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Chairman: Mr. G. G. TCHERNOUCHTCHENKO (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic).

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Olivier (Canada), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

#### AGENDA ITEM 78

Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency:

- (a) Earmarkings and contingency authorizations from the Technical Assistance Account of the United Nations Development Programme (A/7321, A/ 7437);
- (b) Allocations from the Special Fund Account of the United Nations Development Programme (A/7322, A/7438)
- 1. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) introduced the Advisory Committee's two reports (A/7437, A/7438) on the question under consideration and suggested that the Fifth Committee might recommend that the General Assembly take note of the reports (A/7321, A/7322) submitted by the Adminis-
- trator of UNDP on the two components of the Programme and also of the relevant comments by the Advisory Committee.
- 2. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should recommend that the General Assembly take note of the reports submitted by the Administrator of UNDP and of the observations of the Advisory
- 5 Committee concerning those reports. He further suggested that the Rapporteur should report directly to the General Assembly on the question.
  - It was so decided.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 12

Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters XIV, XV and XVI (sections A and B)) (A/7203, A/C.5/1204 and Corr.1)

- Administrative and financial implications of the proposals contained in chapter XVII, sections E and F, of the report of the Council (A/7203) and in the report of the Council, dealing with its resumed 45th session (A/7203/Add.1) (A/C.5/1204 and Corr.1)
- 3. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take up the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1204 and Corr.1) relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council, and specifically on sections E and F of that report.
- 4. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) drew attention to the new paragraph 2 of the Secretary-General's note (see A/C.5/1204/Corr.1), which pointed out that the statements of financial implications considered by the Economic and Social Council related to the publication of the "Handbook of criteria and procedures for requesting technical assistance" at a total cost of \$13,715, the holding of inter-sessional meetings of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at a cost of \$24,700 and such costs as might arise in connexion with travel and subsistence payments to the Chairman, should the Enlarged Committee decide to request him to present its reports to the Economic and Social Council or to the General Assembly. The Advisory Committee was pleased to learn from paragraph 3 of the Secretary-General's note that he would endeavour to meet all those costs within the level of the funds to be made available for the financial year 1969 under the appropriate sections of the budget.
- 5. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should advise the General Assembly of the contents of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Secretary-General's note (A/C.5/1204 and Corr.1) and should request the Rapporteur so to inform the General Assembly directly.

It was so decided.

Mr. Tchernouchtchenko (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) took the Chair.

#### AGENDA ITEM 74

Budget estimates for the financial year 1969 (continued) (A/7125, A/7205 and Corr.1, A/7207, A/7236, A/7255, A/7280, A/7304, A/7336, A/7337, A/7339, A/7340, A/7341, A/7351, A/7356, A/7359, A/7366, A/7367 and Corr.1, A/7373, A/C.5/1168, A/C.5/1169 and Corr.1, A/C.5/1175-1179, A/C.5/1182, A/C.5/1183, A/C.5/1185, A/C.5/1186 and Add.1, A/C.5/1187-1189, A/C.5/1200, A/C.5/L.943, A/C.5/L.948, A/C.5/L.950, A/C.5/L.960)

## <u>Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses</u> (concluded) (A/7336)

6. Mr. MSELLE (United Republic of Tanzania), after expressing his delegation's appreciation of the contributions made by the delegations of Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago and Ghana to the study of the

important question before the Committee, recalled that at the 1279th meeting he had, on behalf of a number of delegations, prepared a formal proposal and, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, he would like to restate it. The text of the proposal was the following:

"The Committee decides to defer further consideration of the definition of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses and the procedures proposed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report (A/7336) until the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, when a decision can be taken in the light of studies and information requested by delegations during the discussion of this item at the present session."

- 7. In making that proposal, his delegation, which wished to pay a tribute to the Advisory Committee and to the representatives of the Secretary-General for their efforts to produce a definition of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, did not intend to request the Advisory Committee to start its work afresh with a view to working out another definition. Its purpose was to allow the Fifth Committee more time so that it could take a decision based on the information, clarifications and additional explanations that it would have in hand at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly.
- 8. During the discussion on the question a number of suggestions had been made. The representative of the United Arab Republic had asked that the definition prepared by the Advisory Committee should be tried out. The representative of Israel had asked whether it would be possible to review the question periodically. Finally, the representative of the United States of America had favoured adoption of the Advisory Committee's recommendations at the current session. but postponement of their implementation until 1970. Those differing proposals showed clearly the uncertainty of many delegations as to whether a decision on the question should be taken immediately or at a later date. In that connexion, his delegation thought that the United States suggestion was more or less the same as its own proposal, since in both cases the decision to be taken would not be given effect in practice until 1 January 1970. For that reason it believed that the delegations should be allowed more time to develop firm positions.
- 9. He also wished to make another proposal, aimed at amending the draft resolution contained in annex I to the report of the Advisory Committee (A/7336), but its relevance would depend on the action taken with regard to his first proposal. It called for the insertion of the following paragraph between operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of the draft resolution:

"Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session a comprehensive report on the practical problems related to the implementation of the present resolution, taking into account the discussion of this subject in the Fifth Committee during the twenty-third session of the General Assembly."

The existing paragraph 3 would thus become paragraph 4 of the draft resolution. Depending on the results of the vote on its first proposal, his delegation would,

or would not, as the case might be, submit its amendment formally.

- 10. Mr. SILVEIRA DA MOTA (Brazil) said that after reading the Advisory Committee's report, listening carefully to the statements by the representatives of Pakistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago and Ghana and hearing the further explanations given by the Secretariat and the Advisory Committee, his delegation considered that the most sensible approach would be to defer a final decision until the next year, as proposed by the Tanzanian representative. In deciding to support the proposal, his delegation was also taking into account that the Fifth Committee would then be called upon to consider the first planning estimate requested in General Assembly resolution 2370 (XXII) and was of the opinion that the Advisory Committee's proposals concerning unforeseen and extraordinary expenses should be considered in the general framework of the new budgetary procedures.
- 11. Mr. RHOADES (United Kingdom) said that he would welcome an explanation of how the Committee would proceed with the voting.
- 12. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the paragraph submitted by the Tanzanian representative proposing that the Committee should defer further consideration of the definition of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses until the following session had been formally placed before the Committee in substance at the beginning of the debate on the item. In view of the nature of the proposal, the Committee would be called upon to vote on it first. If the proposal was adopted, the Tanzanian delegation's verbal amendment, which would no longer be relevant, would not be put to the vote, but if the proposal was rejected, the Committee would be called upon to vote on that amendment, and subsequently on the text to which it related, namely, the draft resolution contained in annex I to the Advisory Committee's report (A/7336) on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.
- 13. After a procedural discussion in which statements were made by Mr. RHODES (United Kingdom), Mr. MSELLE (United Republic of Tanzania) and Mr. WILTSHIRE (Trinidad and Tobago), the CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should follow the procedure which he had outlined.

#### It was so decided.

- 14. Mr. NASHER (United States of America) said that his delegation's position on that question was well known. It fully endorsed the Advisory Committee's views and felt that, while useful, further information would in no way alter the Committee's proposals. It would therefore vote against the proposal of the United Republic of Tanzania.
- 15. In reply to a question raised by Mr. WILTSHIRE (Trinidad and Tobago), Mr. Bannier (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that until they were amended, the existing text of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations would remain in force. Therefore, as in earlier years, the General Assembly would adopt a resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses. However, if the Advisory Committee's

proposals were adopted, the Financial Regulations would be amended and the resolution would be different in form from past resolutions on the subject.

16. The CHAIRMAN called upon the Committee to vote on the proposal by the United Republic of Tanzania (see para. 6 above) that consideration of the definition of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses should be deferred until the twenty-fourth session.

The proposal was adopted by 30 votes to 19, with 23 abstentions.

- 17. Mr. MSELLE (United Republic of Tanzania) withdrew his second proposal (see para. 9 above).
- 18. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) asked whether it would be possible for the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee to be given certain details about the additional information which had been requested, in particular concerning the studies referred to in the Tanzanian proposal just adopted on which the Fifth Committee was expected to base its decision at the twenty-fourth session concerning the definition of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.
- 19. The CHAIRMAN considered that, through consultations between the delegations concerned and the Advisory Committee, the latter would be able to ascertain what further information was being requested.
- 20. Mr. TOTHILL (South Africa) recalled that at the twenty-second session (1231st meeting), when explaining its vote in the Fifth Committee on the draft resolution that became General Assembly resolution 2370 (XXII), his delegation had expressed regret that a decision on the substance of the problem of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses could not be taken at the twenty-second session. On that occasion he had said that action to plug the loopholes in the annual resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses was an immediate necessity, not one which should be postponed until the twenty-third session. That being so, he needed hardly state that the Committee's decision to postpone action on the Advisory Committee's report on the question until the twenty-fourth session had come as a disappointment to his delegation.
- 21. There were, in his delegation's opinion, certain weaknesses in the Advisory Committee's report, including its failure to deal with the question of the authority of subsidiary organs to incur expenditure which was the reason why the Advisory Committee had focused attention in 1967 on the necessity to tighten the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses. Nevertheless, the document represented an honest attempt to come to grips with an intractable problem which had to be solved if the General Assembly was to re-assert its budgetary authority in terms of the United Nations Charter and if, as the Advisory Committee itself had stated at the twenty-second session, positive and meaningful financial control was to be established over the affairs of the Organization. The Fifth Committee's failure to take action would not lead to the disappearance of the problem; it would merely make it more complex.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION II SUBMITTED BY THE SECOND COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENT A/7383/ADD.1 ON AGENDA ITEM 34\*,\*\* (A/7413, A/C.5/1206)

22. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions), introducing the report (A/7413) of the Advisory Committee on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by The Second Committee (A/7383/Add.1, para. 14, draft resolution II) concerning the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, said that the Secretary-General had indicated in his note (A/C.5/1206) that, although the additional requirements for the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Conference at its second session and by the Trade and Development Board could be estimated at \$213,000, the economies resulting from the decision of the Board at its seventh session that summary records need only be provided for plenary meetings of the Board and of the main committees, together with other proposed adjustments within section 20 of the budget for 1969 would reduce the net additional requirements under section 3 to \$46,000 for the services of consultants.

23. The Advisory Committee welcomed the decision of the Trade and Development Board concerning summary records and the action to be taken by the Secretary-General to accommodate some of the anticipated additional requirements from within the amounts already approved. The Committee was of the opinion, however, that certain preparatory work for the envisaged study could be undertaken by existing staff, and that some of the requirements could be met from within the totality of the funds provided for consultants and experts under section 3, chapter III, of the budget for 1969. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommended that the appropriation requested by the Secretary-General should be reduced by \$16,000 to \$30,000.

24. As the Secretary-General had stated in paragraphs 10 to 15 of his note, further credits in the amount of \$54,000 were requested under section 20 for the implementation of Trade and Development Board resolution 46 (VII), instructing the Committee on Shipping of UNCTAD to establish a working group on international shipping legislation. A concomitant requirement of \$1,200 would also arise under section 5, but the Secretary-General indicated that he would be able to meet those costs from within the level of the credits already requested for 1969.

25. Noting that the Committee on Shipping of UNCTAD would act on resolution 46 (VII) at its April 1969 session, the Advisory Committee was of the opinion that the estimates were on the high side, even allowing for a work programme of eight months in 1969. Furthermore, the Advisory Committee considered that the services of the existing staff of the Division of Invisibles of UNCTAD and the Office of Legal Affairs should be fully utilized in order to save on the

costs of new staff and consultants. The Advisory

Committee was also of the opinion that the related

26. In conclusion, the Advisory Committee recommended that the Fifth Committee might wish to inform the General Assembly that the adoption of the draft resolution of the Second Committee would require additional appropriations for 1969 in the amount of \$30,000 under section 3, chapter III and \$35,000 under section 20.

27. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Rapporteur should report directly to the General Assembly that if it adopted the draft resolution of the Second Committee, additional appropriations totalling \$65,000 would be required.

It was so decided.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION II SUBMITTED BY THE THIRD COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENT A/7433 ON AGENDA ITEM 62\*\*\* (A/C.5/1207)

28. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that the Advisory Committee had considered the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1207) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by the Third Committee (A/8433, para. 157, draft resolution II) on the subject of the implementation of the resolutions and recommendations of the International Conference on Human Rights, as set out in the Final Act of the Conference (A/CONF.32/41).1/ The Advisory Committee welcomed the statement by the Secretary-General that he would make provision for the resultant staffing and other requirements by adjustments within the credits already approved for 1969.

29. He suggested that the Fifth Committee might inform the General Assembly that the implementation of the provisions of the draft resolution of the Third Committee would require no additional appropriation in the budget for 1969.

30. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Rapporteur should report directly to the General Assembly that the adoption by it of the draft resolution would require no additional appropriation in the budget for 1969.

It was so decided.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION X SUBMITTED BY THE THIRD COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENT A/7433 ON AGENDA ITEM 62\*\*\* (A/C.5/1217)

31. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that the Advisory Committee had considered the

documentation requirements had been over-estimated. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommended a reduction of \$19,000 in the estimate of \$54,000 submitted by the Secretary-General.

26. In conclusion, the Advisory Committee recom-

<sup>\*</sup>United Nations Conference on Trade and Development:

<sup>(</sup>a) Report of the Conference on its second session;

<sup>(</sup>b) Report of the Trade and Development Board.

<sup>\*\*</sup>See the summary record of the 1284th meeting (paras. 50 and 51).

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>International Year for Human Rights:

<sup>(</sup>a) Measure and activities undertaken in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights: report of the Secretary-General;

<sup>(</sup>b) International Conference on Human Rights.

<sup>1/</sup> United Nations publication, Saled No.: E.68.XIV.2.

note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1217) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by the Third Committee (A/7433, para. 157, draft resolution X), which called for a study of the problems of human rights arising from developments in science and technology. The Advisory Committee noted that the Secretary-General hoped to absorb the related costs - estimated at \$19,000 - within the level of the credits to be made available for the financial year 1969.

- 32. The Advisory Committee therefore recommended that the Fifth Committee might inform the General Assembly that the adoption of the draft resolution would require no additional appropriation for 1969.
- 33. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Rapporteur should report directly to the General Assembly that the adoption by it of the draft resolution of the Third Committee would require no additional appropriation in the budget for 1969.

It was so decided.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE FOURTH COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENT A/7425 ON AGENDA ITEM 70\* (A/C.5/1219)

34. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that the Advisory Committee had considered the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1219) on the administrative and financial implications of a draft resolution submitted by the Fourth Committee (see A/7425, para. 7), whereby the General Assembly would decide that, as a further transitional measure, provision in the amount of \$100,000 should be made in the budget for 1969 to ensure the continuity of the United Nations training and education programme for Namibians, for the inhabitants of the Territories under Portuguese Administration and for South Africans, pending receipt of adequate voluntary contributions.

- 35. The Advisory Committee recommended that the Fifth Committee should inform the General Assembly that the adoption of the draft resolution would require an additional appropriation of \$100,00 under a separate chapter of section 12 of the budget for 1969.
- 36. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Rapporteur should report directly to the General Assembly that, if it adopted the draft resolution of the Fourth Committee, an additional appropriation of \$100,000 under section 12 of the budget for 1969 would be required.

It was so decided.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION I SUBMITTED BY THE FOURTH COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENT A/7419 ON AGENDA ITEM 23\*\* (A/C.5/1220)

37. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions)

said that the Advisory Committee had considered the note (A/C.5/1220) by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by the Fourth Committee on the question of Ifni and Spanish Sahara (A/7419, para. 21, draft resolution I), which provided for the dispatch of a United Nations mission to Spanish Sahara. On the assumption that the mission would be composed of at least 3 members, accompanied by a supporting staff of 5 and would remain in the field for at least three weeks, the Secretary-General estimated the costs at some \$9,500. However, those financial requirements could be accommodated within the level of the total estimated requirements in 1969 of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

38. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Rapporteur should report directly to the General Assembly that, if it adopted the draft resolution of the Fourth Committee, the required amount of \$9,500 would be included in the appropriation to be requested by the Secretary-General in relation to the draft resolution to be submitted subsequently by the Fourth Committee on the programme of work of the Special Committee.

It was so decided.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION I SUBMITTED BY THE FOURTH COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENT A/7418 ON AGENDA ITEM 13\*\*\* (A/C.5/1221)

39. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that the Advisory Committee had considered the note (A/C.5/1221) by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution I submitted by the Fourth Committee (see A/7418, para. 14) on the question of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea. In the absence of any indication of the scope and nature of the supervision which the United Nations might have to undertake in Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea, the Secretary-General was unable to submit realiable cost estimates at the present time, and the Advisory Committee agreed with the Secretary-General that expenditures arising from the implementation of the draft resolution should be met under the terms of the General Assembly resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1969.

40. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Rapporteur should report directly to the General Assembly that if it adopted the draft resolution submitted by the Fourth Committee, the resulting costs would be covered under the terms of the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1969 and would be included in the supplementary estimates for that year.

It was so decided.

<sup>\*</sup>United Nations training and educational programme: report of the Secretary-General.

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

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Report of the Trusteeship Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE SIXTH COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENT A/7436 ON AGENDA ITEM 89\* (A/C.5/1222)

41. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that the Secretary-General had submitted a note (A/C.5/1222), in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure, on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution concerning the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law submitted by the Sixth Committee (see A/7436, para. 9). In that note, it was stated that the amount of \$50,000 requested by the Secretary-General related to fifteen fellowships to be awarded at the request of Governments of developing countries, while other costs would be met from within the framework of existing technical assistance programmes or from such voluntary contributions as might be received for that purpose. In that connexion, the Advisory Committee noted that there had been only a few voluntary contributions so far, and hoped that Member States would respond more generously in future.

42. In the light of the experience gained and the funds spent in 1968 for fellowships, the Advisory Committee was of the view that a total additional appropriation of \$40,000 should provide the Secretary-General with the necessary funds to implement the terms of the draft resolution in 1969. The Advisory Committee accordingly recommended that, if such was the wish of the General Assembly, provision should be made for an amount of \$40,000 under section 12, chapter VI, of the budget for 1969.

43. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Rapporteur should report directly to the Assembly that the adoption of the draft resolution of the Sixth Committee would require an additional appropriation of \$40,000 under section 12, chapter VI, of the budget for 1969.

It was so decided.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A SUBMITTED BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENT A/7441 ON AGENDA ITEM 27\*\* (A/C.5/1218)

44. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that the Advisory Committee had considered the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1218) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution of the First Committee on the question of chemical and bacteriological weapons (A/7441, para. 15, draft resolution A). The Secretary-General estimated that the preparation of the report requested in the draft resolution might involve expenditure on consultants and documentation at a total cost of \$163,000.

45. The Advisory Committee recognized the importance of the work to be undertaken and the need to obtain the assistance of qualified consultant experts in that highly specialized area. It hoped, however, that some Governments would make their experts available to the United Nations and that the estimate could therefore be reduced. The Advisory Committee accordingly recommended that the appropriation requested by the Secretary-General should be reduced to \$150,000.

46. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Rapporteur should report directly to the Assembly that if it adopted the draft resolution of the First Committee, an additional appropriation of \$150,000 would be required in the budget for 1969. The Rapporteur might also draw the Assembly's attention to paragraph 5 of the Secretary-General's note in which it was stated that in the event that Governments would wish to make available to the United Nations the services of experts in their employ, the cost in respect of payment of fees to the consultant experts could be reduced accordingly.

It was so decided.

#### AGENDA ITEM 83

United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General (concluded)\*\*\*

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/C.5/L.975)

47. Mr. MEYER PICON (Mexico), Rapporteur, said that as the question of the United Nations International School had not given rise to any debate, the draft report on that matter contained only the draft resolution being recommended by the Fifth Committee for adoption by the Assembly.

The draft report (A/C.5/L.975) was adopted.

#### AGENDA ITEM 77

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (concluded)\*\*\*\*

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/C.5/L.977)

48. Mr. MEYER PICON (Mexico), Rapporteur, introduced the draft report of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/L.977) and briefly reviewed the contents of the various paragraphs. With respect to paragraph 3, several delegations had expressed the wish that the report should state that several delegations had endorsed the conclusion of the Committee on Contributions that the scale of assessments recommended for 1968, 1969 and 1970 was fair and equitable and consistent with that Committee's terms of reference. He therefore proposed that the following sentence should be added at the end of paragraph 3:

"Several delegations endorsed the conclusion of the Committee on Contributions as expressed in its report that the scale of assessments which it had recommended for 1968, 1969 and 1970 and which had been approved by the General Assembly,

<sup>\*</sup>United Nations Porgramme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Question of general and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Resumed from the 1285th meeting.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Resumed from the 1266th meeting.

was fair and equitable and fully consistent with the existing terms of reference and directives of the General Assembly."

It was so decided.

- 49. Mr. MEYER PICON (Mexico), Rapporteur, noted the proposal which had been made for replacing the words "the argument was advanced" in the first sentence of paragraph 11 by the words "one delegation advanced the argument". The delegation concerned was the Italian delegation.
- 50. Mr. MARRON (Spain) recalled that the view expressed in that sentence had also been put forward by the Spanish delegation.

51. After an exchange of views between Mr. SILVERA DA MOTA (Brazil), Mr. MARRON (Spain) and Miss FORCIGNANO (Italy), Mr. MEYER PICON (Mexico), Rapporteur, proposed the inclusion of the words "some delegations advanced the argument". Also, in the second sentence, the words "It was felt" should be replaced by the words "Those delegations felt".

It was so decided.

The draft report (A/C.5/L.977), as amended, was adopted.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.