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The meeting was called to order at 4.45 p.m.

Agenda item 91: Macroeconomic policy questions

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(b) Science and technology for development

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Draft resolution on creation of a global culture of cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures (A/C.2/58/L.74)

1. **The Chairman** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.74, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19. The title should be changed to read: "Creation of a global culture of cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures". He announced that Albania, Chile, China, Croatia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Iceland, Japan, Kazakhstan, the Marshall Islands, Mongolia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Palau, the Republic of Korea, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine and Viet Nam had become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.74.

2. **Ms. Gustafson** (United States of America) announced that Algeria, Andorra, Australia, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Gabon, Haiti, India, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mali, Mongolia, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, Tuvalu, Uganda and Uruguay had become sponsors of the draft resolution.

3. **Mr. Nikolov** (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) said that his delegation had become a sponsor of the draft resolution.

4. **Mr. Bernardini** (Italy), speaking on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, said that the European Union and the aforementioned acceding countries had also become sponsors of the draft resolution.

5. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.74 was adopted.*

6. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19 was withdrawn.*

7. **Ms. Núñez Mordoche** (Cuba) said that, although she had joined the consensus on the draft resolution, advances in information and communications technology were not a priority for third world countries since most of them lacked the technological infrastructure that would allow them to benefit therefrom. Moreover, the draft resolution contained few references to the need for international cooperation in the transfer of technology; the efforts of some States to impose their views on others must not provide a basis for the Committee's work. A detailed technical study of the important issues covered by the draft resolution was needed, without prejudice to the outcome of the World Summit on the Information Society.

Draft resolutions on science and technology for development (A/C.2/58/L.20 and L.69)

8. **The Chairman** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.69, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20.

9. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.69 was adopted.*

10. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 was withdrawn.*

11. **The Chairman** said he took it that the Committee wished to take note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the ongoing preparatory process for the World Summit on the Information Society (A/58/74-E/2003/58).

12. *It was so decided.*

(f) Outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation *(continued)*

Draft resolutions on the Almaty Programme of Action (A/C.2/58/L.16 and L.73)

13. **The Chairman** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.73, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.16. The title should be changed to read:

“Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries”.

14. **Ms. Kelley** (Director, Division of General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs), explaining the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, said that provisions for activities such as those envisaged therein had been included in Section 10 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005; no additional appropriation would be required.

15. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.73 was adopted.*

16. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.16 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 102: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (*continued*)
(A/C.2/58/L.34, L.45 and L.68)

Draft resolutions on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/C.2/58/L.34 and L.68)

17. **Ms. Cronenberg-Mossberg** (Sweden), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.68, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.34.

18. **Ms. Kelley** (Director, Division of General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs), explaining the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.68, noted that paragraph 8 requested the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to facilitate the participation of government representatives from the least developed countries in the annual assessment of the Brussels Programme of Action by the Economic and Social Council for the Decade 2001-2010 within the context of the overall financial provisions established by the General Assembly in its resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 and subsequent amendments. However, those provisions did not apply to meetings such as the annual assessment. The implementation of paragraph 8 was therefore understood as requiring the Secretary-General to seek and administer extrabudgetary resources without the use of any regular budget funds.

19. **The Chairman** said that in light of the Director's statement, document A/C.2/58/L.45, which contained

the programme budget implications for draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.34, no longer applied.

20. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.68 was adopted.*

21. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.34 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 92: Sectoral policy questions: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (*continued*)
(A/C.2/58/L.2 and L.52)

Draft resolutions on preventing and combating corrupt practices (A/C.2/58/L.2 and L.52)

22. **Ms. Cronenberg-Mossberg** (Sweden), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.52, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.2. The title should be changed to read: “Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin”.

23. **Ms. Mammadova** (Azerbaijan) said that Azerbaijan had become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.52.

24. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.52 was adopted.*

25. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.2 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 93: Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (*continued*)
(A/C.2/58/L.5, L.27, L.56 and L.65)

(a) Women in development (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on women in development (A/C.2/58/L.27 and L.65)

26. **Ms. Cronenberg-Mossberg** (Sweden), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.65, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27.

27. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.65 was adopted.*

28. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27 was withdrawn.*

29. **Ms. Gustafson** (United States of America) said that the United States strongly supported and promoted women's full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms. However, its decision to join the consensus on the draft resolution in no way

constituted a reaffirmation of language in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, or documents referenced therein that could be interpreted as suggesting the creation of human rights or as constituting support for or endorsement or promotion of abortion, abortion-related services or the use of abortifacients; treatment for injuries or illnesses caused by legal or illegal abortion, including post-abortion care, was not deemed to constitute abortion-related services. It should be noted that the resolutions adopted at the current session did not create obligations legally binding on States under international law, nor did they indicate a change in her Government's position regarding treaties which it had not ratified.

(b) Human resources development (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on human resources in development (A/C.2/58/L.5 and L.56)

30. **Ms. Cronenberg-Mossberg** (Sweden), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.56, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.5.

31. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.56 was adopted.*

32. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.5 was withdrawn.*

33. **Ms. Gustafson** (United States of America) noted that in the eleventh preambular paragraph of the draft resolution, the General Assembly expressed concern at the increasing development gap between developed and developing countries, including the gap in knowledge, information and communication technologies, and the disparity of income in and among nations and its adverse impact on the development of human resources in the developing countries. However, the amount invested in human resources development in one country had no impact on human resource development in another country since each country allocated such funds according to its own priorities. That error also appeared in previous resolutions on the same topic; she hoped that it would be corrected in future texts.

Agenda item 94: Environment and sustainable development (*continued*) (A/C.2/58/L.7/Rev.1, L.10, L.14/Rev.1, L.15, L.25, L.26, L.43, L.44, L.59, L.60, L.67 and L.72)

(a) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy including the implementation of the World Solar Programme (A/C.2/58/L.26 and L.59)

34. **The Chairman** announced that Bulgaria; Croatia; the European Union and the acceding countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia; Fiji; Mexico; Monaco; Nauru; Papua New Guinea; Romania; Turkey; Uganda and Ukraine had become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.59.

35. **Ms. Mammadova** (Azerbaijan), **Mr. Balestra** (San Marino), **Ms. Pià Comella** (Andorra) and **Mr. Ramsden** (New Zealand) said that their delegations had also become sponsors of the draft resolution.

36. **Ms. Zubčević** (Croatia), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.59, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.26.

37. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.59 was adopted.*

38. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.26 was withdrawn.*

39. **Mr. Shamanov** (Russian Federation) said that his delegation had joined the consensus and wished to underline the importance of the World Renewable Energy Conference, to be held in Bonn in 2004. The Conference would contribute to comprehensive work on new and renewable sources of energy, taking account of the specific economic, social and geographical features of the various regions of the world, and also the provisions of the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development regarding energy for sustainable development.

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa
(continued)

Draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa
(A/C.2/58/L.7/Rev.1 and L.43)

40. **Ms. Kelley** (Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division), referring to the programme budget implications contained in document A/C.2/58/L.43, drew attention to a typographical error in the first paragraph.

41. **Mr. Benmellouk** (Morocco), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced the draft resolution, drawing particular attention to paragraph 14.

42. **Ms. Gustafson** (United States of America) requested that a recorded vote be taken on paragraph 14. Speaking in explanation of vote before the vote, she said that the United States of America was disappointed by the continued diversion of resources from the regular budget of the United Nations to subsidize independent and self-sustaining treaty bodies. As a matter of principle, such bodies could and should collect the funds needed to finance their activities from their membership. The United States of America would continue to support the programmes and objectives of the Convention through voluntary contributions.

43. *A recorded vote was taken on operative paragraph 14 of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.7/Rev.1.*

In favour:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti,

Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

United States of America.

Abstaining:

None.

44. *Paragraph 14 of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.7/Rev.1 was adopted by 153 votes to 1, with no abstentions.*

45. **Mr. Hassan** (Pakistan) said that if his delegation had been present at the time of the vote, it would have voted in favour of the operative paragraph.

46. **Mr. Bernardini** (Italy), speaking on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia in explanation of vote after the vote, said that they had voted in favour of operative paragraph 14. The Convention was an important tool for poverty eradication and sustainable development, and could be implemented only through a strong political and institutional link to the United Nations, with its administrative, budgetary and

resource implications. That link had existed since the adoption of the Convention in 1994. There had always been a strong demand from the General Assembly to include the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies in the overall conference calendar. That inclusion should be interpreted to cover conference-servicing costs from the regular budget of the United Nations, since that had been standard procedure and had not been changed expressly by any General Assembly resolution.

47. **Mr. Shimizu** (Japan), speaking in explanation of vote after the vote, said that his delegation had voted in favour of paragraph 14, and believed that the Conference of the Parties and the meetings of the subsidiary bodies were the core activities of that Convention, and that it was of the utmost importance that the conference-servicing costs be covered as they had been before. Japan regretted that it had not been possible to achieve consensus on the paragraph, and considered that the matter of cost should be resolved as soon as possible so that there would be no negative impact on the activities of the Convention.

48. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.7/Rev.1 as a whole was adopted.*

Draft resolutions on the International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2006 (A/C.2/58/L.15 and L.60)

49. **Ms. Zubčević** (Croatia), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.60, which she was submitting on the basis of consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.15 and recommended it for adoption.

50. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.60 was adopted.*

51. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.15 was withdrawn.*

(e) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (continued)

Draft resolutions on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/C.2/58/L.10 and L.72)

52. **Ms. Kelley** (Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division), placing on record a statement of financial implications on behalf of the Secretary-General, said with reference to operative paragraphs 7, 15, 18 and 19 of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10 that the Secretary-General wished to draw the attention of Member States to the

fact that the General Assembly, in its resolution 54/219 of 22 December 1999, had established the secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and the Inter-Agency Task Force for Natural Disaster Reduction as successor arrangements for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction. The activities of that secretariat were financed entirely from extrabudgetary resources. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, all costs associated with the preparatory process and the Conference would have to be financed from voluntary contributions.

53. **Ms. Zubčević** (Croatia), Vice-Chairman, introducing draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.72, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10, said that the word "Hyogo", should be inserted in paragraph 8 after the word "Kobe". Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Japan, Tajikistan and the United States of America had joined the list of co-sponsors.

54. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.72, as orally amended, was adopted.*

55. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10 was withdrawn.*

56. **Mr. Osawa** (Japan) thanked all who had participated in the informal negotiations and expressed the hope that the review of the Yokohama Strategy, to be held in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan, in 2005 would provide a unique opportunity for the international community to renew its determination to tackle disaster reduction issues.

Draft resolutions on natural disasters and vulnerability (A/C.2/58/L.25 and L.67)

57. **Ms. Zubčević** (Croatia), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.67, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25, and drew attention to some editorial changes in the fourth, fifth and final preambular paragraphs and in paragraphs 2, 4 and 6.

58. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.67, as orally revised, was adopted.*

59. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25 was withdrawn.*

(f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (*continued*)

Draft resolution on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(A/C.2/58/L.14/Rev.1*)

60. **The Chairman** drew attention to document A/C.2/58/L.44, which contained the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14/Rev.1*, which had been reissued for technical reasons.

61. **Mr. Benmellouk** (Morocco), Vice-Chairman, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced the draft resolution, drawing particular attention to paragraph 5.

62. **Ms. Spirnak** (United States of America), speaking in explanation of vote before the vote, said that the United States was disappointed by the continued diversion of resources from the United Nations regular budget to subsidize independent and self-sustaining treaty bodies. As a matter of principle, such bodies could and should collect the funds needed to finance their activities from their membership. Her delegation supported the objectives to the Framework Convention on Climate Change and would continue to do so through voluntary contributions to the Convention.

63. At the request of the representative of the United States of America, a recorded vote was taken on paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14/Rev.1*.

In favour:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein,

Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

United States of America.

Abstaining:

None.

64. *Paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14/Rev.1* was adopted by 153 votes to 1, with no abstentions.*

65. **Mr. Bernardini** (Italy), speaking on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, in explanation of vote after the vote, said that they had voted in favour of paragraph 5, since it reaffirmed the need to fund the provisions for sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its subsidiary bodies from the regular budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2004-2005. Climate change was a global challenge closely linked to other global issues at the heart of the United Nations mission. Therefore, the Convention needed to remain closely linked, politically and institutionally to the United Nations. Ever since the establishment of that link by the forty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly in 1992, there had always been a strong demand from the General Assembly to include the sessions of the Conference of

the Parties to the Convention and its subsidiary bodies, in the overall conference calendar. Such inclusion should be interpreted as covering conference servicing costs from the regular budget of the United Nations, since that had been standard procedure and had not been changed expressly by any General Assembly resolution.

66. **Mr. Shimizu** (Japan), speaking in explanation of vote after the vote, said that his delegation had voted in favour of paragraph 5 and believed that the Conference of the Parties and the meetings of the two subsidiary bodies were the core activities of that Convention. It was of the utmost importance that the appropriate conference-servicing costs be covered as they had been before. His delegation regretted that it had not been possible to achieve consensus on the paragraph, and considered that the matter of cost should be resolved as soon as possible so that there would be no negative impact on the activities of the convention.

67. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14/Rev.1 as a whole was adopted.*

(g) Sustainable mountain development (continued)

Draft resolutions on sustainable mountain development (A/C.2/58/L.22 and L.58)

68. **The Chairman** announced that Australia, Cameroon, Chile, France, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Timor-Leste and Ukraine had become sponsors of the draft resolution.

69. **Ms. Zubčević** (Croatia), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.58, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.22.

70. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.58 was adopted.*

71. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.22 was withdrawn.*

Agenda 95: Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (continued) (A/C.2/58/L.9 and L.63)

Draft resolutions on implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/C.2/58/L.9 and L.63)

72. **The Chairman** drew attention to document A/C.2/58/L.51, which contained the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9.

73. **Ms. Zubčević** (Croatia), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.63, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 and recommended its adoption by consensus.

74. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.63 was adopted.*

75. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 was withdrawn.*

76. **Ms. Spirnak** (United States of America), speaking in explanation of position, said that the United States strongly supported the Commission on Sustainable Development and applauded its action-oriented reforms and innovation. However, paragraph 7 of the resolution was of concern to her delegation as a precedent that could be easily misunderstood. Although the United States did not dispute the right of the Commission to reallocate its resources, it wished to reiterate its view on the issue of funding of travel by members to regional meetings. It believed that such travel should not be funded from the regular budget of the United Nations and would strongly oppose such expenses.

77. **Ms. Rødsmoen** (Norway) announced that the Government of Norway had made arrangements to transfer approximately \$600,000 to the Commission on Sustainable Development Trust Fund to support the participation of representatives from developing countries in the upcoming session of the Commission.

78. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.63 was adopted.*

79. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 96: United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (continued) (A/C.2/58/L.13 and L.20)

Draft resolutions on the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (A/C.2/58/L.13 and L.70)

80. **The Chairman** announced that Algeria, Fiji, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawi and Papua New Guinea had become sponsors of the draft resolution.

81. **Ms. Zubčević** (Croatia), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.70, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.13 and drew attention to some editorial changes in paragraph 1. A number of delegations had asked that the item should be considered on a biennial or triennial basis.

82. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.70, as orally revised, was adopted.*

83. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.13 was withdrawn.*

84. **Mr. Osawa** (Japan) said that his delegation supported the view that the item should be considered on a biennial or triennial basis. He announced that his Government had decided to entrust \$100,000 to UNESCO to enhance its work for preparing the international implementation scheme in a timely manner.

Agenda item 97: Operational activities for development (*continued*) (A/C.2/58/L.24 and L.71)

(a) Operational activities for development (*continued*)

85. **The Chairman** suggested that the Committee should take note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

86. *It was so decided.*

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (continued) (A/C.2/58/L.24 and L.71)

87. **Ms. Cronenberg-Mossberg** (Sweden), Vice-Chairman, introduced resolution A/C.2/58/L.71 which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24 and drew attention to some editorial changes to paragraph 12.

88. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.71, as orally revised, was adopted.*

89. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 98: Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (*continued*) (A/C.2/58/L.3, L.4, L.57 and L.66)

Draft resolutions on the Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005 (A/C.2/58/L.3 and L.57)

90. **Ms. Cronenberg-Mossberg** (Sweden), Vice-Chairman, introducing draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.57 which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.3.

91. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.57 was adopted.*

92. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.3 was withdrawn.*

Draft resolutions on A/C.2/58/L.66: Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (A/C.2/58/L.4 and L.66)

93. **Ms. Cronenberg-Mossberg** (Sweden), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.66 which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.4.

94. **Ms. Viotti** (Brazil) suggested that the words "and that there is scope for a major event" should be added at the end of paragraph 36. She also suggested some editorial changes in paragraphs 33 and 38.

95. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.66, as orally amended, was adopted.*

96. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.4 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 99: Training and research (*continued*) (A/C.2/58/L.28 and L.53)

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/C.2/58/L.28 and L.53)

97. **Ms. Cronenberg-Mossberg** (Sweden), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.53, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.28.

98. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.53 was adopted.*

99. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.28 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council (*continued*) (A/C.2/58/L.23 and L.62)

Draft resolutions on public administration and development (A/C.2/58/L.23 and L.62)

100. **Ms. Cronenberg-Mossberg** (Sweden), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.62, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.23.

101. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.62 was adopted.*

102. *Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.23 was withdrawn.*

The meeting rose at 6.45 p.m.