



Chairman: Mrs. Helvi SIPILÄ (Finland).

AGENDA ITEM 53

World social situation: report of the Secretary-General  
(continued) (A/8380, A/8403, chap. XV, sect. A; A/C.3/  
XXVI/CRP.1, E/CN.5/456, E/CN.5/456/Add.1 and  
Corr.1, Add.2 to 4, Add.5 and Corr.1, Add.6 and 7,  
Add.8 and Corr.1, Add.9 to 16, A/C.3/L.1853/Rev.1,  
A/C.3/L.1855, A/C.3/L.1858 to 1869)

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS  
(continued)

1. Mrs. IDER (Mongolia) said that the revised draft resolution (A/C.3/L.1853/Rev.1) did not reflect a suggestion which she had made, and which the sponsors had agreed to include, concerning a reference to the importance of exchange of experience between countries. She accordingly submitted amendment A/C.3/L.1867.

2. Mr. NENEMAN (Poland) proposed the insertion of the words "the Declaration on Social Progress and Development," after the words "bearing in mind the provisions of" in operative paragraph 8, the rest of the sentence to remain unchanged. While the Declaration was referred to in the preamble to the draft resolution, its importance should be stressed in the operative part, since it was the basic document on the item.

3. Mr. WILSON (Liberia) introduced the amendment contained in document A/C.3/L.1864.

4. Mr. STILLMAN (United States of America) introduced the amendments contained in document A/C.3/L.1866.

5. Miss CAO-PINNA (Italy) proposed that if the word "obligation" in operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution were retained, the Yugoslav representative's explanation of how he interpreted that word should be included in the report of the Committee to the General Assembly. She also presented the amendment contained in document A/C.3/L.1865.

6. Mr. ČALOVSKI (Yugoslavia) said that the sponsors had endeavoured to incorporate all amendments which were in keeping with the spirit of draft resolution A/C.3/L.1853/Rev.1. In the particular case of the amendment proposed by Guinea (A/C.3/L.1858) they had felt that its purpose might be met by redrafting operative paragraph 10 (vii) to read:

"The unfavourable terms of trade, including the instability of prices of primary commodities which constitute the bulk of exports of many developing countries, are undermining the efforts of these countries to improve their social situation. These terms have been further aggravated by the recent disquieting developments in international economic relations, and in particular by the instability of the international monetary system."

7. The sponsors accepted the suggestion made by Greece at the previous meeting that the words "and recommendations" should be inserted after the words "following conclusions" in operative paragraph 10. They also agreed to the proposal made by the Ukrainian SSR at the same meeting that operative paragraphs 8 and 10 should be transposed. The Spanish proposal, also made at the previous meeting, was unnecessary since it was covered by the reference to the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Council. The Commission for Social Development was a functional commission of the Council.

8. The sponsors had not been able to agree on acceptance of the amendments submitted by the USSR (A/C.3/L.1859), Hungary (A/C.3/L.1862), Bolivia (A/C.3/L.1869), Argentina (A/C.3/L.1860), Iraq (A/C.3/L.1861) and Brazil (A/C.3/L.1863). They had felt that those of Argentina, Iraq and Hungary were already covered by the existing text of the draft resolution.

9. The suggestions concerning the drafting of operative paragraph 6 would be discussed at the meeting of the Group of 77.

10. Mr. ZLENKO (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) withdrew his amendments (A/C.3/L.1855) in view of the goodwill shown by the sponsors.

11. Mr. ARNAUD (Argentina) presented his country's amendments contained in document A/C.3/L.1860.

12. Mr. FASSOU (Guinea) thanked the sponsors for their effort to incorporate in operative paragraph 10 (vii) of draft resolution A/C.3/L.1853/Rev.1 the idea suggested in his amendment (A/C.3/L.1858). He could not, however, accept the proposed text, since it differed in emphasis from his amendment.

13. Mr. YAÑEZ-BARNUEVO (Spain) said that he had proposed the insertion of the words "and the twenty-second session of the Commission for Social Development" after the words "the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Council" at the end of operative paragraph 8 because he did not consider that the reference to the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Council covered the views

expressed at the Commission for Social Development. He would therefore appreciate it if the Director of the Social Development Division could clarify that point.

14. Mr. JANSSEN (Director of the Social Development Division) said that the report of the Commission for Social Development did in fact contain conclusions that the Council had not considered; consequently, paragraph 8 in its present form did not include the Commission's views on the report.

15. The CHAIRMAN suggested that if the sponsors had no objection the Spanish representative's suggestion should be taken into account.

16. Mr. DE LATAILLADE (France) pointed out that the French text of the draft resolution did not conform to the English text. He suggested that in operative paragraph 10 (ii) the word "*notamment*" should be replaced by the words "*entre autres*" to bring the texts into conformity.

17. Mr. ČALOVSKI (Yugoslavia) expressed surprise that the representative of Guinea could not accept the text of operative paragraph 10 (vii) as proposed by the sponsors. Perhaps there had been a misunderstanding owing to the fact that the Guinean representative used French as his working language whereas the sponsors' new text was drafted in English. He hoped that at the next meeting the Committee would have before it a revised text showing the new draft proposed by the sponsors. The misunderstanding

might then be removed. He also announced that the Group of 77 would be meeting in the morning of 20 October.

18. Miss SOLESBY (United Kingdom) introduced the following subamendment (A/C.3/L.1868) to the second Hungarian amendment (A/C.3/L.1862, para. 2): the words "under effective international control" should be inserted after the words "general and complete disarmament". That would give the complete wording used in the United Nations.

19. Mr. RIOS (Panama) said that he hoped the Hungarian delegation would withdraw its second amendment (A/C.3/L.1862, para. 2): it would be more realistic to call for a reduction in military expenditure than for general and complete disarmament, which did not appear feasible at the present time.

20. Mr. STILLMAN (United States of America) withdrew his amendment to paragraph 10 (ii) (A/C.3/L.1866, para. 5) in favour of the Hungarian amendment, which clearly expressed the essence of the United States view. He also supported the United Kingdom subamendment (A/C.3/L.1868).

21. Mr. DE LATAILLADE (France) said that he too supported the United Kingdom subamendment.

*The meeting rose at 5.10 p.m.*