



SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 45th MEETING

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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued)
(A/C.2/43/L.4 and L.68)

Draft decision on implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system (A/C.2/43/L.68)

1. Mr. FERNANDEZ (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, said that the draft decision which he had the honour of introducing on the basis of informal consultations held on document A/C.2/43/L.4 was a consensus text that he recommended to the Committee for adoption.
2. Draft decision A/C.2/43/L.68 was adopted by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM 82: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION (continued)

(d) NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY (continued) (A/C.2/43/L.24 and L.69)

Draft resolution on the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (A/C.2/43/L.69)

3. Mr. FERNANDEZ (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, said that draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.69, which he was introducing on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.24, was a consensus text that he recommended to the Committee for adoption, provided two revisions were made in the text. He said what the revisions were.
4. Mr. AL-KHATANY (Saudi Arabia) discussed the revisions further.
5. Mr. STOEY (Secretary of the Committee) recapitulated the two revisions which had been submitted. First, in the fourth line of paragraph 5, the phrase "as contained in resolution 2 (IV), paragraph 2, of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy at its fourth session" should be added after the phrase "in 1987". He then recalled the correction made by the representative of Iraq, namely that footnote 3 should contain the document symbol "A/43/36".
6. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said he was surprised that those revisions had not been incorporated in the text of the draft resolution.
7. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.69, as orally revised, was adopted.

8. Mr. HARRISON (United Kingdom) said that his delegation had participated fully in the informal consultations because it believed it was essential for the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy to examine its methods of work further. While there was general agreement on the need to strengthen the activities of the United Nations in the field of energy, opinions differed as to how that should be done. The Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy should discharge its mandate more effectively and must consider all available options at its next session, to be held in 1990. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.69 set out specific tasks in that regard.

9. Mr. LABERGE (Canada) noted that environmental research was an important aspect of the development of new and renewable sources of energy and said it was unfortunate that no action had been taken on his proposal to include a reference to that fundamental issue in the draft resolution. Environmental protection must be a priority issue.

10. Mr. ELGHOUAYEL (Tunisia) recalled the importance which the Group of 77 attached to the work of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy and said he was concerned by the fact that the General Assembly had not been able to adopt certain recommendations directed at the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council which would have facilitated the strengthening of the Committee's work, particularly through the establishment of a group of experts. He also wished to note that the Committee could not be dissociated from the Nairobi Programme of Action. Finally, he hoped that the proposal of Canada could ultimately be accommodated in the context of other resolutions on the environment.

11. Mr. SHAABAN (Egypt), replying to the representative of the United Kingdom, pointed out that paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, in which the States members of the Committee were urged to consider further measures to strengthen the activities of the United Nations in the field of energy was the most important element of that text. He emphasized that it was not the task of the Committee to reconsider its own mandate. Finally, he wished to remind the delegation of the United Kingdom that deliberations and negotiations, whether formal or informal, constituted the very essence of the Organization's work.

12. The CHAIRMAN said that, as draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.69 had been adopted, he would take it that draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.24 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

13. It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 86: SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE (continued)

**(a) OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR (continued)
(A/C.2/43/L.59 and L.70)**

Draft resolution on special economic and disaster relief assistance (A/C.2/43/L.70)

14. Mr. FERNANDEZ (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, said that draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.70, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.59, was the product of consensus, and he recommended that it should be adopted.

15. Mr. BEN MOUSSE (Morocco) drew attention to an error in paragraph 1 of the French text. The draft resolution cited should be 42/169, not 42/167.

16. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.70 was adopted by consensus.

17. The CHAIRMAN said that since draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.70 had been adopted, he would take it that the sponsors wished to withdraw draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.59.

18. It was so decided.

(b) SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (continued) (A/C.2/43/L.46 and L.67)

Draft resolution on a special plan of economic co-operation for Central America (A/C.2/43/L.46)

19. Mr. FERNANDEZ (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, submitted draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.46 to the Committee for adoption, pointing out that the words "promote and" should be inserted in the third line of the second preambular paragraph after the word "to".

20. Mr. RWANBUYA (Programme Planning and Budget Division) said that the meeting referred to in paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.46 would not be held at Headquarters but that in any event it would not have any programme budget implications.

21. Mr. OMOTOSO (United Nations Development Programme) said that, in paragraph 9 (b) of its decision 88/31, the UNDP Governing Council had provided for the allocation of \$20 million for the special plan of economic co-operation for Latin America, and that any expenditure that might arise from implementation of paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.46 would be met from those funds.

22. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to a typographical error in the Spanish version. The list of sponsors should include "Ireland" not "Iceland".

23. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.46 was adopted by consensus.

24. Mr. CAHILL (United States of America) said that his delegation had joined in the consensus although it had certain reservations. The United States was providing considerable assistance to the democratic countries of Central America and would continue to do so. Accordingly, it was not planning to contribute to the special plan; however, it urged other donors to do so. At the same time, since democratization was a key aspect of the Esquipulas agreements, donors must make assistance contingent upon the adoption of significant democratic reforms. The need to tie assistance to democratization should also be stressed at the meeting to be organized pursuant to paragraph 4. Furthermore, given the difficult situation in Central America, it was necessary to consider the needs of each country individually rather than collectively. Finally, the special plan of assistance should be implemented within the context of existing institutions and mechanisms, specifically those of the World Bank and IMF, whose debt strategy, in particular, should continue to be the basis for action in that area. Moreover, since it considered that private debts should be negotiated directly with private creditors, the United States could not endorse the specific proposals contained in the plan in that connection.

25. Mr. BLANDO (Nicaragua) expressed deep gratitude on behalf of the five Central American countries concerned to all who had sponsored draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.46 and to those who, despite their reservations, had joined in the effort by the international community to help that distressed region overcome its chronic underdevelopment. His delegation whole-heartedly supported the agreement reached at Esquipulas for the strengthening and promotion of democracy in the region, and it urged the Governments which had interests in the region to do all they could to encourage the process of democratization.

Draft resolution on assistance to Benin, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Ecuador, Madagascar and Vanuatu (A/C.2/43/L.67)

26. Mr. FERNANDEZ (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, said that, following informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.67, agreement had been reached on a consensus text and he recommended it to the Committee for adoption.

27. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.67 was adopted without objection.

28. Mr. VAN LIEROP (Vanuatu) said that he had mixed feelings concerning the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.67. While he was pleased that consensus had been reached - and he thanked all who had contributed to it - he regretted the economic conditions which had necessitated the adoption of such a draft resolution; he hoped that the status of least developed country would not become permanent.

29. Mr. DORANI (Djibouti) welcomed the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.67 and recalled that, despite the efforts which had been made, Djibouti continued to suffer from the drought and a steady influx of refugees, and its situation remained extremely precarious. He appealed to the entire international community for assistance in helping Djibouti overcome its economic and social crisis, and referred in particular to the donor round-table meeting which was scheduled to be held towards the end of 1989 to consider ways of exploring Djibouti's significant geothermal energy potential.

30. Mr. N'GREGAI (Central African Republic), Mrs. de WHIST (Ecuador), Miss RAVOLOLON-DRATAVY (Madagascar) and Mr. CAKPO-TOZO (Benin) thanked members of the Second Committee and its Vice-Chairman, Mr. Fernandes, in particular for their constructive spirit which had made it possible to achieve consensus on the question of assistance to their countries.

The meeting rose at 4.30 p.m.