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## The meeting was called to order at 10.25 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 114: PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1988-1989 (continued)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.15 concerning agenda item 135 (A/C.5/43/52)

- 1. Mr. MSELLE (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions), reporting orally on the Advisory Committee's consideration of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in document A/C.5/43/52, said that draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.15 had conference-servicing implications estimated on a full-cost basis at \$290,600. Since the provision made under section 29 of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 should be sufficient to cover those requirements, no additional appropriations would be required in connection with the draft resolution.
- 2. The CHAIRMAN proposed that, on the basis of the Advisory Committee's recommendation, the Fifth Committee should inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.15, no additional appropriations would be required under sections 26 or 29 of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.
- 3. It was so decided.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.13 concerning agenda item 133 (A/C.5/43/53)

- 4. Mr. MSELLE (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.13 had conference-servicing implications estimated on a full-cost basis at \$290,600. Since the provision made under section 29 should be sufficient to cover those requirements, no additional appropriations would be required under either section 26 or section 29 of the programme budget.
- 5. The CHAIRMAN proposed that, on the basis of the Advisory Committee's recommendation, the Fifth Committee should inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.13, no additional appropriations would be required under sections 26 or 29 of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.
- 6. It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 117: ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY CO-ORDINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (continued) (A/C.5/43/L.8)

7. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Fifth Committee wished to adopt the draft decision contained in document A/C.5/43/L.8 without a vote.

# 8. It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (A/43/3 and Add.1)

- Mr. HOH (United States of America) said that, although his delegation had no 9. objection to taking note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, certain elements which reflected on the work of the Fifth Committee required clarification from the Secretariat. The text of Council resolution 1988/77 indicated that cross-organizational programme analyses in their present form were to be replaced by brief analyses on major issues in the medium-term plan, to be consid red directly by the Council. While endorsing that idea, his delegation wished to know if the Secretariat felt that such a change would affect the responsibilities of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) and the Fifth Committee with respect to programme planning. With regard to paragraph 2 (c) of the resolution, it sought assurance that there would be no need for any amendment to the rules and regulations governing programme planning, budget evaluation and related activities or for a departure from current United Nations practice with respect to consideration of the proposed programme budget. Paragraph 2 (g) of the resolution contained elements regarding which his delegation's reservations were well known.
- 10. Mr. BAUDOT (Director, Programme Planning and Budget Division) said that the Secretariat interpreted the replacement of cross-organizational programme analyses as involving no change in procedure, since both the Fifth Committee and CPC would still indicate to the Secretariat what major issues of the medium-term plan should be addressed in the brief analyses. With regard to the role of the Economic and Social Council in the proposed programme budget, the Secretariat would, unless it received indications to the contrary, continue to take it that the Council should consider that subject only through the report of CPC and, more specifically, through those sections of the report which referred to the functions of the Council.
- 11. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council which had been allocated to the Fifth Committee, namely chapters I, IV (sect. E), V, VI (sects. C and D), VII and VIII.
- 12. It was so decided.
- 13. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.