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QUESTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN  
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Report of the Second Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 1939th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1971, allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 48 entitled "Question of the establishment of an international university".
2. The Second Committee considered this item at its 1439th, 1440th and 1443rd meetings, from 10 to 13 December. An account of the discussions of the Second Committee is contained in the relevant summary records.<sup>1/</sup>
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2691 (XXV) (A/8510 and Add.1/Rev.1) and the relevant part of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions.<sup>2/</sup>
4. Mr. Martin Hill, Consultant to the Secretary-General, made a statement, at the 1440th meeting, on 10 December, on behalf of the Secretary-General.
5. At the same meeting, the representative of Greece introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1200/Rev.1), on behalf of Austria, Egypt, Greece, Honduras, Indonesia, Japan, Lebanon, the Philippines, Sierra Leone and Yugoslavia. The text of the draft resolution, which he orally revised during his statement, read as follows:

<sup>1/</sup> See A/C.2/SR.1439, 1440 and 1443.

<sup>2/</sup> A/8403/Add.1 (part VII).

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 2691 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1653 (LI) of 23 November 1971,

"Emphasizing the importance of adequate consideration by appropriate United Nations bodies of all factors relating to the question of the establishment of an international university,

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General (A/8510 and Add.1/Rev.1) containing the report and comments of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the results of the feasibility study concerning the international university, the decision by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 18 October 1971, the recommendations of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the report of the Panel of Experts on the establishment of an international university;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other interested bodies, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session through the Executive Board of UNESCO additional information as proposed in operative paragraph 6 of UNESCO resolution (A/8510, annex II);

"3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to call on the assistance of the Panel of Experts established in accordance with resolution 2691 (XXV), the membership of which should be increased to not more than 20 to allow for the nomination of five additional experts by the Director-General of UNESCO, in consultation with the Secretary-General;

"4. Invites the Executive Board of UNESCO to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session such further observations and recommendations on the subject as it may consider appropriate;

"5. Requests the Economic and Social Council to give detailed consideration in conformity with its resolution 1653 (LI) to reports and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/8510 and Add.1/Rev.1), the further report of the Secretary-General and the views of the UNESCO Executive Board and to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session a report together with any recommendations on the question of the establishment of an international university;

"6. Requests the Economic and Social Council to take account also of views expressed in the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session;

"7. Invites the General Conference of UNESCO at its seventeenth session to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session such comments and observations on the subject as it may consider appropriate;

"8. Decides to consider the matter fully at its twenty-seventh session.

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6. A statement of the administrative and financial implications (A/C.2/L.1219) of the revised draft resolution was before the Committee.

7. At the 1443rd meeting, on 13 December, the representative of Japan introduced a second revision of draft resolution A/C.2/L.1200/Rev.2) on behalf of the sponsors. The text contained the following changes:

(a) The third paragraph of the preamble was revised to read:

"Emphasizing the importance of adequate consideration by appropriate intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system of all factors relating to the question of the establishment of an international university,";

(b) Paragraph 2 was revised to read as follows:

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his studies, in consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other interested bodies, taking into account the views expressed in the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session, and to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session any additional information;"

(c) At the end of paragraph 3, the words "and interested agencies and programmes" were added.

8. Cyprus and India joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

9. At the 1443rd meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement regarding the financial implications of the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1200/Rev.2).

10. At its 1443rd meeting, on 13 December, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution by 86 votes to none, with 9 abstentions.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

11. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Question of the establishment of an international university

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2691 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1653 (LI) of 23 November 1971,

Emphasizing the importance of adequate consideration by appropriate intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system of all factors relating to the question of the establishment of an international university,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General <sup>3/</sup> containing the report and comments of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the results of the feasibility study concerning the international university, the decision adopted by the Executive Board of that organization on 18 October 1971, the recommendations of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the report of the Panel of Experts on the Establishment of an International University;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his studies, in consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other interested bodies, taking into account the views expressed in the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session and to submit any additional information to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session;

3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to call on the assistance of the Panel of Experts on the Establishment of an International University, established in accordance with resolution 2691 (XXV), the membership of which should be increased to not more than 20 to allow for the nomination of five additional experts by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in consultation with the Secretary-General and interested agencies and programmes;

4. Invites the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session such further observations and recommendations on the subject as it may consider appropriate;

5. Requests the Economic and Social Council to give detailed consideration, in conformity with its resolution 1653 (LI), to reports and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, the further report of the Secretary-General and the views of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session a report, together with any recommendations it may make on the question of the establishment of an international university;

6. Requests the Economic and Social Council to take into account also the views expressed in the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session;

7. Invites the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its seventeenth session to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session such comments and observations on the subject as it may consider appropriate;

8. Decides to consider the matter fully at its twenty-seventh session.

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