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In the absence of Mr. Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Mr. Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair

The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

Agenda item 95: Macroeconomic policy questions
(continued) (A/C.2/56/L.35, L.36, L.37 and L.38)

(a) Trade and development *(continued)*

Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.35

1. **Mr. Mirafzal** (Islamic Republic of Iran) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.35, entitled “Trade and development”, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and noted that it was purely procedural.

Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.36

2. **Mr. Mirafzal** (Islamic Republic of Iran) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.36, entitled “Unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries”, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and expressed the hope that it would be adopted by consensus.

Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.37

3. **Mr. Mirafzal** (Islamic Republic of Iran) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.37, entitled “Specifications related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries”, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, describing it as a very well-balanced draft resolution which could easily be adopted by consensus. He drew attention to paragraphs 10, 11 and 12, which contained some new ideas, and to some minor new language in paragraphs 13 and 14.

Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.38

4. **Mr. Mirafzal** (Islamic Republic of Iran) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.38, entitled “International trade and development”, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. Since the only new element was to be found in paragraph 1, the draft resolution could be merged with draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.35.

Agenda item 104: Training and research *(continued)*
(A/C.2/56/L.30)

5. **Mr. Tootoonchian** (Islamic Republic of Iran) introduced the draft resolution, entitled “United Nations Institute for Training and Research”, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, observing that the Institute was an instrument with tremendous potential which could help developing countries better to understand issues and problems in their global context and to acquire the skills necessary to address them. The draft resolution sought to address the Institute’s critical financial situation, which stemmed from the low level of voluntary contributions by donor countries to the General Fund. In light of discussions and the decision taken at the fifty-fifth session, it also emphasized the need to reclassify the rental rates and maintenance costs charged to UNITAR in respect of its offices at New York and Geneva. That was a very important issue upon which the Committee must take a decision during its present session. The Group of 77 and China hoped that the draft resolution would be adopted by consensus.

6. **Mr. Fins-do-Lago** (Portugal), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that while the European Union believed that the draft resolution should be adopted by consensus as soon as possible, it had some concerns with regard to possible programme budget implications. He requested the Secretariat to submit, as soon as possible, a document setting out those implications.

7. **Ms. Kelley** (Secretary of the Committee), replying to a question from **Mr. Tootoonchian** (Islamic Republic of Iran), explained that all draft proposals before the Committee were automatically submitted to the Budget Office for evaluation of programme budget implications. The Committee had to be informed of programme budget implications before it took action on a draft proposal, but actual consideration of the programme budget implications themselves was a matter for the Fifth Committee.

The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.