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President: Mr. Jerzy MICHALOWSKI (Poland).

Present:

Representatives of the following States: Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Poland, Senegal, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Yugoslavia.

Observers for the following Member States: Argentina, Czechoslovakia.

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

AGENDA ITEM 30

Work of the Council in 1963 (E/L.976, E/L.977) (concluded)

1. The PRESIDENT drew the attention of the Council to the Secretary-General's note concerning the disposal of items arising out of the seventeenth session of the General Assembly which affected the Economic and Social Council (E/L.977). He suggested that the Council should review each of the decisions of the General Assembly, in the order in which they were set forth in the note.

*It was so decided.*

(a) *Committee on Housing, Building and Planning (resolution 1772 (XVII))*

2. The PRESIDENT suggested that the membership of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning should be enlarged by three and that election of the twenty-one members of the Committee should take place at the current session under agenda item 28.

*It was so decided.*

3. Mr. MAKEEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said he had no objection to the proposal to enlarge the Committee, but its membership should be based on an equal representation of the three groups of States into which the world was divided.

(b) *The further promotion and encouragement of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms (resolution 1776 (XVII))*

(c) *Preparation of a draft declaration and a draft convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination (resolution 1780 (XVII))*

(d) *Preparation of a draft declaration and a draft convention on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (resolution 1781 (XVII))*

(e) *Draft International Covenants on Human Rights: proposals relating to an article on the rights of the child (A/5365, draft resolution A<sup>1</sup>/)*

4. The PRESIDENT suggested that the resolutions in question should be transmitted to the Commission on Human Rights.

*It was so decided.*

5. Mr. FINGER (United States of America) expressed the hope that the session of the Commission on Human Rights to be held in Geneva would not be prolonged beyond four weeks.

6. The PRESIDENT replied that the Council had merely decided to refer the resolutions in question to the Commission on Human Rights but had not decided to prolong the Commission's next session beyond the scheduled four weeks. Moreover, the resolutions mentioned in items (c) and (d) would be referred first to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

(f) *United Nations assistance in the advancement of women in developing countries (resolution 1777 (XVII))*

7. The PRESIDENT suggested that the resolution in question should be transmitted to the Commission on the Status of Women and should be included under item 20 in the draft list of questions for the thirty-sixth session (E/L.976).

*It was so decided.*

(g) *International co-operation to assist in the development of information media in less developed countries (resolution 1778 (XVII))*

8. The PRESIDENT suggested that the resolution in question should be transmitted to the regional economic commissions.

*It was so decided.*

(h) *Draft recommendation on consent to marriage, minimum age for marriage and registration of marriages (resolution 1763 B (XVII))*

9. The PRESIDENT suggested that the resolution in question should be transmitted to the Commission on the Status of Women and included under item 20 in the draft list of questions for the thirty-sixth session.

*It was so decided.*

(i) *Measures to be adopted in connexion with the earthquake in Iran (resolution 1753 (XVII))*

10. The PRESIDENT suggested that the resolution in question should be transmitted to the Technical Assistance Committee.

*It was so decided.*

<sup>1</sup>/ Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1843 A (XVII).

(j) *United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (resolution 1785 (XVII))*

11. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should enlarge the Preparatory Committee of the Conference, hold the necessary elections at its current session, transmit the resolution and explanatory statement (E/5316, annex) to the Preparatory Committee, and include in the provisional agenda for the Thirty-fifth session an item entitled "United Nations Conference on Trade and Development". He also suggested that the Council should act upon the resolution under item 5 in the draft list of questions for the thirty-sixth session.

*It was so decided.*

(k) *Activities of the United Nations in the field of industrial development (A/5344, draft resolution II<sup>2/</sup>)*

12. The PRESIDENT suggested that the resolution in question should be transmitted to the advisory committee established under Council resolution 873 (XXXIII) and to the Committee for Industrial Development. He also suggested that the resolution should be included under item 11 in the draft list of questions for the thirty-sixth session.

*It was so decided.*

(l) *International measures to assist in offsetting fluctuations in commodity prices (A/5344, draft resolution XI<sup>3/</sup>)*

13. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should transmit the resolution in question to the Commission on International Commodity Trade and should include it for appropriate action under item 9 in the draft list of questions for the thirty-sixth session.

*It was so decided.*

(m) *Decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions (A/5344, draft resolution IV<sup>4/</sup>)*

14. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should transmit the resolution in question to the regional economic commissions and include it and the report referred to in paragraph 4 thereof under item 13 in the draft list of questions for the thirty-sixth session.

*It was so decided.*

(n) *The role of the United Nations in training national technical personnel for the accelerated industrialization of the less developed countries (A/5344, draft resolution V<sup>5/</sup>)*

15. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should transmit the resolution in question to the Committee for Industrial Development, the Technical Assistance Committee and the regional economic commissions. He also suggested that the resolution and report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 2 thereof should be considered at the thirty-eighth session in 1964.

*It was so decided.*

(o) *Land reform (A/5344, draft resolution X<sup>6/</sup>)*

16. The PRESIDENT suggested that the resolution in question should be transmitted to the regional eco-

nomics commissions and should be reconsidered at the fortieth session of the Council in 1965.

*It was so decided.*

(p) *Population growth and economic development (A/5354, draft resolution 7)*

17. Mr. FRANZI (Italy), supported by Mr. PATIÑO (Colombia), pointed out that when the resolution in question had been considered by the General Assembly (1197th plenary meeting), the final clause of operative paragraph 6 beginning with the words "and that the United Nations give technical assistance..." had been deleted. He therefore suggested that the resolution should not be transmitted to the Technical Assistance Committee.

*It was so decided.*

18. The PRESIDENT suggested that the resolution in question should be transmitted to the Population Commission and the regional economic commissions. He also suggested that the resolution should be included under item 9 in the draft list of questions for the thirty-fifth session and reconsidered by the Council in 1964.

*It was so decided.*

(q) *African educational development (A/5360, draft resolution I<sup>8/</sup>)*

19. The PRESIDENT suggested that the resolution in question should be transmitted to the Economic Commission for Africa.

*It was so decided.*

(r) *Operational, executive and administrative personnel (A/C.2/L.719 and Add.1)*

20. The PRESIDENT pointed out that the text in question had been submitted as a draft resolution by Bolivia and Niger to the Second Committee of the General Assembly. He suggested that, in accordance with the Second Committee's decision, the Council should transmit the draft resolution to the Technical Assistance Committee.

*It was so decided.*

21. Mr. VIAUD (France) suggested that an explanatory memorandum summarizing the discussions held in the Second Committee should accompany the text of the draft resolution.

22. The PRESIDENT proposed to the Council that the summary record of the debate on the subject which had taken place in the Second Committee (876th meeting) should accompany the text of the draft resolution.

*It was so decided.*

23. Mr. FINGER (United States of America) suggested that the draft resolution should also be sent to the *ad hoc* Committee of Ten established under Council resolution 851 (XXXII).

*It was so decided.*

(s) *Integrated programme and budget policy (resolution 1797 (XVII))*

24. The PRESIDENT pointed out that at its preceding meeting the Council had already taken action on the resolution in question.

<sup>2/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1821 (XVII).

<sup>3/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1829 (XVII).

<sup>4/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII).

<sup>5/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1824 (XVII).

<sup>6/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1828 (XVII).

<sup>7/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1838 (XVII).

<sup>8/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1832 (XVII).

(t) *Declaration on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament (A/5361, draft resolution<sup>2/</sup>)*

25. Mr. ARKADYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) considered that as the next practical step in the application of the Declaration on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament, the Declaration should be transmitted to Governments, to the regional economic commissions, to the specialized agencies and to other competent United Nations bodies. Such a step was implicit in the text of the Declaration itself. The title of the item to be considered at the thirty-sixth session should also be extended to read "Economic and social consequences of disarmament and United Nations activities in implementation of the Declaration on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament".

26. Mr. FINGER (United States of America) agreed with the proposal to transmit copies of the Declaration to various Governments and agencies since further action was called for. However, the United States delegation could not agree to any change in the wording of the item. The United States had been a sponsor, together with the Soviet Union, of the draft resolution on the economic aspects of disarmament which had been unanimously adopted by the Assembly. The resolution called for no action by the Council or the Secretary-General other than that indicated in Council resolution 891 (XXXIV), which had been entitled "Economic and social consequences of disarmament". The Assembly resolution had only three operative paragraphs calling for action by the Council or the Assembly. Paragraph 6 simply concurred in Council resolution 891 (XXXIV); paragraph 7 requested the Secretary-General to submit the report he was to prepare in accordance with resolution 891 (XXXIV) to the Assembly, and paragraph 8 called for intensified efforts to carry out General Assembly resolution 1708 (XVI). That fact was clear not only from the text of the paragraph itself but also from the statement made by the United States representative in the Second Committee (862nd meeting) when he introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors. No other interpretation had been given to the text of the draft before the vote either in the Second Committee or in the plenary meeting, and the resolution had been adopted unanimously on that understanding. It had therefore been surprising to hear Ambassador Arkadyev attempt after the vote to read something entirely different into the text. There was reason to fear that any rewording of the item might give rise to further attempts to distort the meaning of the General Assembly's action in the matter.

27. Mr. ARKADYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that there was no question of his placing a different interpretation on the draft; he was merely concerned to see practical steps taken to give effect to the Declaration. It would have been useless to adopt such a declaration if it was not intended to carry it out. The United States delegation seemed to wish to consider paragraphs 6 and 7 of the resolution as something separate from the Declaration, whereas the Soviet delegation wished to view the question in its entirety.

28. Mr. FINGER (United States of America) said that he would be in favour of submitting the Declaration as

<sup>2/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1837 (XVII).

a document to be considered in connexion with the item. Alternatively, it could form the subject of a sub-item.

29. The PRESIDENT suggested that, in accordance with the various proposals made, the Council should take account of the resolution in considering item 7 in the draft list of questions for its thirty-sixth session: "Economic and social consequences of disarmament". The item would have a sub-heading entitled "United Nations activities in implementation of the Declaration on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament", and the draft resolution would be circulated to Governments, specialized agencies and regional economic commissions.

*It was so decided.*

(u) *Establishment of a United Nations capital development fund (A/5344, draft resolution VIII<sup>10/</sup>)*

30. The PRESIDENT suggested that the resolution and the report in question should be included in the draft list of items for the thirty-sixth session under item 8 (b): "Financing of economic development: United Nations capital development fund".

*It was so decided.*

(v) *United Nations training and research institute (A/5344, draft resolution IX<sup>11/</sup>)*

31. Mrs. WRIGHT (Denmark) considered that the resolution in question should be considered at the thirty-sixth session under item 6 (United Nations Development Decade), rather than under item 15 (Programmes of technical co-operation).

*It was so decided.*

(w) *International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space (A/5341, draft resolution<sup>12/</sup>)*

32. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should consider the reports requested from the World Meteorological Organization and the International Telecommunication Union under a sub-item which would be entitled "International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space" of item 16 in the draft list of questions for the thirty-sixth session: "Questions relating to science and technology".

*It was so decided.*

(x) *Continuation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (resolution 1783 (XVII))*

33. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should review the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at the thirty-sixth session when it discussed, under item 24, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

*It was so decided.*

(y) *Permanent sovereignty over natural resources (A/5344/Add.1, draft resolution as amended by document A/L.412/Rev.2<sup>13/</sup>)*

(z) *Inflation and economic development (A/5344, draft resolution XII<sup>14/</sup>)*

34. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should consider the report on the various aspects of

<sup>10/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1826 (XVII).

<sup>11/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1827 (XVII).

<sup>12/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1802 (XVII).

<sup>13/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1803 (XVII).

<sup>14/</sup> Subsequently General Assembly resolution 1830 (XVII).

permanent sovereignty over natural resources, and the resolution regarding inflation and economic development, in 1964.

*It was so decided.*

35. The PRESIDENT suggested that, as no action was required concerning the other resolutions brought to its attention, the Council should simply take note of them.

*It was so decided.*

36. The PRESIDENT stated that with the decisions taken at its 1237th and 1238th meetings, the Council had completed the consideration of its basic programme for 1963 and had agreed upon the provisional agenda for its thirty-fifth session. He suggested that the Secretariat might be asked to prepare, in consultation with delegations and specialized agencies, a document indicating the order of priority and, if possible, the date for the discussion of questions to be considered at the Council's thirty-fifth session.

*It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 12.10 p.m.