

1648th meeting

Friday, 6 December 1974, at 3.20 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. Jihad KARAM (Iraq).

A/C.2/SR.1648

AGENDA ITEM 48

Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (*continued*) (A/9615, TD/B/AC.12/3, TD/B/AC.12/4 and Corr.1, A/C.2/L.1386 and Corr.1-6, A/C.2/L.1404-1415 and 1419)

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that at the preceding meeting the United States representative had requested a recorded vote on all draft resolutions and amendments relating to the Charter on Economic Rights and Duties of States.¹

2. He announced that Canada had requested a separate vote on the amendment in paragraph 3 of document A/C.2/L.1404.

The amendment contained in paragraph 3 of document A/C.2/L.1404 was rejected by 71 votes to 20, with 18 abstentions.

3. Mr. MURIN (Czechoslovakia) said that, although his vote was not recorded, his intention was to vote against the amendment contained in paragraph 3 of document A/C.2/L.1404.

4. Mr. AL-EBRAHIM (Kuwait) requested a separate vote on the amendment contained in paragraph 1 of document A/C.2/L.1404.

5. Mr. GARCIA ROBLES (Mexico), after drawing attention to rule 129 of the rules of procedure, appealed to the representative of Kuwait not to insist on a separate vote, since article 2, paragraph 1, of draft resolution A/C.2/L.1386 referred to the same matter in terms more suitable than those of paragraph 1 of document A/C.2/L.1404.

6. Mr. AL-EBRAHIM (Kuwait) withdrew his request for a separate vote on paragraph 1.

The amendments contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 of document A/C.2/L.1404 were rejected by 87 votes to 19, with 11 abstentions.

The amendments contained in document A/C.2/L.1405 were rejected by 86 votes to 20, with 10 abstentions.

The amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1406 was rejected 98 votes to 15, with 8 abstentions.

The amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1407 was rejected by 95 votes to 17, with 10 abstentions.

¹ The full voting record of all the votes that were taken during the course of the meeting is contained in the report of the Committee to the General Assembly (A/9946).

7. The CHAIRMAN announced that the amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1408 had been withdrawn.

The amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1409 was rejected by 97 votes to 15, with 10 abstentions.

8. The CHAIRMAN announced that Ireland had joined the sponsors of the amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1410.

The amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1410 was rejected by 76 votes to 22, with 24 abstentions.

The amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1411 was rejected by 98 votes to 17, with 8 abstentions.

9. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Australian delegation had withdrawn from the list of sponsors of the amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1412.

The amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1412 was rejected by 102 votes to 17, with 5 abstentions.

10. The CHAIRMAN announced that the French delegation had withdrawn from the list of sponsors of the amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1413.

The amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1413 was rejected by 101 votes to 12, with 11 abstentions.

The amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1414 was rejected by 91 votes to 22, with 12 abstentions.

11. The CHAIRMAN announced that the amendment contained in document A/C.2/L.1415 had been withdrawn; he invited the Committee to vote on draft resolution A/C.2/L.1386 and Corr.1-6 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and recalled that the United States delegation had requested a separate recorded vote on each preambular paragraph, each article of the Charter and each subparagraph of chapter I, in particular the principles embodied in subparagraphs (a) to (o) inclusive.

12. Mr. SINGH (Malaysia) requested that a separate vote should also be taken on article 2, paragraph 2 (c) of the Charter.

13. Mr. BENNANI (Morocco) requested that a vote should be taken on the draft resolution, as revised by the Group of 77.

14. Mr. GATES (New Zealand) suggested that a vote should not be taken on those paragraphs or articles which it had been decided to retain as a result of the vote on the amendments in which their deletion had been proposed.

15. The CHAIRMAN said that, if there was no objection, a vote would not be taken on the articles retained as a result of the votes on the amendments.

It was so decided.

The first, second and third paragraphs of the preamble were adopted by 128 votes to none.

The fourth paragraph of the preamble was adopted by 120 votes to none, with 10 abstentions.

The fifth and sixth paragraphs of the preamble were adopted by 131 votes to none.

The seventh paragraph of the preamble was adopted by 120 votes to 3, with 7 abstentions.

The eighth paragraph of the preamble was adopted by 130 votes to none.

The ninth paragraph of the preamble was adopted by 129 votes to none.

The tenth paragraph of the preamble was adopted by 130 votes to none.

The eleventh and twelfth paragraphs of the preamble were adopted by 129 votes to none.

The thirteenth paragraph of the preamble was adopted by 130 votes to none.

At the request of the representative of the United States of America, a separate vote was taken on the first sentence of chapter I.

The first sentence of chapter I was adopted by 115 votes to none, with 13 abstentions.

Chapter I, subparagraph (a), was adopted by 130 votes to none.

Chapter I, subparagraphs (b) and (c) were adopted by 129 votes to none.

Chapter I, subparagraph (d) was adopted by 130 votes to none.

16. Mr. HAMID (Sudan) said he wished to place on record that he had intended to vote in favour of subparagraph (d), but that owing to an error his vote had not been recorded.

Chapter I, subparagraph (e), was adopted by 129 votes to none.

Chapter I, subparagraph (f), was adopted by 117 votes to 5, with 5 abstentions.

Chapter I, subparagraph (g), was adopted by 129 votes to none.

Chapter I, subparagraph (h), was adopted by 130 votes to none.

17. The CHAIRMAN said that there was no need to vote on subparagraph (i), since the amendment calling for its deletion (A/C.2/L.1403) had already been rejected.

18. Mr. WONG (Singapore) requested that the record should show that his delegation had voted against amendment A/C.2/L.1403.

Chapter I, subparagraphs (j) to (n) were adopted by 130 votes to none.

Chapter I, subparagraph (o) was adopted by 117 votes to none, with 12 abstentions.

Article 1 was adopted by 130 votes to none.

19. Mr. KHAN (Bangladesh) said that his delegation had voted for article 1 but that its vote had not been recorded.

20. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Swedish delegation had requested separate votes on article 2, paragraph 1, and on article 2, paragraphs 2 (a), 2 (b) and 2 (c).

Article 2, paragraph 1, was adopted by 119 votes to 9, with 3 abstentions.

Article 2, paragraph 2 (a), was adopted by 113 votes to 10, with 4 abstentions.

Article 2, paragraph 2 (b), was adopted by 119 votes to 4, with 6 abstentions.

Article 2, paragraph 2 (c), was adopted by 104 votes to 16, with 6 abstentions.

Article 3 was adopted by 97 votes to 7, with 25 abstentions.

Article 4 was adopted by 115 votes to 8, with 7 abstentions.

21. The CHAIRMAN said there was no need to put article 5 to the vote, since the Committee had already rejected the amendment (A/C.2/L.1406) calling for its deletion.

Article 6 was adopted by 119 votes to 8, with 2 abstentions.

Article 7 was adopted by 129 votes to none.

Article 8 was adopted by 131 votes to none.

Articles 9, 10 and 11 were adopted by 129 votes to none.

Article 12 was adopted by 128 votes to none.

Article 13 was adopted by 129 votes to none.

Article 14 was adopted by 128 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

22. The CHAIRMAN said that, as the Committee had already voted to retain articles 15 and 16 there was no need to put them to the vote again.

Article 17 was adopted by 130 votes to none.

Article 18 was adopted by 131 votes to none.

23. The CHAIRMAN said that, as the Committee had already voted to retain article 19, there was no need to put it to the vote again.

Article 20 was adopted by 110 votes to 1, with 12 abstentions.

Articles 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 were adopted by 131 votes to none.

Article 26 was adopted by 105 votes to 14, with 10 abstentions.

Article 27 was adopted by 131 votes to none.

24. The CHAIRMAN said that there was no need to vote on article 28, as the amendment to delete it (A/C.2/L.1413) had been rejected.

Article 29 was adopted by 113 votes to none, with 17 abstentions.

Article 30 was adopted by 126 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Article 31 was adopted by 129 votes to none.

Article 32 was adopted by 119 votes to none, with 11 abstentions.

Article 33 was adopted by 131 votes to none.

Article 34 was adopted by 123 votes to none, with 8 abstentions.

At the request of the representative of Mexico, a vote was taken by roll-call on draft resolution A/C.2/L.1386 and Corr.1-6 as a whole.

China, having been drawn by lot by the Chairman, was called upon to vote first.

In favour: China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Khmer Republic, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile.

Against: Denmark, Germany (Federal Republic of), Luxembourg, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Belgium.

Abstaining: France, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Australia, Canada.

The draft resolution as a whole, was adopted by 115 votes to 6, with 10 abstentions.

The meeting rose at 6.15 p.m.

1649th meeting

Friday, 6 December 1974, at 8.55 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. Jihad KARAM (Iraq).

A/C.2/SR.1649

AGENDA ITEM 12

Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters II, III (sections A to D), IV, VI (sections A to D and G) and VII (sections 1 to 3)] (continued)* (A/9588, A/9592, A/9599, A/9633, A/9648, A/9649, A/9656, A/9699, A/9716 and Corr.1, A/9761, A/9813, A/9855, A/C.2/289, A/C.2/291, A/C.2/293, A/C.2/L.1342, E/5425 and Corr.1 and Add.1, E/5467, E/5473, E/5499, E/5501, E/5519, E/5585 and Corr.1, E/5587 and Add.1-4, E/C.8/21)

* Resumed from the 1646th meeting.

AGREEMENT WITH THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (concluded)* (A/C.2/L.1395)

1. Mr. CORDOVEZ (Secretary of the Committee) said that he wished to reiterate that the draft agreement annexed to the draft proposal in document A/C.2/L.1395 had been approved by the Sixth Committee and transmitted to the Second Committee. He also wished to recall that it had been carefully negotiated in several bodies, notably the Economic and Social Council Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies.