembly decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Information from 66 to 67 members, the new member to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly after consultation with the regional groups as specified in the note by the Secretary-General dated 10 April 1980.<sup>1</sup>

14. In the course of the consultations referred to in that note, it was agreed that the General Assembly should authorize the appointment of an additional

member of the Committee from the group of Western European and other States, on the clear understanding that this agreement would in no way constitute a precedent with regard to the interpretation of the principle of equitable geographical distribution.

15. Following my consultations, I hereby appoint Greece as the additional member of the Committee on Information.

## AGENDA ITEM 61

Development and international economic co-operation  
(concluded):

- (i) Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries: report of the high-level meeting on the review of technical co-operation among developing countries

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE  
(PART VIII) (A/35/592/Add.7)

- (j) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system: reports of the Secretary-General

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE  
(PART VII) (A/35/592/Add.6)

- (p) United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy:
  - (i) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy;
  - (ii) Reports of the Secretary-General
- (q) United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE  
(PART VI) (A/35/592/Add.5)

16. Mrs. STEPHENSON-VERNON (Jamaica), Rapporteur of the Second Committee: I have the honour to present to the General Assembly parts VI to VIII of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 61 [A/35/592/Add.5-7].

17. In paragraph 16 of its report on subitems *p* and *q*, the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of two draft resolutions which were adopted by the Second Committee without a vote.

18. In paragraph 20 of its report on subitem (*j*) [A/35/592/Add.6], the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of one draft resolution; and in paragraph 21 it recommends the adoption of three draft decisions which were adopted without a vote.

19. In paragraph 19 of its report on subitem (*i*) [A/35/592/Add.7], the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of one draft resolution, and in paragraph 20 one draft decision, which were adopted without a vote.

20. The Assembly's attention is drawn to paragraphs 16 to 18 concerning the decision taken by the

<sup>1</sup> A/34/853.

Committee on the draft resolution entitled "Special operation to overcome the critical economic situation of many developing countries".

21. I commend these recommendations to the attention of the General Assembly.

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

22. The PRESIDENT: Statements will be limited to explanations of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the various recommendations of the Second Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

23. May I remind delegations that, in its decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that when the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in the plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in the plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in the plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee. Also in that same Assembly decision, it is stipulated that explanations of vote should be limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

24. I now invite members to turn their attention to the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 61 (i).

25. The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "Technical co-operation among developing countries", recommended in paragraph 19 of part VIII of the Committee's report.

26. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 35/202).*

27. The PRESIDENT: May I take it that the General Assembly adopts the draft decision in paragraph 20 of the report of the Second Committee?

*The draft decision was adopted (decision 35/438).*

28. The PRESIDENT: I now invite members to turn their attention to the Second Committee's report on agenda item 61 (j).

29. The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendations made by the Committee in part VII of its report.

30. The draft resolution in paragraph 20 is entitled "Implementation of section VIII of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system". The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 35/203).*

31. The PRESIDENT: The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of three draft decisions in paragraph 21 of its report.

32. Draft decision I is entitled "Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social

sectors of the United Nations system". May I take it that the General Assembly adopts draft decision I?

*Draft decision I was adopted (decision 35/439).*

33. The PRESIDENT: Draft decision II is entitled "Implications of General Assembly resolutions 32/197 and 33/202 for the regional commissions". The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of that draft decision is contained in document A/35/748. May I take it that the General Assembly adopts draft decision II?

*Draft decision II was adopted (decision 35/440).*

34. The PRESIDENT: Draft decision III is entitled "Documentation relating to the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system". May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt draft decision III?

*Draft decision III was adopted (decision 35/441).*

35. The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of Argentina who wishes to explain his position after the vote.

36. Mr. HERRERA VEGAS (Argentina) (*interpretation from Spanish*): My delegation wishes to explain its position on draft decision I, contained in paragraph 21 of part VII of the Second Committee's report.

37. Delegations will recall that a similar decision—decision 34/453—was adopted last year by which the Assembly deferred consideration of a draft resolution also similar to the one that is now annexed to the text of the decision that we have just adopted.

38. The sponsors of the draft resolution are disappointed at the fact that, in spite of the postponement decided by the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly, many delegations have stated that they are not prepared during this session to decide on substantive action on the item. None the less, we the sponsors accept a further postponement in view of the importance of the question, an importance which has been recognized by all.

39. Many delegations have expressed concern about two specific aspects of the proposal. The first is that of the revision of the Charter and the second is the discontinuation of some of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council.

40. The delegations of Jamaica and Argentina which support, *inter alia*, the provision that the Economic and Social Council should consist of all the Members of the United Nations, are convinced that it is impossible to implement section II of the annex to resolution 32/197 without revising the Charter. It is on the basis of that conviction that we believe the proposal is a package, the two main elements of which are Charter amendment and reform of the subsidiary machinery of the Economic and Social Council. The time that has passed since the adoption of resolution 32/197 and the Council's own admission of its inability to solve the problem demonstrate that resolution 32/197 cannot be implemented without expanding the Council to include all United Nations members and, therefore, without amending the Charter.

41. The decision that the Assembly has just adopted differs from decision 34/453 in that it asks the President of the General Assembly to arrange intersessional consultations in order to make it easier for the General

Assembly at its thirty-sixth session to consider the draft resolution which is annexed to the decision. That possibility of consultations was one of the factors that prompted the sponsors to accept a further postponement, since the consultations will make it easier for the delegations concerned to reflect further on the issue and adopt their positions in full knowledge of all the aspects of the problem.

42. None the less, we do not believe that those consultations should extend beyond a reasonable period and, in particular, they should not be turned into a supplementary process of undue length. We hope that they can be convened at the beginning of 1981 so that Governments will have enough time to decide on their respective positions.

43. Another point that we should like to highlight is that the draft resolution which the sponsors submitted this year derives, as the updated text which surely will be submitted next year in the light of the consultations will derive, exclusively from the provisions of the annex to resolution 32/197 and has no link whatsoever with the other proposals that imply the need for Charter amendment.

44. In conclusion, we should like to repeat that, as indicated at the end of paragraph (a) of the draft decision, it is the intention of the sponsors to take the steps necessary to enable the Assembly, at its thirty-sixth session, to take substantive action concerning the restructuring of the Economic and Social Council.

45. The PRESIDENT: We shall now consider the report of the Second Committee on subitems (p) and (q).

46. The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Committee in paragraph 16 of its report.

47. Draft resolution I is entitled "United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy". The Administrative and financial implications of that draft resolution appear in the report of the Fifth Committee [A/35/749]. The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 35/204).*

48. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries". The administrative and financial implications of that draft resolution are contained in the report of the Fifth Committee [A/35/725]. The Second Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 35/205).*

49. The PRESIDENT: I call upon the representative of Kenya.

50. Mr. NANJIRA (Kenya): My delegation is very happy that the General Assembly has just adopted by consensus the draft resolution on the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy.

51. As members know, we have come a long way and one can now cautiously but safely say that the

state of the preparations for the Conference is much more encouraging than it was only a few months ago. The need to maintain the momentum, however, and even to intensify the preparatory process is obviously unquestionable, since the time still available to us for the preparatory work is, as negotiators in the North-South dialogue measure time, very short. We are, however, encouraged by the keen interest which Governments have shown in the Conference. It is our strong conviction that all of us, Governments and delegations alike, will continue to make valuable contributions to the preparatory process for the Conference.

52. The General Assembly is no doubt aware of the rumours, those terrible and embarrassing rumours—and some delegations have even described them as reports—which have been circulating that the Kenya Government has withdrawn Kenya's offer to host the Conference. As repeatedly stressed by this delegation, those rumours have been quite false, and they remain so, since the Government and people of Kenya look forward with great enthusiasm to hosting the Conference next year. We are grateful to those who have cared enough at least to check with us in the Kenya Mission to the United Nations. We realize that some honest emissaries do tell lies overseas for the good of their countries, but we Kenyan representatives have always told the truth, and only the truth, to the maximum extent and as appropriate, for the good of our fatherland. I should like, therefore, to reconfirm my Government's offer to host the Conference which, in the language of operative paragraph 8 of the resolution "shall be held at Nairobi from 10 to 21 August 1981 and be preceded by interregional meetings and pre-conference consultations at Nairobi, beginning on 1 August 1981".

53. Therefore, let us not be asked whether or not Kenya will host the Conference, because our response is a loud "yes". Rather we should be asked what other arrangements, including accommodations and safari arrangements, can the Kenyan authorities make prior to, during and after the Conference to assist the representatives and their families and other companions to have an enjoyable, meritorious and successful stay in Kenya. The Kenya Mission in New York will be very happy to answer such queries, even if some delegations decide to get details through their missions in Nairobi. We encourage and advise members wisely to make both ends meet by combining their vacation and Conference time in Nairobi and elsewhere in Kenya.

54. On the question of exhibitions and demonstrations, we have already informed the Conference secretariat of the availability of space at Nairobi prior to and during the Conference and of the fact that the Kenyan authorities concerned would like to get details of what exhibitors really require. We hope that the secretariat can get those details soon from interested Governments and other would-be exhibitors and pass them on to the said Kenyan authorities without delay. We are in possession of the note of the Secretary-General of the Conference, document EC.331/3(6), dated 19 November 1980.

55. In conclusion, I should like to reiterate the great importance which Kenya attaches to the Conference. Needless to say, we will continue with our very keen,

consistent and totally dedicated involvement in the preparatory process for the Conference, which should, *inter alia*, result in a plan of action on new and renewable sources of energy for development. That plan should contain both specific guidelines on the basis of which policy measures will be formulated

and implemented and a mechanism for review and appraisal of the plan of action so that it can be revised in accordance with changes in the world energy situation and the results of other international conferences.

*The meeting rose at 11.25 a.m.*