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#### **AGENDA ITEM 12**

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

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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (continued):\*\*

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- (c) Other personnel questions

### **AGENDA ITEM 103**

## Programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983

- 1. Mr. EL-SAFTY (Egypt), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee: I have the honour to introduce the last five reports of the Fifth Committee, relating to agenda items 12, 17 (f), 104, 111 and 103.
- 2. The report on agenda item 12, concerning the report of the Economic and Social Council, is contained in document A/37/783; in paragraph 7 of the report, the Committee recommends three draft decisions which it adopted without objection. The first two deal, respectively, with the statutes of the regional institutes for population studies at Accra and Yaoundé and the revitalization of the Economic and Social

\* Resumed from the 110th meeting.

Council. The third draft decision recommends that the General Assembly take note of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council which were allocated to the Fifth Committee.

- 3. The report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 17 (f) concerning the appointment of five members of the International Civil Service Commission and designation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission is contained in document A/37/516. The recommendation of the Committee can be found in paragraph 4 of the report.
- 4. The next report relates to agenda item 104, concerning programme planning, and is contained in document A/37/776; the recommendation of the Committee is contained in paragraph 9 of the report and consists of a draft resolution the operative part of which comprises three sections. Section I relates to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989; section II relates to programme planning, the programme aspects of the budget, the monitoring of implementation and the methods of evaluation, and provides for the adoption of regulations concerning these questions, as contained in the annex to the draft resolution; section III deals with other conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.
- The report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 111, concerning personnel questions, is contained in document A/37/764. In paragraph 38 of the report, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly should adopt six draft resolutions and, in paragraph 39, one draft decision. Draft resolutions I A to D all together constitute a comprehensive draft resolution relating to the various items considered by the Fifth Committee, and in particular to personnel administration and the implementation of personnel reforms. Draft resolution I C contains in an annex amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations. Draft resolutions II A and B deal with the question of respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations. Finally, the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee under this agenda item relates to amendments to the Staff Rules.
- 6. The final report relates to agenda item 103, concerning the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983, and is contained in document A/37/790. I should like to draw the Assembly's attention to the fact that, as is the traditional practice with regard to this particular report, the final version will be issued only after the Assembly has concluded its deliberations. Accordingly, at this time document A/37/790, which the Assembly has before it, contains only the coverpage of the report; the rest of the report is contained in document A/C.5/37/L.53 and Corr.1. In paragraph 77 of the report, the Fifth Committee submits nine draft resolutions for adoption by the General Assembly.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Resumed from the 113th meeting.

Draft resolution I deals with various questions relating to the programme budget and comprises 15 separate sections. Draft resolution II relates to a review of the financing of the administrative costs of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Draft resolution III deals with the report of the Committee of Governmental Experts to Evaluate the Present Structure of the Secretariat in the Administrative, Finance and Personnel Areas. Draft resolution IV deals with a revision of the travel and subsistence regulations of the International Court of Justice. Draft resolution V concerns organization and methods for official travel. Draft resolution VI relates to a special review of the ongoing work programme of the United Nations. Finally, draft resolutions VII A to C relate to the revised programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983. In draft resolution VII A, the Fifth Committee recommends revised appropriations in the amount of \$US 1,472,961,700 for the biennium 1982-1983, or a decrease of \$33,280,100 from the amounts appropriated by General Assembly resolution 36/240 A of 18 December 1981. In draft resolution I B, the Fifth Committee recommends revised income estimates for the biennium amounting to \$US 257,059,900, a decrease of \$27,493,100 from the amount approved by resolution 36/240 B. Draft resolution VII C concerns financing of the appropriations for the year 1983.

7. I commend the reports of the Fifth Committee to which I have referred, and the recommendations contained therein, to the General Assembly.

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

- 8. The PRESIDENT: The positions 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.
- 9. I would remind members that in paragraph 7 of its decision 34/401 the General Assembly decided that, when the same draft resolution was considered in a Main Committee and in a 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 was different from its vote in the Committee. I also remind the Assembly that, in accordance with the same decision, statements in explanation of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by representatives from their seats.
- 10. The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 12 [A/37/783], dealing with those chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council which were allocated to the Fifth Committee. The Assembly will now take decisions on the recommendation contained in paragraph 7 of the report, which consists of draft decisions I to III.
- 11. Draft decision I is entitled "Statutes of the regional institutes for population studies at Accra and Yaoundé" and was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted (decision 37/444).

12. The PRESIDENT: Draft decision II, entitled "Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council",

was adopted by the Fifth Committee without objection. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft decision II was adopted (decision 37/445).

13. The PRESIDENT: Draft decision III, entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council", was adopted without objection by the Fifth Committee. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision III was adopted (decision 37/446).

- 14. The PRESIDENT: We turn now to the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 17 (f) [A/37/516], concerning the appointment of five members of the International Civil Service Commission and the designation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission.
- 15. In paragraph 4 of its report, the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should appoint Mr. Richard M. Akwei, Mr. Gastón de Prat Gay, Mr. Moulaye El Hassen, Mr. Dayton W. Hull and Mr. Jiří Nosek members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1983, that it should appoint Mr. Masao Kanazawa member of the Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1983 and designate Mr. Richard M. Akwei Chairman and Mr. Gastón de Prat Gay Vice-Chairman of the Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1983. May I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided (decision 37/325).

- 16. The PRESIDENT: I now invite members to turn their attention to the report of the Fifth Committee [A/37/776] on agenda item 104, concerning programme planning.
- 17. In paragraph 9 of its report, the Fifth Committee recommends a draft resolution which it adopted by consensus. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 37/234).

- 18. The PRESIDENT: We turn now to the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 111 [A/37/764], which deals with personnel questions. In paragraph 38 of the report, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly should adopt draft resolutions I A to D and II A and B and, in paragraph 39, that the Assembly should adopt a draft decision.
- 19. Draft resolution I A was adopted by the Fifth Committee by consensus. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I A was adopted (resolution 37/235 A).

20. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution I B was adopted by the Committee without objection. May I take it that the Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft resolution I B was adopted (resolution 37/235 B).

21. The PRESIDENT: We turn now to draft resolution I C. Section I was adopted in the Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Section I of draft resolution I C was adopted (resolution 37/235 C, section I).

22. The PRESIDENT: We now come to section II of draft resolution I C. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Jabon, Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, 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, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Japan, Romania.

Section II of draft resolution I C was adopted by 128 votes to 9, with 3 abstentions (resolution 37/235 C, section II).<sup>1</sup>

23. The PRESIDENT: I now invite members to turn their attention to draft resolution I D, which was adopted by consensus by the Fifth Committee. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I D was adopted (resolution 37/235 D).

- 24. The PRESIDENT: Next we turn to draft resolutions II A and B, under the general heading "Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations".
- 25. The Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution II A without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II A was adopted (resolution 37/236 A).

26. The PRESIDENT: I now invite members to turn their attention to draft resolution II B. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina. Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, 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: United States of America.

Draft resolution II B was adopted by 141 votes to 1, with 1 abstention (resolution 37/236 B).<sup>2</sup>

27. The PRESIDENT: Finally, we come to the draft decision relating to amendments to the Staff Rules, which is contained in paragraph 39 of the report of the Fifth Committee, and which the Committee adopted without objection. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted (decision 37/447).

- 28. The PRESIDENT: We turn now to the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 103 [A/37/790] concerning the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983. Owing to the fact that there has been no time to finalize this report I propose that, as was done at previous sessions, representatives refer to the document that was issued in the Fifth Committee—namely document A/C.5/35/L.53 and Corr.1. The recommendation of the Committee, which is contained in paragraph 77 of the report, consists of nine draft resolutions, I to VI and VII A to C.
- 29. I now call on the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, who wishes to speak in explanation of vote before the voting.
- 30. Mr. SHUSTOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): The delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has always favoured effective and economic expen-

ditures by the Organization. The delegation of the Soviet Union proceeds from the premise that in the allocation of funds from the budget, additional allocations can be made available only to ensure the activities of the United Nations in the discharge of its main tasks under the Charter in connection with the maintenance of international peace and security, disarmament and the averting of the threat of another world war.

- The results of the work of the Fifth Committee show-and we say this with regret and concernthat many decisions were taken on beginning new kinds of activities using additional allocations and financing and without due efforts being made to redistribute existing resources through a reduction in or elimination of outdated and ineffective activities that are of no great value or utility. The General Assembly took a decision—and it is one that increasing numbers of delegations have advocated over the past few years—that, in the Organization, in practice there should not as a rule be additional allocations during the budget period, but rather that additional expenditures during the budget period should be financed primarily through savings, the re-evaluation of programme priorities and the reallocation and redistribution of resources. Unfortunately, this has not been observed this year. At the same time, the delegation of the Soviet Union is obliged once again to state with regret that the Secretariat is still not making sufficient efforts to make available resources that are now spent on secondary—and, indeed, unnecessaryprogrammes. An unjustified practice has thus been established of requesting additional allocations during the budgetary period, and this continues to be the rule rather than the exception.
- At this session of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee approved additional allocations for the current budget period amounting to \$39.8 million. Many permanent and temporary posts are included in that sum, as well as reclassification and upgrading of posts, and there has been an increase in expenditure on consultants, travel and so forth. We cannot support these additional allocations. Unfortunately, there is also a continuation of the incorrect process of transferring to the regular United Nations budget posts that were earlier financed through voluntary contributions and other extrabudgetary sources. The Soviet delegation opposes that practice and, as is known, we have in the past abstained from contributing our share when such posts are so transferred. Activities initiated on the basis of voluntary contributions should be halted when such resources are exhausted.
- 33. The delegation of the Soviet Union would also like to recall that during consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983 it firmly opposed the inclusion in the budget of allocations for interest and principal payments on United Nations loans for activities contrary to the Charter.<sup>3</sup> On the basis of our position of principle, the Soviet Union does not intend to contribute to cover those improper activities. The Soviet delegation maintains its position of principle in respect of financing technical assistance as well.
- 34. Under Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations, the regular budget of the United Nations is

- purely administrative and cannot be used to finance technical assistance, which should be provided on a voluntary basis. Accordingly, the Soviet delegation feels that technical assistance should be excluded from the regular budget and merged with the United Nations Development Programme.
- 35. In view of the aforementioned, and also because considerable additional expenditures are included in the revised programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983, the Soviet delegation will vote against approval of the revised programme budget of the United Nations for that biennium.
- 36. We do express the hope that, in drawing up the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985, account will be taken of the position of the Soviet Union, as well as that of many other States, in favour of curbing budgetary expenditures and enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency with which the resources of the Organization are spent.
- 37. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will first take a decision on draft resolution I, which consists of 15 sections, sections I to XV.
- 38. The Fifth Committee adopted section I, entitled "Travel and subsistence costs in respect of members of intergovernmental preparatory bodies for special conferences", without objection. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Section I of draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 37/237, section I).

39. The PRESIDENT: Section II of draft resolution I is entitled "Travel of representatives from the least developed countries to attend regional preparatory meetings for the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, 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, Zimbabwe.

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

Abstaining: None.

Section II of draft resolution I was adopted by 141 yotes to 3 (resolution 37/237, section II).4

40. The PRESIDENT: The Fifth Committee adopted without objection sections III to X of draft resolution I, respectively entitled "First-class travel in the United Nations", "Interim arrangements for the International Court of Justice", "Communications in the United Nations system", "International Computer Centre", "Interorganization secretariat services for information systems", "Use of consultants and experts in the United Nations", "United Nations accommodation at Nairobi" and "Common services at the United Nations accommodation at Nairobi". May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Sections III to X of draft resolution I were adopted (resolution 37/237, sections III to X).

41. The PRESIDENT: Section XI of draft resolution I is entitled "Adequacy of the conference facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon. Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, 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, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Section XI of draft resolution I was adopted by 132 votes to I, with II abstentions (resolution 37/237, section XI).4

42. The PRESIDENT: Section XII of draft resolution I is entitled "Changes in the top echelon of the Secretariat". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, Japan, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Spain, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Bahamas, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Norway, Sweden.

Section XII of draft resolution I was adopted by 108 votes to 22, with 9 abstentions (resolution 37/237, section XII).4

43. The PRESIDENT: The Fifth Committee adopted without objection sections XIII to XV of draft resolution I, entitled respectively "Job classification and career development of language staff", "Education grant for certain full-time officials other than members of the Secretariat" and "Contractual status of language teachers". May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Sections XIII to XV of draft resolution I were adopted (resolution 37/237, sections XIII to XV).

44. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Review of the financing of the administrative costs of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

- 45. The Fifth Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?
- 46. I call on the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on a point of order.
- 47. Mr. SHUSTOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): My delegation requests a vote on draft resolution II.
- 48. The PRESIDENT: In that case, I shall put draft resolution II to the vote.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Belgium, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Draft resolution II was adopted by 122 votes to 9, with 10 abstentions (resolution 37/238).<sup>2</sup>

49. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III, entitled "Report of the Committee of Governmental Experts to Evaluate the Present Structure of the Secretariat in the Administrative, Finance and Personnel Areas", was adopted without objection by the Fifth Committee. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 37/239).

50. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Travel and subsistence regulations of the International Court of Justice".

51. The Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution IV without objection. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 37/240).

52. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution V, entitled "Organization and methods for official travel", was adopted by the Fifth Committee without objection. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt the draft resolution?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 37/241).

- 53. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VI is entitled "Special review of the ongoing work programme of the United Nations".
- 54. The Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution VI without objection. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 37/242).

- 55. The PRESIDENT: We turn now to draft resolutions VII A to C, under the general heading "Programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983".
- 56. Draft resolution VII A is entitled "Revised budget appropriations for the biennium 1982-1983". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Burma, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republics, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Spain.

Draft resolution VII A was adopted by 117 votes to 14, with 12 abstentions (resolution 37/243 A).<sup>2</sup>

57. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VII B, which is entitled "Revised income estimates for the biennium 1982-1983", was adopted by the Fifth Comn. itee without objection. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VII B was adopted (resolution 37/243 B).

58. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VII C is entitled "Financing of appropriations for the year 1983". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Burma, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania,

Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugo-slavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, Japan, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Spain.

Draft resolution VII C was adopted by 116 votes to 13, with 12 abstentions (resolution 37/243 C).<sup>2</sup>

59. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Fifth Committee for this session. I extend my warmest congratulations to the members of the Fifth Committee for their exceptionally good performance this year in finishing their work on time.

The meeting rose at 12 noon.

#### **NOTES**

<sup>1</sup> The delegations of Cyprus and Djibouti subsequently informed the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour of that section of the draft resolution.

<sup>2</sup> The delegation of Djibouti subsequently informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

<sup>3</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee, 17th meeting, para. 25.

<sup>4</sup> The delegation of Djibouti subsequently informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour of that section of the draft resolution.