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 (Ghana).

**ITEM 16 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council**

1. The PRESIDENT: The first order of business this afternoon refers to the vacancies on the Economic and Social Council. As I stated last Monday [1327th meeting], there is general agreement in regard to the filling of the seats vacated by Australia, Colombia, India, the United States and Yugoslavia. However,

there were two candidates for the seat vacated by Senegal, and with the agreement of the General Assembly I held consultations this morning in my offices regarding this vacancy. But they have proved to be inconclusive.

2. I would now propose to the General Assembly that it approve, without objection, that the following Member States should fill five of the six vacancies on the Economic and Social Council: Canada, Pakistan, Peru, Romania and the United States. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Assembly agrees with my proposal.

*It was so decided.*

3. The PRESIDENT: I therefore declare Canada, Pakistan, Peru, Romania and the United States of America to be members of the Economic and Social Council as of 1 January 1965.

4. In regard to the sixth vacancy, I propose to have further consultations in the usual manner, between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, 11 February. I appeal to all Members to assist me in these consultations so that a conclusive result may emerge.

**ITEM 70 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly:

- (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/5715, A/5874; A/L.450);
- (b) Committee on Contributions (A/5716, A/5875; A/L.451);
- (c) Board of Auditors (A/5720, A/5876; A/L.452);
- (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointments made by the Secretary-General (A/5877; A/L.453);
- (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/5717 and Corr.1, A/5878; A/L.454);
- (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/5718, A/5879; A/L.455)

5. The PRESIDENT: The next item on the agenda of this meeting concerns appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly. The draft resolution before the Assembly [A/L.450] contains recommendations for appointments to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. May I take it that the Assembly adopts the draft resolution without objection?

*It was so decided.*

6. The PRESIDENT: I therefore declare Mr. Paulo Lopes Corrêa, Mr. Mohamed Riad, Mr. E. Olu Sanu and Mr. Dragos Serbanescu members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1965.

7. The next draft resolution [A/L.451] relates to appointments to the Committee on Contributions. May I take it that the Assembly approves the recommendations in the draft resolution?

*It was so decided.*

8. The PRESIDENT: I therefore declare Mr. Raymond T. Bowman, Mr. F. Nouredin Kia and Mr. Stanislaw Raczkowski members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1965.

9. We now turn to the vacancy in the Board of Auditors. My consultations this morning have shown that the First President of the Audit Office of Belgium has the majority support of Members. May I propose to the General Assembly that it adopt without objection the draft resolution contained in document A/L.452?

*It was so decided.*

10. The PRESIDENT: I therefore declare the First President of the Audit Office of Belgium a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term beginning on 1 July 1965.

11. The draft resolution contained in document A/L.453 recommends confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General of Mr. Eugene Black, Mr. Roger de Candolle, Mr. R. McAllister Lloyd, Mr. George A. Murphy, Mr. B. K. Nehru and Mr. Jacques Rueff as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1965. May I take it that the Assembly agrees without objection to this recommendation?

*It was so decided.*

12. The PRESIDENT: With regard to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, a recommendation for the appointment of three members is contained in document A/L.454. If there is no objection, I shall take it that the draft resolution is adopted.

*It was so decided.*

13. The PRESIDENT: I therefore declare Mrs. Paul Bastid, Mr. Louis Ignacio-Pinto and Mr. R. Venkataraman members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1965.

14. We now turn to the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee. The draft resolution before the Assembly [A/L.455] contains a recommendation for four members to fill six of the vacancies in the Committee. May I propose that the Assembly, at the present meeting, adopt without objection this draft resolution?

*It was so decided.*

15. The PRESIDENT: There are two vacancies still to be filled for the posts of alternate members for which no candidatures have been received. If the General Assembly agrees, I would propose to approach Member States to see whether suitable candidates may be found for these posts, and at a later meeting I shall put before the Assembly the candidatures for the two remaining vacancies.

16. There is no objection. I shall therefore undertake consultations in regard to the filling of the two vacancies.

### Statement by the President

17. The PRESIDENT: At our last meeting, the Secretary-General made statements concerning four matters on which a decision of the General Assembly was required before the recess. The Secretary-General's proposals have been put into the customary form of General Assembly draft resolutions [A/L.456, A/L.457 and Corr.1, A/L.458 and A/L.459].

### Interim financial arrangements and authorizations for 1965 (A/L.456)

18. The PRESIDENT: It has been suggested that action on this item should be postponed until the next meeting. If I hear no objection, that will be done.

*It was so decided.*

### ITEM 76 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/L.457 and Corr.1)

19. The PRESIDENT: The draft resolution submitted by the Secretary-General on this item [A/L.457 and Corr.1] is taken from the recommendations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board in annex IV, sections I and II, of its report [A/5808]. Each of the draft sections has been amended to change the effective date from 1 January 1965 to 1 March 1965, in accordance with the proposal of the Secretary-General.

20. If I hear no comments, I shall take it that the General Assembly adopts this draft resolution without objection.

*It was so decided.*

### ITEM 30 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/L.458)

21. The PRESIDENT: If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the General Assembly adopts the draft resolution concerning the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [A/L.458].

*It was so decided.*

22. The PRESIDENT: In this connexion, I should like to announce that the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will take place on Wednesday, 17 February 1965, at 10.30 a.m. in this hall. A Pledging Conference for the programme of the United Nations High Commissioner will be held at the same time in one of the main Committee rooms.

### ITEM 77 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

United Nations International School (A/L.459)

23. The PRESIDENT: The draft resolution on this item [A/L.459] contains the Secretary-General's proposal with regard to the United Nations International

<sup>1/</sup> See 1330th meeting, para. 284.

School. May I take it that the General Assembly adopts this draft resolution without objection?

*It was so decided.*

24. The PRESIDENT: I take special pleasure in the adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution submitted by the Secretary-General concerning the United Nations International School. Since I happen to be a member of the Board of Trustees, I am happy about the successful initiative taken by the Secretary-General, with the collaboration of the representatives of the Ford Foundation. I wish to associate myself with the expression of appreciation to the Ford Foundation, whose generous contribution will enable the United Nations to have a fine International School.

### ITEM 32 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (continued)\*

25. The PRESIDENT: In his statement at the 1327th plenary meeting, the Secretary-General also referred to his intention to appoint Dr. Raúl Prebisch as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. No formal resolution is required on this matter. Therefore, if I hear no objection, I shall take it that the General Assembly confirms this appointment.

*It was so decided.*

26. The PRESIDENT: I am sure that I speak on behalf of all members of the General Assembly when I extend to Dr. Prebisch best wishes for success in his important work.

27. As the General Assembly has been informed, the first session of the Trade and Development Board will take place early in April 1965. The General Assembly has also been informed that it is proposed to convene in August 1965 the Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the adoption of the draft Convention on Transit Trade of Land-locked Countries, pursuant to the recommendation contained in annex A.VI.1 of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.<sup>2/</sup>

28. In the absence of any objection, I shall take it that the General Assembly approves the holding of that Conference.

*It was so decided.*

29. The PRESIDENT: The expenses required for the Conference will be met within the over-all limits of the financial authorization to be granted to the Secretary-General in respect of 1965.

30. The Assembly has now disposed of three of the items referred to in the Secretary-General's statement.

#### Statement by the representative of India

31. Mr. CHAKRAVARTY (India): My delegation is extremely concerned at the course which events have taken since the beginning of this session and the steps

which appear to be now under consideration. The situation continues to deteriorate and the very future of the United Nations appears to be in danger. Our worst fears are being justified.

32. This Assembly cannot be oblivious to the voices which are being raised outside, seeking to exploit the situation and to denigrate the United Nations and all that it stands for. I feel that it is time to take stock of the situation so that no incalculable damage is caused to our Organization.

33. Our declared aim has been to uphold the letter and the spirit of the Charter and to maintain the authority of the United Nations. What we see, however, is that many Articles have been violated, at least in spirit. The Assembly is paralysed and its authority weakened. In an attempt to deprive some Members of their vote, the entire membership has been deprived of its vote.

34. I do not wish at this stage to raise the question as to whether or not Article 19 is applicable in the case of those Members which, for political reasons, have found themselves unable to share the cost of United Nations peace-keeping operations in the Congo and Gaza. The views of my delegation have already been expressed elsewhere and we stand by them. We are anxious to avoid a confrontation and, therefore, I am not going to go into the substantive question.

35. The need today, as on 1 December, is still for a compromise, and not for a confrontation. On the other hand, I must clearly state that, in our anxiety to avoid a confrontation in the interests of the Organization, we should not adopt a course of action which might equally damage the Organization.

36. The African-Asian Group had suggested a formula which would have enabled the nineteenth session to continue normally and which at the same time, fully respected the juridical stand of all Member States with regard to the question. Simultaneously, an attempt was to be made to find a solution to the financial as well as to the political and constitutional aspects of the problem of peace-keeping machinery in the future.

37. I wonder whether there is still time to retrace the course of our action and consider a solution on those lines—I repeat, without prejudice to the legal stand taken by different Member States.

38. The Secretary-General, speaking on 8 February, said:

"I believe, Mr. President, that at the present stage, the general feeling amongst delegations is favourable to the Assembly recessing once it has agreed upon the machinery for the comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects, and after having disposed of the important items to which I referred at the last meeting. The Assembly could, of course, be reconvened as soon as the machinery thus set up for the review of peace-keeping operations has been able to report a substantial measure of agreement on the points at issue." [1327th meeting, para. 7.]

39. We had ourselves maintained that this was more a political than a financial crisis, and this view now seems to be generally accepted. How else can one

\*Resumed from the 1314th meeting.

<sup>2/</sup> Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, vol. I, Final Act and Report (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 64.II.B.11), annexes.

justify a long recess except on the basis that there is no immediate financial crisis and, hence, we can still wait for some more months? My delegation has doubts as to whether a further adjournment would necessarily bring about a solution of the crisis facing us. At any rate, before we can give thought to the question of adjournment, we should at least like to know what the machinery for this purpose would be and what would be its terms of reference. Then alone will the General Assembly be in a position to decide whether an adjournment would indeed be fruitful.

40. To sum up, we wish to record our concern at the way the General Assembly has functioned so far and the manner in which we have tackled the problem before us. We feel that the African-Asian proposal could have been given a more careful consideration than it received. In any case, we hope that the Assembly will not decide to adjourn before the modalities for further negotiations and discussions have been properly worked out.

#### Statement by the representative of Sierra Leone

41. Mr. COLLIER (Sierra Leone): I have sought your indulgence at this stage, Mr. President, to make a statement on behalf of the African group of delegations. I had hoped to do this at a later stage, but, in view of the statement just made by the representative of India, I feel bound to intervene now.

42. My delegation and the other delegations thus associated with me consider it important not to allow this occasion to pass without putting on record our extreme disappointment and regret that the General Assembly of the United Nations has been forced to agree to an adjournment of the proceedings of the nineteenth session for still another period. We have reached this decision only because of our genuine concern for the future of this Organization, lest our public silence up to now should be mistaken for weakness and lack of interest in the affairs of the Organization. Indeed, we of the smaller delegations—particularly the African delegations—have often been told about our unpreparedness and incapacity to assume the role of international leadership; and there have been many occasions when we have been lectured about our irresponsibility and our immaturity. Therefore, if for no other reason, we now consider it our duty to demonstrate our serious concern at the development of events during the past months.

43. We have watched with pain and growing impatience while private discussions and manoeuvres have been taking place. Indeed, our representatives in various consultative groups have exerted themselves in every way—particularly in the Committee of Twenty-One,<sup>3/</sup> where the representative of Nigeria, Chief Adebó, one of our most illustrious representatives, has done his utmost to play an effective role. Yet our role so far has been conditioned by our sincere desire not to aggravate the situation or to precipitate a crisis. As good Members of the Organization, we have acquiesced in these tactics, inspired by a natural optimism and an unshakable faith in the ability of Members to resolve serious problems in an atmosphere of goodwill and co-operation.

<sup>3/</sup> Working Group on the Examination of the Administrative and Budgetary Procedures of the United Nations.

44. We had hoped that, as in the past, if we followed the path of caution and compromise, we would by now have found a solution and the Assembly would have settled down to the agenda of this nineteenth session. We continued to hope that this patient approach would help create the proper atmosphere from which a solution would emerge and the prestige of the Organization would be enhanced.

45. Alas, after many months and months of inactivity, we find ourselves in a position in which men of goodwill and peace all over the world are beginning to wonder whether the United Nations has not been failing in the discharge of its great responsibilities. All these things have unfortunately occurred in this International Co-operation Year, when one had hoped that a genuine desire for international co-operation in the pursuit of peace would have inspired those directly concerned with this unfortunate disagreement to exert themselves more boldly and more courageously in their determination to surrender positions which they had otherwise considered vital to their particular national interests. Unfortunately, these hopes have not been fulfilled.

46. That is why we are taking this opportunity to put on record our profound regret at these developments and to make it clearly understood that we are certainly not parties to these disagreements. Our delegations have come here at great expense and strain on our limited budgets to participate in the work of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly. Instead, they have had to possess their souls in patience and idleness.

47. It is the earnest desire of our delegations that the negotiations which will now take place will be more fruitful and that, when we next meet here, a definite agreement will have been reached. Let us therefore hope that, during the weeks and months that lie ahead, those more directly responsible for this situation will exert themselves more selflessly in their efforts to reach accommodation with the other side and demonstrate for all to see that it is yet possible to achieve international co-operation in this year which has been designated the International Co-operation Year and thus give to doubting humanity a new lease of life.

#### Organization of work

48. The PRESIDENT: I have no other speakers for this afternoon. Before adjourning, I should like to draw the attention of members to two matters which need early decision.

49. One is an urgent matter arising from the recommendations of the Special Committee of Twenty-Four<sup>4/</sup> concerning United Nations supervision of the elections in the Territory of the Cook Islands under New Zealand administration [A/5800, para. 169]. A communication from the Permanent Representative of New Zealand on this matter has been distributed in document A/5880, and the Secretary-General has made certain suggestions to the General Assembly concerning this matter [A/5882]. I propose to consult

<sup>4/</sup> Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

the General Assembly regarding this question at the next meeting.

50. The second matter relates to the document regarding the provisional agenda of the nineteenth session which I mentioned at the 1327th meeting [A/5884]. This document contains a statement on the status of agenda items, prepared after consultations with the Secretary-General. I would emphasize that this paper is submitted primarily for the information of Member States. I felt it necessary to submit it because the nineteenth session has not up to now had a General Committee, which normally deals with the agenda and makes appropriate recommendations to the Assembly.

Therefore, the purpose of the paper is self-explanatory. I am sure Members may wish to study it before our next meeting.

51. Since the Secretary-General and I have to continue our consultations with a number of delegations in regard to our future work, I propose that we should be given some time to do this, and therefore, if there is no objection, our next meeting will take place at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 16 February.

*It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 4.30 p.m.*