

1876th meeting

Tuesday, 7 August 1973, at 3.25 p.m.

President: Mr. S. A. FRAZÃO (Brazil)

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AGENDA ITEM 17

Co-ordination

- (a) Report of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency
- (b) Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination
- (c) Reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5389 and Corr.1)

1. The PRESIDENT suggested that, as the Co-ordination Committee had done, the Council should adopt without a vote the draft resolution reproduced in paragraph 13 of the Committee's report (E/5389).

It was so decided.

2. The PRESIDENT suggested that, as the Co-ordination Committee had done, the Council should adopt without a vote the draft decisions reproduced in paragraph 14 of the Committee's report (E/5389).

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 16

Work programme and budget for 1974-1975 and medium-term plan for 1974-1977 relating to economic, social and human rights activities

REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (concluded)* (E/5388, E/L.1564, E/L.1565)

3. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the draft resolution submitted by the Co-ordination Committee (E/5388, para. 7) and to the amendment submitted by the Netherlands delegation (E/L.1565).

4. Mr. FACK (Netherlands) introduced his amendment (E/L.1565), whereby the Council would take note, in a new preambular paragraph, of the comments of ACABQ on the programme budget for 1974-1975 (E/L.1564).

5. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should adopt amendment E/L.1565 without a vote.

The amendment was adopted.

6. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should adopt without a vote the draft resolution submitted by the Committee (E/5388, para. 7) as amended.

The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 19

Marine co-operation

REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5399 and Corr.1)

7. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the draft resolution submitted by the Co-ordination Committee (E/5399 and Corr.1, para. 9).

8. At the request of Mr. MAKEYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), the PRESIDENT put the draft resolution to the vote.

The draft resolution was adopted by 17 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

9. Mr. MAKEYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) recalled that in the Co-ordination Committee his delegation had made reservations about the resolution concerning marine co-operation, one of whose provisions was based on the concept of the "coastal area". That concept, however, would have to be defined by the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. The provision in question prejudged the results of the Conference and was therefore incompatible with the last preambular paragraph of the resolution. Consequently his delegation had abstained from voting.

AGENDA ITEM 22

Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations

REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5401/Rev.1)

10. The PRESIDENT suggested that, as the Co-ordination Committee had done, the Council should adopt without a vote the draft resolution reproduced in paragraph 8 of the Committee's report (E/5401/Rev.1).

The draft resolution was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 24

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the

* Resumed from the 1874th meeting.

specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE
(E/5402)

11. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to vote on the draft resolution submitted by the Co-ordination Committee (E/5402, para. 10).

At the request of the representative of the United States of America, the vote was taken by roll-call.

Hungary, having been drawn by lot by the President, was called upon to vote first.

In favour: Hungary, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Netherlands, Niger, Poland, Trinidad and Tobago, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Zaire, Algeria, Chile, China, Finland.

Against: Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, France.

Abstaining: Japan, New Zealand, United States of America, Brazil.

The draft resolution was adopted by 14 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions.

12. Mr. DUMAS (France) explained that his delegation had voted against the draft resolution because the injunctions which it addressed to the specialized agencies seemed to him to raise serious legal problems.

13. Mr. FERGUSON (United States of America) said that his delegation had abstained from voting because it did not consider that it had had enough time to examine the complicated draft resolution thoroughly. It could have supported many points in the text but found others unacceptable as a matter of principle and as a matter of law.

14. His delegation's vote should not be construed as prejudging the position it might adopt on that issue in other forums.

15. Mr. LAI (Malaysia) said that, if he had been present when the vote was taken, he would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

AGENDA ITEM 27

Measures to improve the documentation of the Council

REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE
(E/5397)

16. The PRESIDENT suggested that, as the Co-ordination Committee had done, the Council should adopt without a vote the two draft decisions reproduced in paragraph 5 of the Committee's report (E/5397).

The draft decisions were adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 26

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit: pending reports

REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE
(E/5396)

17. The PRESIDENT suggested that, as the Co-ordination Committee had done, the Council should adopt without a vote the draft decisions submitted by the Committee (E/5396, para. 4).

The draft decision was adopted.

Increase in the seating capacity of the Economic and Social Council Chamber (E/5382 and Add.1)

18. The PRESIDENT reminded the Council that at its fifty-fourth session it had decided to request a special committee composed of the members of the Bureau and the representatives of China, Poland, Sweden and the United States of America to enter into consultations with the Secretary-General concerning arrangements to increase the seating capacity of the Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters.¹

19. In the light of those consultations, the special committee recommended the Council to adopt the arrangement shown in the plan reproduced in annex II to the report by the President (E/5382). The financial implications of the recommendation were stated in document E/5382/Add.1.

20. Mr. FACK (Netherlands) said that his delegation, which had expressed opposition to the plan submitted to the Council at its fifty-fourth session, approved the special committee's recommendation.

21. Mr. MACKENZIE (United Kingdom) proposed that the Council should approve the plan reproduced in annex II to the report, on the understanding that its financial and administrative implications would be examined by the General Assembly in the usual way.

It was so decided.

The plan was approved.

22. Mr. MAKEYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had already stated in detail to the Council Committees its position on all the texts which had just been adopted.

*Credentials of representatives
to the fifty-fifth session of the Council (E/5405)*

23. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the report (E/5405) in which the President and Vice-Presidents stated that they had found that proper credentials had been communicated by the representatives of all States members of the Council and of the sessional Committees.

The meeting rose at 4.05 p.m.

¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No.1 (E/5367)*, p. 45.