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President: Mr. George F. DAVIDSON (Canada).

Present:

The representatives of the following states: Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Finland, France, Greece, Indonesia, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Sudan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

Observers from the following States: Afghanistan, Argentina, India, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Spain.

The representatives of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; World Health Organization.

The representative of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Inclusion of additional items in the agenda (E/L.811)

1. The PRESIDENT drew the attention of the Council to the note by the Secretary-General on the agenda of the resumed twenty-sixth session (E/L.811). He moved that the additional items (27 to 31) proposed in that document be included in the agenda.

It was so agreed.

Order of consideration of agenda items (E/L.811)

2. The PRESIDENT moved that the Council should first consider items 28, 30 and 27, in that order.

It was so agreed.

AGENDA ITEM 28

Invitation from the Government of Mexico to hold the twenty-seventh session of the Council in Mexico City (E/3181)

3. Mr. COSIO VILLEGAS (Mexico) introduced the invitation of his Government to hold the twenty-seventh session of the Council in Mexico City (E/3181).

- 4. Mr. VAKIL (Secretary of the Council) said that the Controller had informed him that the Mexican Government's invitation fully conformed with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII), the consultation required by that resolution having taken place. If the Council decided to accept the invitation, the Office of the Controller would submit to the Fifth Committee revised budgetary estimates for approximately \$55,000, representing the additional expenses entailed, which would be fully reimbursed by the Mexican Government. Local services would also be provided by the Mexican Government and need not therefore be included in the revision of the budget. If the Assembly agreed to those financial provisions, the Secretariat would co-operate with the Mexican Government in making all the practical arrangements.
- 5. Mr. VIVIAN (Canada) said that his delegation was most grateful to the Mexican Government for its invitation and very much appreciated its generous offer to defray the additional expenses involved. There were considerable advantages in United Nations organs occasionally holding sessions away from Headquarters or the European Office. Not only would the countries concerned have a chance to see what the United Nations was doing, but the work of the Organization itself would be stimulated by first-hand knowledge of the problems and progress of those countries. That was particularly true of economic and social affairs, to the Council's discussions of which the Mexican delegation had made a major contribution.
- 6. He proposed that the invitation be accepted.
- 7. Mr. PHILLIPS (United States of America), Mr. Mir KHAN (Pakistan), Mr. SCHURMANN (Netherlands), Mr. CHENG Paonan (China), Mr. VIAUD (France), Mr. OSMAN (Sudan), Mr. THAJEB (Indonesia), Mr. SERRANO (Chile), Mr. SCOTT FOX (United Kingdom), Mr. MICHALOWSKI (Poland), Mr. CRNOBRNJA (Yugoslavia), Mr. SUOMELA (Finland), Mr. PENTEADO (Brazil), Mr. ORTIZ (Costa Rica) and Mr. CARANICAS (Greece) associated themselves with the remarks of the Canadian representative.
- 8. Mr. ARKADEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) thanked the Mexican representative for the invitation to hold the twenty-seventh session of the Council at Mexico City and expressed the hope that the Council, which had clearly not done enough to promote assistance to under-developed countries, would do more fruitful work at a session away from Headquarters and geographically closer to the territories of under-developed countries.

The proposal to accept the invitation was adopted.

9. Mr. COSIO VILLEGAS (Mexico) expressed satisfaction on behalf of his Government that the Council had accepted its invitation. He hoped that the twenty-seventh session would prove a fruitful one, and that the representatives of countries whose term of office on the Council would end with the current session would attend as observers.

AGENDA ITEM 30

Participation of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (E/3185, E/L.812 and Add.1)

10. Mr. PHILLIPS (United States of America), introducing the seven-Power draft resolution (E/L.812 and Add.1), said that it represented the last step in a series of actions which had been taken to enable the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to become a member of the Technical Assistance Board (TAB) and participate in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance on the same conditions as the other participating organizations. It was unnecessary to reiterate the benefits that would result from the coordination of activities in the field of atomic energy which would be made possible by the participation of IAEA in the Programme. He was confident that the draft resolution would be adopted unanimously.

11. The PRESIDENT invited the representative of 1AEA to address the Council.

12. Mr. JOLLES (International Atomic Energy Agency) expressed appreciation of the speed with which the Council had moved to consider the question, once the Agency had indicated its desire to participate in the Expanded Programme. It was hardly necessary for him to say that IAEA would be happy to accept all the obligations, duties and rights of a participating organization in the Programme; the same principles would of course govern its membership in TAB. It was his understanding, subject to correction by the Council, that the rules governing participation in the Expanded Programme were fortunately entirely compatible with the procedures and requirements laid down by the Statute of the IAEA, in particular concerning the approval of projects by its Board of Governors and the question of safeguards in respect of fissionable materials.

13. The Agency had already received valuable assistance from TAB in connexion with certain of its field projects and he was convinced that the participation of IAEA in the Expanded Programme would promote the co-ordinated use of resources and ensure the best results with the greatest economy of means, since many aspects of the work of IAEA were of interest to other members of the United Nations family. The Agency was actively interested in the training of experts and personnel to promote the peaceful uses of atomic energy and had already awarded 132 fellowships. It was also supplying experts and dispatching special missions to less-developed countries which wished to examine the desirability of embarking on programmes in the field of atomic energy. Participation in the Expanded Programme would undoubtedly increase the Agency's effectiveness in those directions. There would also be follow-up projects arising out of such missions, which would involve the supply of basic equipment to the countries concerned to permit them to engage immediately in operational activities. Over twenty requests for such assistance were now being considered by the Agency's Board of Governors.

14. In resolution 694 E (XXVI) the Economic and Social Council had mentioned a number of steps which it considered that IAEA should take to bring itself into closer relationship with the United Nations. One such step related to the conclusion of separate relationship agreements with specialized agencies. He was

happy to state that five such agreements had been concluded with the specialized agencies most interested in atomic energy. The hope has also been expressed that IAEA would find it appropriate to submit to the Council annual reports on matters within the competence of the Council. The necessary action had been taken. Another suggestion was that plans for concerted action with respect to the effects of radiation should be considered by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination. The first steps were being taken and it was hoped that it would prove possible to submit a report to the Council in the summer of 1959.

15. The PRESIDENT put the draft resolution (E/L.812 and Add.1) to the vote.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 27

Election of the members of the Governing Council of the Special Fund

16. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to proceed to the election of the members of the Governing Council of the Special Fund, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraphs 13 to 15 of part B of General Assembly resolution 1240 (XIII). He suggested that the Council should first elect the nine members to be chosen from among the economically more developed countries, having due regard to their contributions to the Special Fund, and then determine by the drawing of lots the terms of office of each of them. After that it would elect the nine members to be chosen from among the less developed countries, taking into account the need for equitable geographical distribution and again decide by a drawing of lots their terms of office in accordance with paragraph 15 of the resolution.

It was so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Naik (Pakistan) and Mr. Szablewski (Poland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot. 18 Number of ballot papers: 0 Invalid ballots: 18 Number of valid ballots: Abstentions: 0 Number of members voting: 18 10 Required majority: Number of votes obtained: 18 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland United States of America 18 17 Canada 17 Denmark Japan 17 17 Netherlands 17 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics 16 Italy 2 Argentina 1 Czechoslovakia Federal Republic of Germany 1 Sweden

Having obtained the required majority, Canada, Denmark, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America were elected members of the

Governing Council of the Special Fund representing the economically more developed countries.

It was then decided, by the drawing of lots by the President, that the nine members so elected should serve for the following terms: Canada, Japan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: one year; Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands: two years; France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America: three years.

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Having obtained the required majority, Argentina. Chile, Ghana, India, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, the United

Arab Republic and Yugoslavia were elected members of the Governing Council of the Special Fund representing the less developed countries.

It was then decided, by the drawing of lots by the President, that the nine members so elected should serve for the following terms: Pakistan, Peru, Yugoslavia: one year; Chile, Ghana, the United Arab Republic: two years; Argentina, India, Mexico: three years.

- 17. The PRESIDENT observed that the Council had completed action on item 27 of the agenda, and with it the three items of principal interest at the present time. He invited suggestions from members as to other items which might profitably be taken up at that meeting.
- 18. Mr. FINGER (United States of America) proposed that the Council should proceed to item 31 of its agenda (Election of a member of the Technical Assistance Committee).
- 19. Mr. SCHURMANN (Netherlands) seconded the proposal.

The proposal was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 31

Election of a member of the Technical Assistance Committee

- 20. The PRESIDENT invited nominations to fill the vacancy on the Technical Assistance Committee resulting from the election of Venezuela to membership of the Economic and Social Council.
- 21. Mr. PENTEADO (Brazil) recalled that the seat vacated by Venezuela was one normally filled by a Latin American country; the candidacy of Brazil had been put forward several months earlier and there was no other candidate for the office.

In the absence of other candidates, Brazil was declared elected to fill the vacancy on the Technical Assistance Committee.

The meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.