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In the absence of the President, Mr. Moushoutas (Cyprus), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 3.25 p.m.

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RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PREVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AS A RESULT OF THE ACCUMULATION OF TOXIC AND RADIOACTIVE WASTES, AND STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESOLVING THE PROBLEM: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/43/919)

The PRESIDENT: I request the Rapporteur of the Second Committee, Mr. Martin Walter of Czechoslovakia, to introduce the reports of the Second Committee in one intervention.

Mr. WALTER (Czechoslovakia), Rapporteur of the Second Committee: I have the honour of introducing the remaining reports of the Second Committee, contained in the following documents: A/43/750 and Add.2 and 3; A/43/915 and Add.1 to 8; A/43/916; A/43/917; A/43/892; A/43/918 and Add.2; and A/43/919.

The recommendations of the Second Committee contained in those reports are presented to the General Assembly for consideration and appropriate action. Attention should also be drawn to the relevant reports of the Fifth Committee, contained in documents A/43/825, A/43/967 and A/43/982. Those reports reflect the programme budget implications of the relevant draft resolutions contained in the Second Committee's reports (A/43/750/Add.2, A/43/915/Add.2 and A/43/915 Add.8).

I should now like to draw the attention of delegations to document A/43/915/Add.8, where a clarification is required. Draft decision III, contained in paragraph 31 of the document, may give the impression that it is recommended that the General Assembly decide to have the Second Committee take a "final decision" on the convening of a special session. Since, according to the rules of procedure, the Main Committees of the General Assembly do not take "final decisions" but can only recommend to the General Assembly the taking of such

(Mr. Walter, Rapporteur,
Second Committee)

decisions, it is clear, therefore, that the intention of the Second Committee is to have the General Assembly take the final decision on that matter on the Committee's recommendation.

Now I wish to thank those delegations that offered comments and corrections, thus contributing to the finalization of my report. Should there be any further corrections required, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Secretariat.

Before concluding my statement, I wish to thank the Chairman of the Second Committee, Mr. Navajas, and the two Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Otobo, for the spirit of understanding, dedication and co-operation which characterized the work of the Bureau of the Committee.

The results of my work as Rapporteur would not have been possible without the assistance of the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Stoby, and his dedicated staff, Ms. Kimball, Ms. Mills, Mr. Liu, Miss Chesney and a number of their colleagues. I wish to thank all of them for their work, which contributed to the timely completion of the reports.

The PRESIDENT: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

The positions of delegations regarding the various recommendations of the Second Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

(The President)

May I remind members that, under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that:

"When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee".

(The President)

May I also remind delegations that in conformity with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

I now invite the attention of members to the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 12, concerning the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/43/750 and Add.2 and 3).

The Assembly will now consider Parts I, III and IV of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 12.

I should like to remind representatives that the General Assembly has already considered Part II of the report of the Second Committee (A/43/750/Add.1) at its 38th meeting, on 27 October.

We turn first to Part I of the report of the Second Committee, (A/43/750).

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of Part I of the report?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has before it four draft resolutions and five draft decisions contained in Parts III and IV of the report of the Second Committee. I shall put the recommendations of the Second Committee to the General Assembly one by one. After all the votes have been taken, representatives will have the opportunity to explain their votes.

Next the Assembly will take a decision on the two draft resolutions and two draft decisions contained in paragraphs 24 and 25 of Part III of the report in document A/43/750/Add.2.

In paragraph 24, the Second Committee first recommends the adoption of draft resolution I, entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian People".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded voted was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, 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 Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Israel, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Austria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Fiji, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden

Draft resolution I was adopted by 118 votes to 14, with 13 abstentions (resolution 43/178).*

*Subsequently the delegations of Comoros, Lebanon, Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Transport and Communications Decade in Africa". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 43/179).

The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now turn to the two draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 25.

Draft decision I is entitled "Inclusion of Mozambique in the list of the least developed countries". The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of this draft decision is contained in document A/43/825. The Second Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: Draft decision II is entitled "Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council". The Second Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same.

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: Next the Assembly will take a decision on the two draft resolutions and three draft decisions contained in paragraphs 24 and 25 of Part IV of the report in document A/43/750/Add.3.

In paragraph 24 the Second Committee recommends the adoption of draft resolution I, entitled "International Year of Shelter for the Homeless". It adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 43/180).

The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution II, entitled "Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 43/181).

The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now turn to the three draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 25 of Part IV of their report (A/43/750/Add.3).

Draft decision I is entitled "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". The Second Committee adopted draft decision I without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: Draft decision II is entitled "Guidelines for international decades". The Second Committee adopted draft decision II without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same.

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: Finally, we turn to draft decision III entitled "Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council". The Second Committee recommended that the General Assembly adopt that decision.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft decision III?

Draft decision III was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: I shall now call on those members who wish to speak in explanation of vote after the vote.

Mr. BARRETO (Brazil): Brazil voted in favour of the draft resolution entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people" on the assumption that operative paragraphs 9 to 11 reflect the understanding on the matter reached last April at the Belgrade ministerial meeting on the global system of trade preferences among developing countries and that those paragraphs will be interpreted in the light of the international obligations of Brazil in trade policy matters.

Mr. AL-KHATANY (Saudi Arabia) (interpretation from Arabic): The delegation of Saudi Arabia understands the words "creditor nations" in operative paragraph 9 of resolution 43/181, relating to "Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000" to mean developed creditor nations, and the words "financial institutions" to mean multilateral financial institutions.

The PRESIDENT: We turn next to the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 82, entitled "Development and international economic co-operation", contained in part I of document A/42/915.

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of this report?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We now turn to the report of the Second Committee on sub-item (a) of agenda item 82, entitled "International development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade", (A/43/915/Add 1).

The Assembly will now proceed to take decisions on the draft resolution and draft decision contained in paragraphs 12 and 13 of the report of the Committee.

The draft resolution contained in paragraph 12 of the report deals with the preparations for an international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade.

(The President)

The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution are contained in document A/43/982.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, 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 Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, 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 Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: United States of America

The draft resolution was adopted by 151 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 43/182).

The PRESIDENT: In paragraph 13 of its report, the Second Committee recommends the adoption of a draft decision, entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of a new international development strategy".

(The President)

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt that draft decision?
It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 82.

I now invite members to turn their attention to the report of the Second Committee on sub-item (b) of agenda item 82, concerning trade and development (A/43/915/Add.2).

The Assembly will now proceed to take decisions on the seven draft resolutions and two draft decisions contained in paragraphs 37 and 38 of the report of the Second Committee. I shall put the recommendations of the Second Committee to the Assembly one by one. After all the votes have been taken, representatives will have the opportunity to explain their votes.

First, the Assembly will take a decision on the seven draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 37 of its report (A/43/915/Add.2).

Draft resolution I is entitled "Twenty-fifth anniversary of the creation of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 43/183).

The PRESIDENT: We turn now to draft resolution II entitled "Reverse transfer of technology". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 43/184).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III is entitled "Trade embargo against Nicaragua".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Grenada, Honduras, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritius, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Oman, Paraguay, Portugal, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yemen, Yaire

Draft resolution III was adopted by 89 votes to 2, with 50 abstentions (resolution 43/185).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries". The Second Committee the draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 43/186).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution V is entitled "International Conference on Money and Finance".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Finland, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Turkey

Draft resolution V was adopted by 127 votes to 19, with 5 abstentions (resolution 43/187).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VI is entitled "Report of the Trade and Development Board". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 43/188).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VII deals with specific measures in favour of island developing countries. The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/43/967. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution VII was adopted (resolution 43/189).

The PRESIDENT: I now invite representatives to turn to the two draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 38 of its report (A/43/915/Add.2).

Draft decision I deals with protectionism and structural adjustment and commodities. May I consider that the General Assembly adopts the draft decision?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: Draft decision II was also recommended for adoption by the Second Committee. May I take it that the Assembly also adopts draft decision II?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 82.

We turn now to the report of the Second Committee on sub-item (c) of agenda item 82, entitled "Food problems" (A/43/915/Add.3).

(The President)

The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions contained in paragraph 11 of the report. Draft resolution I is entitled "Strengthening technical co-operation among developing countries in food and agriculture". The Second Committee recommends the adoption of that draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft resolution I?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 43/190).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Food and agricultural problems". The Second Committee recommends that draft resolution for adoption. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do adopt it?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 43/191).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 82.

We now turn to the report of the Second Committee on sub-item (d) of agenda item 82, entitled "New and renewable sources of energy" (A/43/915/Add.4).

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 8 of the Second Committee's report. The draft resolution relates to the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of that draft resolution. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/192).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 82.

We now turn to the report of the Second Committee on sub-item (e) of agenda item 82 entitled "Development of the energy resources of developing countries" (A/43/915/Add.5).

(The President)

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 5 of the Second Committee's report. The draft resolution relates to development of the energy resources of developing countries. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of that draft resolution. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/193).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 82.

We now turn to the report of the Second Committee on sub-item (f) of agenda item 82, entitled "Long-term trends in social and economic development" (A/43/915/Add.6).

The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report.

Draft resolution I, entitled "Examination of long-term trends in economic and social development", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 43/194).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II deals with international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, 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 Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: United States of America

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Draft resolution II was adopted by 128 votes to 1, with 21 abstentions (resolution 43/195).

The PRESIDENT: That concludes our consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 82.

I now invite members to turn their attention to the report of the Second Committee on sub-item (g) of agenda item 82, entitled "Long-term strategy for sustainable and environmentally sound development" (A/43/915/Add.7).

(The President)

The Assembly will now proceed to take decisions on the recommendations contained in paragraphs 15 and 16 of the Second Committee's report.

First, the Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "A United Nations conference on environment and development", which is contained in paragraph 15 of the Committee's report. The Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/196).

The PRESIDENT: I now invite representatives to turn to the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/43/915/Add.7).

The draft decision is entitled "International co-operation in the monitoring, assessment and anticipation of environmental threats" and was adopted by the Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 82.

The Assembly will now turn to the report of the Second Committee dealing with proposals not related to any particular sub-item of agenda item 82 (A/43/915/Add.8).

The Assembly will now take decisions on the recommendations of the Second Committee contained in paragraphs 30 and 31 of its report.

First, we turn to the draft resolution contained in paragraph 30, which concerns the fulfilment of the target for official development assistance.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, 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 Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: United States of America

The draft resolution was adopted by 148 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 43/197).

The PRESIDENT: Next, we turn to the three draft decisions contained in paragraph 31 of the Second Committee's report (A/43/915/Add.8).

Draft decision I, which concerns the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and to the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency, was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Second Committee recommended the adoption of draft decision II, entitled "International conference on money and finance for development". May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: Draft decision III is entitled "Special session of the General Assembly in 1990 devoted to international economic co-operation, in particular to the revitalization of economic growth and development in developing countries".

The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme and budget implications of this draft decision are contained in document A/43/982.

The Second Committee adopted draft decision III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision III was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: I shall now call on those representatives wishing to speak in explanation of vote after the voting.

Mr. DASGUPTA (India): I should like to express the satisfaction of my delegation at the adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution on the target for official development assistance.

I should also like to express our appreciation to the Nordic countries for taking the initiative on the subject at this particular time. We consider the timing of the resolution as most opportune, coming as it does on the eve of the launching of preparations for the formulation and elaboration of a new international development strategy for the fourth development decade.

We attach the highest importance to the flow of long-term concessional resources, particularly official development assistance, in order to sustain the efforts of developing countries for their growth and development. That is particularly true of low-income developing countries engaged in attacking the

(Mr. Dasgupta, India)

problem of mass poverty on a systematic basis. We are concerned that official development assistance has remained stagnant in real terms throughout the decade while the legitimate claims on official development assistance resources have increased.

We would like to express our appreciation to those enlightened donors who have not merely fulfilled but surpassed the official development assistance target and also to those who have been making strenuous efforts to fulfil the target. We appeal to those donor countries whose official development assistance performance is not yet commensurate with their capacity to redouble their efforts and achieve the target as quickly as possible.

Mr. UMER (Pakistan): My delegation would like to register its deep satisfaction at the adoption by an overwhelming majority of the draft resolution entitled "Fulfilment of the target for official development assistance".

The resolution conveys two essential messages. The first is that official development assistance continues to be an indispensable element of external financial flows to the developing countries, particularly to the low-income countries for whom official assistance has become the lifeline for their development.

The second crucial message which the resolution conveys is that official development assistance targets, as established in the second international development strategy, have not been met by many donor countries. It serves a timely reminder to those countries to spare no effort to honour the agreed and accepted targets.

My delegation sincerely hopes that the adoption of that resolution will serve as a catalyst for reinforcing the will of donor countries to raise the level of their official assistance to the official development assistance targets.

(Mr. Umer, Pakistan)

It is indeed notable that this important resolution emanated from some of the major donor countries themselves. We should like to congratulate the sponsors of the text for coming forward with that bold and far-sighted proposal. They have rightly earned the appreciation and approbation of the entirety of the developing countries.

Our satisfaction at the adoption of the resolution is, however, diminished by the fact that it had to be put to a vote. It would have been most gratifying had the resolution been adopted by consensus.

The PRESIDENT: We now turn to the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 83, entitled "External debt crisis and development" (A/43/916).

First, the Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 19 of the report, entitled "External debt crisis and development: towards a durable solution of the debt problems".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, 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 Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, 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 Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: United States of America

Abstaining: Japan

The draft resolution was adopted by 150 votes to 1, with 1 abstention (resolution 43/198).

The PRESIDENT: I now invite representatives to turn to the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 20 of its report, "Establishment of an advisory commission on debt and development". May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda item 83.

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 84, "Operational activities for development" (A/43/917). The Assembly will take decisions on the recommendations of the Second Committee contained in paragraphs 21 and 22 of its report.

The draft resolution contained in paragraph 21 is entitled "Operational activities for development". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/199).

The PRESIDENT: We shall now turn to the two draft decisions in paragraph 22 of the report. The Second Committee adopted draft decision I, "Operational activities for development", without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Second Committee also recommends the adoption of draft decision II. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do so?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 84.

(The President)

I now invite the Assembly to turn its attention to the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 85, "Training and research" (A/43/892).

The Assembly will now take decisions on the two draft resolutions contained in paragraph 10 of the report of the Second Committee.

Draft resolution I is entitled "United Nations University". The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 43/200).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research." The Second Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 43/201).

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of agenda item 85.

The General Assembly will now consider parts I and III of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 86, "Special economic and disaster relief assistance" (A/43/918 and Add.2). The Assembly will take decisions on the 10 draft resolutions and the draft decision contained therein. I shall put to the recommendations of the Second Committee to the Assembly one by one. After all the votes have been taken, representatives will have an opportunity to explain their votes.

However, I should like to remind representatives that the Assembly has already considered part II of the report of the Second Committee in document A/43/918/Add.1 at its seventieth plenary meeting, on 6 December 1988.

The Assembly will first turn to part I of the report of the Second Committee (A/43/918) and take decisions on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12.

(The President)

Draft resolution I, which is entitled "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 43/202).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "International strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 43/203).

The PRESIDENT: We now turn to part III of the report of the Second Committee (A/43/918/Add.2). The Assembly will now take a decision on the eight draft resolutions and the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraphs 46 and 47 of part III of its report.

Draft resolution I deals with special economic and disaster relief assistance. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 43/204).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II deals with special economic assistance to Chad. The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 43/205).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III concerns emergency assistance to Somalia. The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 43/206).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IV deals with assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 43/207).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution V deals with assistance to Mozambique. The Second Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 43/208).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VI deals with special assistance to front-line States. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, 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, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, 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 Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: United States of America

Draft resolution VI was adopted by 152 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 43/209).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VII deals with a special plan of economic co-operation for Central America. The Second Committee adopted draft resolution VII without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VII was adopted (resolution 43/210).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VIII deals with assistance to Benin, the Central African Republic, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Madagascar and Vanuatu.

The Second Committee adopted draft resolution VIII without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution VIII was adopted (resolution 43/211).

The PRESIDENT: Finally, we turn to the draft decision in paragraph 47 of the report of the Second Committee (A/43/918/Add.2).

The Second Committee adopted without a vote the draft decision concerning "Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations: Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator".

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda item 86.

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 143, "Responsibility of States for the protection of the environment and prevention of environmental pollution as a result of the accumulation of toxic and radioactive wastes, and strengthening of international co-operation for the purpose of resolving the problem" (A/43/919).

The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendation of the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report.

(The President)

The Committee adopted without a vote the draft resolution entitled "Responsibility of States for the protection of the environment; prevention of the illegal international traffic in, and the dumping and resulting accumulation of, toxic and dangerous products and wastes affecting the developing countries in particular". May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 43/212).

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of agenda item 143.

Before adjourning the meeting, I should like to inform representatives that, in connection with the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1989-1990, I understand that the Second Committee has recommended to defer consideration of that question to the resumed forty-third session of the General Assembly. Unless I hear any objection, may I take it that the General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1989-1990 to the General Assembly at its resumed forty-third session?

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4.25 p.m.