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President: Mr. Tewfik BOUATTOURA (Algeria).

Present:

Representatives of the following States members of the Council: Algeria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Ecuador, France, Gabon, Greece, India, Iran, Iraq, Luxembourg, Morocco, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Venezuela.

Observers for the following Member States: Austria, China, Cyprus, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Japan, Jordan, Libya, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Portugal, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Yugoslavia.

Observer for the following non-member State: Federal Republic of Germany.

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.

AGENDA ITEM 13

Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: measures to extend the personal scope of the Convention of 28 July 1951 relating to the status of refugees (E/4279, E/4201/Add.2)

1. Prince Sadruddin AGA KHAN (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) stated that a great number of refugees, particularly in Asia and Africa, were not covered by the 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees, which concerned only those persons who had become refugees as a result of events occurring before 1 January 1951. The draft protocol transmitted to the Council (E/4201/Add.2) had therefore been drawn up in order to extend protection under the Convention to these refugees and to eliminate the discrepancy between the Convention and the statute of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, which set no dateline.

2. He hoped that the Council would approve the draft protocol and transmit it to the General Assembly, so that it could be opened for accession by Governments as soon as possible.

3. Mr. Donald MACDONALD (Canada) said that his Government, which had previously expressed some reservations, now fully supported the draft protocol.

4. Mr. WALDRON-RAMSEY (United Republic of Tanzania) said that the African countries' support for the High Commissioner's initiative had been expressed at the third regular session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), recently held at Addis Ababa. At that meeting, a resolution had been adopted calling on States which had not acceded to the 1951 Convention to apply its humanitarian principles, and recommending that signatory States should convey their comments on the final drafting of a convention on the status of refugees in Africa to the secretariat OAU.

5. Sir Edward WARNER (United Kingdom), Mr. RAHNEMA (Iran), Mr. DJOUDI (Algeria), Mr. LE DIRAISON (France) and Mr. AHMED (Pakistan) said that they too endorsed the draft protocol.

6. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should take note with approval of the draft protocol and transmit it to the General Assembly as an addendum to the High Commissioner's annual report.^{1/}

It was so decided.^{2/}

^{1/} Subsequently issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Supplement No. 11A.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Elections (continued) (E/4278 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1-5, E/L.1134/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1)

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Chamfor (Cameroon), Mr. Bilimatsis (Greece), Mr. Constantin (Romania) and Miss Deas (United Kingdom) acted as tellers.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

7. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect eighteen members of the Commission on the Status of Women in accordance with the pattern of geographical distribution shown in the note by the Secretary-General (E/4278 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1-5); namely, six African States, four Asian States, three Latin American States, three Western European and other States and two Socialist States of Eastern Europe.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	27
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	27
Required majority:	14

Number of votes obtained:

Africa:

Kenya	26
Tunisia	26
Mauritania	25
Uganda	25
United Arab Republic	25
Guinea	24
Cameroon	1
United Republic of Tanzania	1
Somalia	1

Asia:

Iraq	27
Iran	27
Malaysia	27
Philippines	27

Latin America:

Guatemala	27
Peru	27
Venezuela	25
Costa Rica	1
Dominican Republic	1

Western European and other States:

Turkey	27
Australia	25
Netherlands	25

Eastern Europe:

Hungary	27
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	26
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1

Having obtained the required majority, Australia, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Guatemala, Guinea, Hungary, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Netherlands, Peru, Philippines, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Republic and Venezuela were elected members of the Commission on the Status of Women.

It was decided by the drawing of lots that Australia, Guatemala, Guinea, Hungary, Iran, Iraq, Netherlands,

Peru, United Arab Republic, Tunisia and Turkey should serve for a term of three years; Malaysia, Mauritania and the Philippines a term of two years; Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Kenya, Uganda and Venezuela a term of one year.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

8. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect ten members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

9. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), supported by Mr. KADLEC (Czechoslovakia), said that his delegation's view on the representation of China were well known and he wished his objection to one of the candidatures for membership of the Commission to be placed on record.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	27
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	27
Required majority:	14

Number of votes obtained:

Brazil	27
Morocco	27
Turkey	27
Ghana	26
Japan	26
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	26
India	25
Jamaica	24
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	24
China	18
Indonesia	4
Rwanda	1

Having obtained the required majority, Brazil, China, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Japan, Morocco, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were elected members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

It was decided by the drawing of lots that Brazil, China, Jamaica, Japan, Morocco, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland should serve for a term of three years; India a term of two years; Ghana a term of one year.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING

10. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect thirteen members of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, namely, four African States, two Asian States, three Latin American States, three Western European and other States and one Socialist State from Eastern Europe.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	27
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	27
Required majority:	14

Number of votes obtained:

Africa:	
Sierra Leone	27
Sudan	27
Togo	27
Tunisia	27
Asia:	
Singapore	27
Thailand	25
Latin America:	
Peru	27
Venezuela	27
Panama	26
Guatemala	1
Western European and other States:	
Canada	24
Denmark	23
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	17
Spain	15
Eastern Europe:	
Poland	26
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1

Having obtained the required majority, Canada, Denmark, Panama, Peru, Poland, Sierra Leone, Singapore, the Sudan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Venezuela were elected members of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning.

It was decided by the drawing of lots that Canada, Denmark, Peru, Poland, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Thailand, Togo, Venezuela should serve for a term of three years; the Sudan and Tunisia a term of two years; Panama and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland a term of one year.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS/FAO INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

11. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect four members of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2095 (XX), for a three-year term beginning 1 January 1967.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	27
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	27
Required majority:	14
Number of votes obtained:	
Pakistan	27
Sweden	25
United Arab Republic	25
Ireland	17
Jamaica	14

Having obtained the required majority, Ireland, Pakistan, Sweden and the United Arab Republic were

elected members of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

12. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should decide to extend the terms of office of the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, who would all be members of the Council in 1967, to 31 December 1967.

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 8

Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council (E/4225 and Add.1 and 2)

13. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the list of persons nominated by their respective Governments to the functional commissions of the Council (E/4225 and Add.1 and 2).

14. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation objected to the confirmation of only one candidature, namely, that of the representative to be appointed by China to the Population Commission. The Government of the People's Republic of China was the only Government entitled to represent China in the United Nations and to put forward Chinese candidates for United Nations bodies.

15. Mr. KADLEC (Czechoslovakia) and Mr. CONSTANTIN (Romania) associated themselves with the USSR representative.

16. Mr. LE DIRAISON (France) said that his Government's position on the representation of China were well known and he therefore wished to express his reservations on the confirmation of the candidature in question.

17. Mr. DJOUDI (Algeria), Mr. KADRY (Iraq) and Mr. AHMED (Pakistan) associated themselves with the French representative.

18. Mr. FORSHELL (Sweden) and Sir Edward WARNER (United Kingdom) referred to their countries' well-known position on the question of the representation of China.

The Council confirmed the nominations submitted to it.

19. The PRESIDENT announced that the Council had thus completed the first part of its resumed forty-first session and suggested that it should authorize him, with the collaboration of the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary, to prepare a supplementary report for submission to the General Assembly.

It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.