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Present:

Chairman: Sir Douglas COPLAND (Australia)

Members:

Argentina Mr. CAFIERO

Australia Mr. JOCKEL

Belgium Mr. van der SCHUEREN

China Mr. CHEN
Cuba Mr. RIBAS

Czechoslovakia Mr, NOVAK

Ecuador Mr. AVILES MOSQUERA

Egypt Mr. EL-TANAMLI
France Mr. ARMENGAUD
India Mr. BAJPAI

Norway Mr. BRUN
Pakistan Mr. ADIL

Turkey Mr. OZGUREL
Union of Soviet Socialist Mr. MORDVINOV

Republics Mr. FILIPPOV

United Kingdom of Great Britain Sir Alec RANDALL and Northern Ireland

United States of America Mr. HOTCHKIS

Venezuela Mr. MONTOYA

Mr. WEIBEZAHN-MASSIANI

Yugoslavia Mr. BRILEJ Mr. STANOVNIK

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Mr. DAWSON

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Mr. TERENZIO

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Unions

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Organizations

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Stability and Development

Mr. Messing-Mierzejewski

Secretary to the Committee

- 1. WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION (item 2 of the Council agenda) (resumed from the 166th meeting and concluded):
- (c) Removal of obstacles to international trade and means of developing international economic relations (E/2549, E/L.613/Rev.3, E/L.614, E/L.614/Corr.1 (English only)) (continued)

The CHAIRMAN recalled that the various proposals before the Committee had been reduced to two, namely: the United Kingdom draft resolution (E/L.613/Rev.3) and the Soviet Union draft resolution (E/L.614/Corr.1). He intended to take the United Kingdom proposal first, and pointed out that in the English text the word "original" in the seventh line of the first operative paragraph should read "regional"; that the words "tirera parti du" in the seventh line of the first operative paragraph of the French text should read "utilisera le"; and that the first paragraph of the preamble and the first operative paragraph of the Spanish text needed revision to bring them into line with the original English.

Mr. MORDVINOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) thought that the United Kingdom draft resolution had been considerably improved. He still felt that his own delegation's proposal had certain advantages, but would not reiterate the arguments he had already put forward. He maintained his previous position, stressing two points in particular: the fact that his delegation had suggested no date for its proposed conference, and the fact that it recognized the need for a considerable amount of preparatory work.

Item 2 of the Council agenda consisted of three parts, but the draft resolutions under consideration related to sub-item (c) alone. He would suggest that the resolutions adopted on the three sub-items might usefully be consolidated, so as to underline the close inter-connexion between them and to help to satisfy the Secretariat's anxiety to provide better and more effective documentation.

Mr. BAJPAI (India) suggested that consideration of the question of consolidating the three resolutions might be deferred until the proposals before the Committee had been disposed of.

Mr, MORDVINOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) had no objection to that procedure.

The United Kingdom draft resolution on removal of obstacles to international trade and means of developing international economic relations (E/L.613/Rev.3) was adopted by 16 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

After some discussion,

it was agreed that the Soviet Union draft resolution on the same subject (E/L.614/Rev.1) should be put to the vote paragraph by paragraph.

The first paragraph was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 9 abstentions.

The second paragraph was rejected by 7 votes to 6, with 5 abstentions.

The third paragraph was adopted by 7 votes to 2, with 9 abstentions.

The fourth paragraph (first operative paragraph) was rejected by 6 votes to 5, with 7 abstentions.

The fifth paragraph (second operative paragraph) was rejected by 12 votes to 3, with 3 abstentions.

After some discussion.

the CHAIRMAN ruled that, in accordance with rule 64 of the Council's rules of procedure, the Soviet Union draft resolution as a whole had been rejected.

Mr. MORDVINOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that the vote just taken seemed to confirm the point he had stressed at the last meeting, namely, that insufficient advantage had been taken of the agreement which existed on a number of points common to the two draft resolutions.

Sir Alec RANDALL (United Kingdom) agreed that it had been clear from the outset that the two drafts had certain points of contact. He had voted for one paragraph of the Soviet Union draft, which he found entirely acceptable, and had no doubt that, had the United Kingdom draft been voted upon paragraph by paragraph, the Soviet Union representative would have voted for certain parts of it. It was evident, however, that it was the operative parts of both resolutions which were important, and the votes taken left no room for doubt that the overwhelming majority of the Committee was in favour of the United Kingdom proposal.

Mr. MORDVINOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation intended to re-introduce its draft resolution, possibly slightly amended, in the Council.

The CHAIRMAN, replying to Mr. HOTCHKIS (United States of America), said that the Committee's report to the Council would indicate the subjects and documents, including draft resolutions and amendments, the Committee had considered; it would also list the resolutions actually adopted. It would indicate that,

inasmuch as the two operative parts of the Soviet Union draft resolution had been rejected, the resolution as a whole had also been rejected in accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure. As the Indian representative had suggested, the question of consolidating the three resolutions adopted on item 2 of the agenda could be raised when the report came up in the Council.

- 2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (item 3 of the Council agenda) (resumed from the 166th meeting):
- (a) Financing of economic development:
 - (i) Question of establishing a special fund for grants-in-aid and for low-interest long-term loans (E/2599 and Corr.1, E/2618, E/2646 and Add.1, E/L.620, E/L.621, E/L.625, E/AC.6/L.111, E/AC.6/L.113)(continued)

The CHAIRMAN understood that the informal working party set up at the previous meeting had agreed on the text of a draft resolution on the financing of economic development. The text would be available the following day, when he hoped it would be possible to take a decision.

Mr. FILIPPOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that he had attended the meeting of the working group the previous afternoon, but no documents had been available. He hoped that when working parties were set up in future the usual United Nations practice would be followed of clearly informing the Committee.

The CHAIRMAN assured the Soviet Union representative that that would be done.

Mr. STANOVNIK (Yugoslavia) recalled that the working party's first meeting had been entirely informal. There had been no agreed text, although a number of delegations had put forward proposals to provide a basis for discussion. He wished to assure the Soviet Union representative that there had been no intention of preventing anyone from taking an active part in the discussion, and he would personally have been glad to make any relevant material available.

Mr. FILIPPOV (Union of Soviet Socialst Republics) thanked the Chairman and the Yugoslav representative for their explanations.

The CHAIRMAN understood that the Pakistani and Yugoslav representatives were prepared to withdraw their draft resolutions (E/L.620, E/L.621), that the representative of Ecuador was unable to withdraw the draft resolution he had

tabled jointly with the representatives of Argentina and Venezuela (E/AC.6/L.111), as he had been unable to attend the working party's meetings, and that the Egyptian representative would prefer his proposal (E/AC.6/L.113) to stand until he had had an opportunity of comparing it with the agreed text already mentioned.

Accordingly, the discussion would be resumed at the next meeting on the basis of the two texts just mentioned and the agreed text, which would be sponsored by several delegations.

He reminded the Committee that the whole of item 3 of the Council agenda had been referred to it for recommendations; so far he had received no draft resolutions relating to the other two sub-items.

The meeting rose at 5.15 p.m.