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President: Sir Leslie MUNRO (New Zealand).

Decision concerning the procedure of the meeting

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the reports of the Fifth and Fourth Committees.

AGENDA ITEM 42

Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (concluded)

REPORTS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/3785, A/3784, A/3755, A/3786)

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AGENDA ITEM 45

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund:

(a) Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;

(b) Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the fourth actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as of 30 September 1956, and second review of the basic tables of the Fund

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/3788)

1. The PRESIDENT: I should like to suggest to the Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee that he might present the reports of that Committee on the five agenda items 42, 41, 43, 48 and 45 in one intervention.

Mr. de Pinies (Spain), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee, presented the reports of that Committee.

2. The PRESIDENT: Item 42 deals with appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly. A vacancy occurred in the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and in the United Nations Staff Pension Committee as a result of the resignation of one of their members. Five vacancies will occur in the Committee on Contributions at the expiration of terms of office on 31 December 1957.

3. May I take it that the Assembly approves the appointments and adopts the draft resolutions recom-

mended by the Fifth Committee in its reports [A/3785, A/3784, A/3755, A/3786]?

The draft resolutions were adopted.

4. The PRESIDENT: Under item 41 we come to the system of honoraria and special allowances to members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly or other organs of the United Nations. Does any Member wish to explain his vote on the system of payments to members of expert bodies which has been recommended by the Fifth Committee?

5. I shall now put to the vote the recommendations contained in paragraph 6 of the report of the Fifth Committee [A/3766].

The recommendations were adopted by 48 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.

6. The PRESIDENT: Item 43 relates to the report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds. I will now put to the vote draft resolutions A and B in the report of the Fifth Committee [A/3783].

Draft resolution A was adopted by 52 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution B was adopted by 54 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.

7. The PRESIDENT: In accordance with resolution B, which we have just adopted, I appoint the following Members to serve on the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France, Lebanon, New Zealand, Pakistan, the United Kingdom and the United States.

8. We turn now to the report of the Fifth Committee on item 48, administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies. If no Member wishes to explain his vote on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in its report [A/3791], I shall proceed with the vote. I take it that this draft resolution can be adopted without objection.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

9. The PRESIDENT: Item 45 relates to the Joint Staff Pension Fund. I shall now put to the vote the draft resolutions recommended to the Assembly by the Fifth Committee in its report [A/3788].

10. Draft resolution A simply takes note of the annual report of the Joint Staff Pension Board. I assume that there is no objection to its adoption.

Draft resolution A was adopted unanimously.

11. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution B takes note of the report of the Joint Staff Pension Board on the fourth actuarial valuation of the Fund and of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon. I take it that the Assembly also adopts this draft resolution without objection.

Draft resolution B was adopted unanimously.

12. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution C concerns amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund. The amendments have been recommended without objection by the Fifth Committee. May I consider therefore that draft resolution C is adopted?

Draft resolution C was adopted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 41

Budget estimates for the financial year 1958 (continued)

REPORTS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/3787, A/3789)

Mr. de Pinies (Spain), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee, presented the reports of that Committee.

13. The PRESIDENT: The Fifth Committee has unanimously recommended the adoption of the draft resolution on the pattern of conferences to be found in its report [A/3787]. I will now put the draft resolution to the vote.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

14. The PRESIDENT: The next draft resolution before the Assembly, recommended by the Fifth Committee in its report [A/3789], concerns the control and limitation of documentation.

15. Mr. JUAREZ RODAS (Guatemala) (translated from Spanish): I do not in fact wish to speak precisely in order to explain our vote, but to make some small suggestions concerning the draft resolution approved by the Fifth Committee and submitted in its report [A/3789].

16. My delegation is extremely concerned about the consequences of this draft resolution, which recommends a 25 per cent reduction in the output of Secretariat documents. We all know the result of certain measures taken in the past for the ostensible purpose of achieving savings for the United Nations and Member States, but which in practice had the effect of hampering essential functions of the United Nations. This is a deplorable state of affairs.

17. Both in the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and in the Trusteeship Council, we have suffered from the consequences of such resolutions, which have been seriously detrimental to the interests of the peoples of those Territories and have made it very difficult to fulfil the duties imposed on us by the Charter and by our election to those bodies by the General Assembly.

18. If some Powers now find that some of the functions of the United Nations interfere with their policies, the solution would be to adjust those policies to the Charter instead of raising obstacles to the implementation of the Charter and impeding the efforts of the majority of Members with ill-advised schemes for economy.

19. It is therefore to be hoped that the representatives who have so consistently supported the Charter with regard to colonial questions, economic development in under-developed countries and conventions on fundamental human rights will find it possible to change their attitude in the present plenary meeting and thus ensure that the draft resolution does not obtain the majority required for adoption.

20. Finally, my delegation would like to call the attention of delegations to the conclusions approved by a majority of the Fifth Committee, when, at the request of the United States delegation, the problem was further considered at the Committee's 622nd and 624th meetings. It is stated in the report by the Fifth Committee that "there was widespread support, at the concluding stage of the discussion, for the following proposition: (a) as regards the volume of documentation, it was not possible in a deliberative organization like the United Nations to set an exact and predetermined figure of reduction" [A/3789, para.15].

21. In order to eliminate this inconsistency in the views expressed by the General Assembly in one and the same document, my delegation, with due regard for other opinions, respectfully requests that the draft resolution should be reconsidered and amended in order to eliminate or resolve the difference of opinion, which my delegation believes it reflects. We hope that other delegations will support this request.

22. This difference of opinion was brought out clearly in the Fifth Committee, in connexion with the question of the geographical distribution of the Secretariat staff. The Rapporteur was questioned regarding the omission from his report of certain points on the subject of geographical distribution, with which many delegations were dissatisfied on the ground that the principle laid down in Article 101 of the Charter was not being wholly complied with. The Rapporteur said that he had shortened his report in order to comply with the resolution which the Committee had just approved requesting a 25 per cent reduction in the volume of United Nations documentation. This is why my delegation thinks that it is rather dangerous to set a specific figure. Whatever figure is decided upon should be the result of careful prior study.

23. The PRESIDENT: I find myself in something of a difficulty. As I understand the position, the representative of Guatemala is proposing an amendment to this draft resolution. A text in Spanish has just been handed to the Secretariat and I am bound to say that it is a very late stage of the debate to submit an amendment. Will the representative of Guatemala be good enough to tell us, in exact language, what his amendment is?

24. Mr. JUAREZ RODAS (Guatemala) (translated from Spanish): First of all I should like to apologize for adding to the work of delegations and for taking up more time, which is so valuable to all of us.

25. My first amendment is to delete the words "as a target figure, a reduction in length of 25 per cent", in the third preambular paragraph, and to replace them by the words "as a target, a reduction in length".

26. My second amendment is to delete the words "figure of 25 per cent" in operative paragraph 2 and to replace them by the words "a certain percentage, determined after prior consideration".

27. My delegation is opposed to fixing a specific percentage without prior study. The study would be done by a committee set up for the purpose, or rather by the committee to be set up under the draft resolution.

28. The PRESIDENT: I think it will be desirable to deal with these amendments now. The representative of Guatemala does not want a precise figure of 25 per cent to be mentioned in the draft resolution. He wants some reduction but it is not to be as much as 25 per cent and is to be regarded as something to be examined in the future.

29. I will now put to the vote the first amendment, relating to the third preambular paragraph.

The first amendment was rejected by 34 votes to 14, with 15 abstentions.

30. The PRESIDENT: We come now to the second amendment, concerning operative paragraph 2.

31. Mr. ILLUECA (Panama) (translated from Spanish): Thank you, Mr. President, for giving me an op-

portunity to speak briefly on this proposal to amend the draft resolution. I shall try to comply with what I believe is your purpose and desire to conclude this debate as quickly as possible. I should like to make it clear that the purpose of the amendment proposed by the delegation of Guatemala, with which like other delegations, I am in full agreement, is to ensure that, if the Fifth Committee, the General Assembly, and the Secretariat genuinely wish to achieve a reduction in the volume of documentation, such a reduction should not be made arbitrarily, but rather in the light of a prior study of what documents can in fact be eliminated or reduced in length.

32. I should therefore like to ask all delegations to consider this proposal, which has no other purpose than to ensure that the reduction is made after prior study, and which does not, of course, rule out the figure of 25 per cent.

33. We feel that there are in fact some documents which should be shortened. Others, probably, should be lengthened. A co-operative effort will, for example, be needed to increase the circulation of the Spanish edition of the United Nations Review, which is doing magnificent work in informing the public within the limitations imposed by space and by the limited staff of the Department of Public Information. I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the excellent work it has done.

34. Sir Alec RANDALL (United Kingdom): I merely wish to comment, with reference to the remarks just made, that members of the Fifth Committee will recall the discussion which led to the formulation of this paragraph. The important phrase in the paragraph is the target figure. The intention of the draft resolution is obviously not capricious. The 25 per cent target figure is not in any way restrictive; it is merely setting a target to be aimed at.

35. Mr. RODRIGUEZ FABREGAT (Uruguay) (translated from Spanish): Common sense argues in favour of the amendment proposed by the Guatemalan delegation. The draft resolution proposes the establishment of a committee to study the possibility of reducing the volume and therefore the cost of United Nations documentation. But before this is done, we are setting a target figure, recommending that the volume of documentation should be reduced by 25 per cent.

36. Our delegation has attentively followed this entire debate, with which it is completely familiar. Why have we fixed this target figure of 25 per cent and at the same time set up a committee to study the possibilities and methods of making this reduction? This is a very complex problem. United Nations documents and publications are not only of value here at our meetings, in helping delegations to study problems on which they have to act and vote. They fulfil another function, that of conveying definite and specific news about the work and activities of the United Nations to the whole world.

37. For this reason, we feel that the amendment proposed by Guatemala is reasonable and we will support it.

38. The PRESIDENT: I think we are now in a position to vote on the second amendment proposed by Guatemala, which relates to operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution submitted by the Fifth Committee in its report [A/3789].

The second amendment was rejected by 35 votes to 12, with 11 abstentions.

39. The PRESIDENT: Does the representative of Guatemala wish to speak on a point of order?

40. Mr. JUAREZ RODAS (Guatemala) (translated from Spanish): I merely wish to ask the President for a separate vote on operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution.

41. The PRESIDENT: In accordance with the request of the representative of Guatemala, I shall first put to the vote the preamble and operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution in the report of the Fifth Committee [A/3789].

The preamble and operative paragraph 1 were adopted by 53 votes to 1.

42. The PRESIDENT: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution.

Operative paragraph 2 was adopted by 48 votes to 5, with 13 abstentions.

43. The PRESIDENT: We shall now vote on operative paragraphs 3 and 4 of the draft resolution.

Operative paragraphs 3 and 4 were adopted by 68 votes to none.

44. The PRESIDENT: We shall now proceed to a vote on the draft resolution as a whole.

The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 62 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

AGENDA ITEM 65

United Nations Emergency Force: report of the Secretary-General

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/3790)

45. Mr. DE PINIES (Spain), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee (translated from Spanish): I have the honour to present the report of the Fifth Committee on cost estimates for maintaining the United Nations Emergency Force [A/3790].

46. Mr. ZARUBIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translated from Russian): The USSR delegation has already stated, and it repeats now, that the Soviet Union will not join in financing the United Nations Emergency Force for the reasons already given by the USSR delegation when this question was examined at the 720th plenary meeting of the General Assembly and in the Fifth Committee.

47. The USSR delegation will therefore vote against the draft resolution submitted by the Fifth Committee in its report.

48. The PRESIDENT: We will now proceed to a vote on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in its report [A/3790].

The draft resolution was adopted by 45 votes to 9, with 10 abstentions.

AGENDA ITEM 13

Report of the Trusteeship Council

REPORT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE (A/3779)

Mrs. Skottsberg-Ahman (Sweden), Rapporteur of the Fourth Committee, presented the report of that Committee.

49. The PRESIDENT: The Fourth Committee has recommended the adoption of six draft resolutions and I invite representatives who wish to explain their votes to do so on any or all of the six drafts in one intervention.

50. Mr. LOVERA (Venezuela) (translated from Spanish): I have asked for the floor not to explain my vote but to speak on the draft resolution submitted by Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela [A/L.241].

51. The PRESIDENT: You may proceed, as this is not a general debate. When the Assembly decided, at the beginning of this meeting, not to discuss the reports of the Fifth and Fourth Committees, it decided that all interventions would, therefore, be limited to explanations of vote. If the representative of Venezuela would like to speak on any particular draft resolution in order to explain his vote, we shall be happy to hear him.

52. Mr. LOVERA (Venezuela) (translated from Spanish): When the delegation of Venezuela decided, together with its sister Republics of Ecuador and Peru, to submit a draft resolution [A/L.241], it did so in a generous spirit of conciliation, to serve the Fourth Committee, the delegations concerned and the people of the Cameroons. The Fourth Committee disposed of the item without approving any draft resolution concerning the two Trust Territories of the Cameroons.

53. The delegations of Venezuela, Ecuador and Peru took it upon themselves to reconcile the views of the various delegations and the result of their strenuous efforts is the above-mentioned draft resolution. If it fails to obtain the necessary majority the Assembly will be faced with the unsatisfactory situation of having adopted no resolution on the item this year. Since, however, the draft resolution is a moderate text, embodying and summarizing in part some of the main ideas expressed in the Fourth Committee's debates, we have grounds for hoping that it will receive the necessary number of votes.

54. Mr. PRADO (Ecuador) (translated from Spanish): My delegation's attitude to the draft resolution [A/L.241] before the Assembly today is perfectly well known.

55. As there was no majority in the Fourth Committee for any such draft resolution, the delegations of Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, in an effort of collaboration, endeavoured to find common ground among the parties to the discussion and decided to submit the new draft resolution on which we are going to vote this morning. It is not substantially different from the previous one but I may venture to say that in some ways it is an improvement upon that text in that the apprehensions voiced in the Fourth Committee are reflected in paragraph 5.

56. The new draft resolution is what my delegation would unhesitatingly describe as a compromise solution, which, together with the delegations of Peru and Venezuela, it has the honour to submit to this General Assembly.

57. I confess that it is not the best solution; perhaps it has the disadvantage of not being entirely satisfactory to any of the parties but for the very reason that it is a compromise my delegation has every confidence that it will receive the required majority in the Assembly. Failing that, we should be faced with the sad spectacle of the Assembly's having been unable to agree on any resolution on an important subject which has been

raised in innumerable petitions from the indigenous inhabitants of the Territory, who would be concerned about this failure in our work at the twelfth session. I must therefore state that my delegation warmly recommends this compromise and deems it an honour to submit it as a co-operative effort.

58. My delegation wishes to ask for a roll-call vote on this draft resolution.

59. Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET (France) (translated from French): In a spirit of conciliation, the French delegation has agreed to support the draft resolution submitted by Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela [A/L.241]. We think it is a generally acceptable compromise which will enable us to break the present deadlock. Like all compromises, it is based on a precarious balance.

60. We shall vote for the draft resolution as it stands and we shall ask for a vote on it as a whole. If, as seems unlikely, any part of the text were modified, either by deletion or amendment, we should vote against it and we should ask all who are anxious to see the free and peaceful development of the Cameroons towards the objectives proclaimed in the Charter to vote against the draft resolution as a whole. We shall oppose any separate vote.

61. Mr. ZARUBIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translated from Russian): Mr. President, the situation in the Trust Territories of the Cameroons is marked by extreme tension. In the Territory under French administration the struggle for independence, which has become nation-wide, has already twice been put down by force of arms, and those parties which most consistently express the people's aspirations have been driven underground by the Administering Authority.

62. The debate on this question in the Fourth Committee, the statements by petitioners representing five different political organizations and the tens of thousands of petitions in writing which have reached the United Nations have made it patent that in the Cameroons today the indigenous population is being brutally treated, that it is being subjected to mass repressive measures and persecution, and that elementary rights and political freedoms are trampled underfoot. It is beyond dispute that no attempt to ignore these facts can do anything to reduce the tension which marks the situation in the Cameroons.

63. Yet both the draft resolution introduced in the Fourth Committee and that presented at the plenary meeting [A/L.241] ignore the facts of which all are aware. Moreover, paragraph 4 of the draft resolution contains an indirect condemnation of those who have been the victims of repressive measures and who deserve the support of the United Nations.

64. Unfortunately the attempts made by several delegations in the Committee to amend the draft resolution were not given due weight, for the amendments in question were rejected. Operative paragraph 4 of the original draft resolution, as presented by the sponsors, distorts highly important questions connected with the settlement of the situation in the Cameroons, and thus cannot help to solve the problem. The USSR delegation accordingly voted against that paragraph in the Fourth Committee; nor could it support the remainder of the draft resolution, which was inadequate. The USSR dele-

gation therefore abstained from voting on the draft resolution in the Committee:

65. The USSR delegation will vote in the same way in the plenary meeting unless paragraph 4 of the draft resolution [A/L.241] now before us is amended by the deletion of the words "by all political parties".

66. Mr. BOZOVIC (Yugoslavia) (translated from French): Given the choice between a resolution which, although inadequate, takes some account of the difficult situation now prevailing in the Cameroons under French administration, and no resolution at all, we had decided to vote in favour of the draft resolution as amended, but not for certain of the amendments. That text did not obtain the necessary majority in the Fourth Committee and was therefore not adopted.

67. Now, given the same choice, we have decided to support the draft resolution submitted by Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. In doing so, however, we should like to recall that while the debate in the Fourth Committee showed that the majority did not condone the use of violence by the political parties, it also showed that the majority was unwilling to agree to repressive measures.

68. We therefore hope that those to whom the Fourth Committee's debate applied will take into account that very clearly expressed feeling. With that explanation, we shall vote in favour of the draft resolution.

69. Miss BROOKS (Liberia): In the Fourth Committee the delegation of Liberia abstained in the vote on the draft resolution as a whole because we felt that paragraph 4 could have been improved to the extent of stating that there should be a renunciation of violence by all concerned.

70. With regard to the present draft resolution [A/L.241], I think that some co-operation should be asked for and it should be made clear that this is a negotiated text. Looking it over, I see that there are two amendments included in this draft resolution which I feel are essential and my delegation will therefore vote for the draft resolution.

71. Nevertheless, we should like to have it recorded that the Liberian delegation does not approve of attributing violence to political parties alone. We do not desire to condemn either the Administering Authority or the political parties and that is why we would have preferred to see the words "renunciation of violence by all concerned" in paragraph 4. In addition to this, there might be violence promoted by other factors or factions which might not be the political parties or the Administering Authority, and we think that saying "violence by all concerned" would take care of that situation also.

72. However, in a spirit of co-operation and in order to ensure a two-thirds majority vote on this draft resolution, my delegation will vote in favour of it.

73. The PRESIDENT: I think we can now proceed to the vote on the various draft resolutions submitted in the report of the Fourth Committee [A/3779].

Draft resolution I was adopted unanimously.

Draft resolution II was adopted unanimously.

Draft resolution III was adopted by 51 votes to 15, with 7 abstentions.

Draft resolution IV was adopted unanimously.

Draft resolution V was adopted by 63 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.

Draft resolution VI was adopted by 50 votes to 13, with 9 abstentions.

74. The PRESIDENT: We next come to the draft resolution submitted by the delegations of Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, [A/L.241]; I have been asked to conduct a roll-call vote. I call upon the representative of the Soviet Union on a point of order.

75. Mr. ZARUBIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translated from Russian): The USSR delegation would be grateful if the President would put paragraph 4 of this draft resolution to the vote separately.

76. The PRESIDENT: I call upon the representative of France on a point of order.

77. Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET (France) (translated from French): I stated in my earlier remarks that we are against voting on the resolution in parts. We therefore request that the procedure should be voted on first, and that it should be established that a vote will be taken on the text as a whole. Otherwise, as I have said, we should be compelled to vote against the draft resolution as a whole.

78. The PRESIDENT: I shall have to put this matter to the vote immediately because the representative of France has opposed the taking of a separate vote on paragraph 4.

79. We shall now vote on the USSR proposal that a separate vote be taken on paragraph 4.

The USSR proposal was rejected by 34 votes to 26, with 7 abstentions.

80. The PRESIDENT: Very well. We shall now proceed to the vote on the draft resolution submitted by Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela [A/L.241]. I have been asked for a vote by roll-call.

A vote was taken by roll-call.

Sweden, having been drawn by lot by the President, was called upon to vote first.

In favour: Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Laos, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malaya (Federation of), Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Spain.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Albania, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Hungary, Iraq, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia.

The draft resolution was adopted by 57 votes to none, with 17 abstentions.

81. Mr. MUFTI (Syria) (translated from French): I shall be very brief. My delegation's vote in favour of draft resolution VI dealing with the effects of the European Economic Community on the development of certain Trust Territories should not be interpreted by this Assembly as an acceptance by the Syrian delegation of the principles of the association of Trust Territories with the European Economic Community.

82. Mr. ARAMBURU (Peru) (translated from Spanish): My delegation is very pleased to have sponsored the draft resolution [A/L.241] jointly with the delegations of Ecuador and Venezuela.

83. As the representatives of Ecuador and Venezuela have pointed out, it was a very arduous task to work out this compromise draft resolution but we have the great satisfaction of having found a text which, however imperfect, is an effort to harmonize the views of the members of the Fourth Committee and to promote the development of the Cameroonian people in accordance with the objectives of Chapter XII of the Charter.

84. These considerations guided my delegation in drafting the text and I am very gratified to note that they appear to have determined the affirmative vote of the majority of delegations present.

85. Mr. GEBRE-EGZY (Ethiopia): Our vote on the draft resolution contained in document A/L.241 was decided by the fact that we were unable to express our views in a separate vote on parts of the draft resolution, the USSR motion for a vote by division having been opposed by France and rejected. Consequently, as we were unable to vote against paragraph 5, for instance, which contains the words "taking into account any alternative relative to their future status", with which we cannot agree, we were obliged to abstain on the draft resolution as a whole.

86. Mr. ROLZ-BENNETT (Guatemala) (translated from Spanish): The Guatemalan delegation voted in favour of the draft resolution [A/L.241], mainly because it transmits the statements of the petitioners to the Trusteeship Council for further study and because it contains, in addition, a recommendation to the Administering Authorities of the two Cameroons to facilitate the realization in both Territories of the final objectives of the Trusteeship System, in accordance with the free expression of the wishes of the populations concerned, taking into account any alternative relative to their future status.

87. My delegation would have preferred paragraph 4 to be drafted in more precise terms, without any of the implications it now contains. In any case, however, we have voted in favour of the draft resolution on the understanding that it will in no way limit the rights of the people to express their wishes and to submit their petitions and claims either to the Administering Authority or to any United Nations mission which may visit the Territory in the near future. We also assume that a general amnesty will be proclaimed shortly, so that all citizens may freely exercise their rights in the Territory.

AGENDA ITEM 36

Election to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

REPORT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE (A/3760)

Mrs. Skottsberg-Ahman (Sweden), Rapporteur of the Fourth Committee, presented the report of that Committee.

88. The PRESIDENT: The Fourth Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, elected Brazil as a member of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories for a period of three years. If there is no objection, I shall assume that the Assembly takes note of the report of the Fourth Committee.

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 38

Question of South West Africa (concluded):**(c) Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa**

REPORT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE (A/3763)

Mrs. Skottsberg-Ahman (Sweden), Rapporteur of the Fourth Committee, presented the report of that Committee.

89. The PRESIDENT: The Fourth Committee has elected Egypt and Indonesia and re-elected Uruguay as members of the Committee on South West Africa.

90. I take it that the Assembly approves the recommendation that these three members should serve on the Committee as from 1 January 1958.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.