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The meeting was called to order at 3.25 p.m.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF HERBERT AUGUSTUS BLAIZE, PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA

The PRESIDENT: It is with deep sorrow that I learned this morning of the tragic death of His Excellency Mr. Herbert Augustus Blaize, Prime Minister of Grenada. He had a long, useful and constructive career, first as Chief Minister, then as Premier and, finally, as Prime Minister of Grenada. Grenada in particular, and the Caribbean community in general, have lost a committed and distinguished leader.

On behalf of the General Assembly, I request the representative of Grenada to convey our heartfelt condolences to the Government and the people of Grenada and to the bereaved family.

I now call on the Secretary-General.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL: It is with deep sadness that the news of the passing of Prime Minister Herbert Augustus Blaize of Grenada was received a short time ago at United Nations Headquarters. Prime Minister Blaize had served his country through a long and distinguished public life. He assumed responsibility for the stewardship of its Government at a difficult moment in Grenada's history. He consistently extended support to this Organization.

The President has already spoken for the Assembly. I would only ask, therefore, that the Permanent Representative of Grenada convey to his Government and to the bereaved family my most sincere condolences.

The PRESIDENT: I now invite members of the Assembly to stand and observe a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of Herbert Augustus Blaize.

The members of the General Assembly observed a minute of silence.

The PRESIDENT: I now call on the representative of Liberia, who will speak on behalf of the Group of African States.

Mr. JARRETT (Liberia): The duty I am about to perform on behalf of the African Group is indeed a sad one, and that is to pay tribute to the memory of a distinguished statesman, the Right Honourable Herbert Augustus Blaize, Prime Minister of Grenada, whose sudden and untimely death occurred this morning in St. George's, the capital city of Grenada.

The deceased was first elected to Parliament in 1957 and retained his seat in that body throughout his political career. He was the first Premier of Grenada as an associated State with Britain, and in 1984 he assumed the leadership of the New National Party, which won 14 out of 15 seats at the general elections held on 3 December 1984.

At the age of 19 the Premier suffered a spinal injury and had to live with some physical impairment all his life. Nevertheless, he was a man of exceptional courage, strong determination and sterling qualities. He was one of an array of distinguished personalities who addressed the Assembly during the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations. At that time he stated:

"On the auspicious occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, my delegation wishes to associate itself and the people of Grenada with the sincere expressions of support for the work of the United Nations which many representatives before me have pledged. We in Grenada recognize the United Nations as still the central instrument for world peace and security through co-operation internationally.

"Indeed, the founders expected this to be so when they proclaimed at the beginning of the Charter their determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and to reaffirm faith in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small." (A/40/PV.35, p. 47)

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Grenada has lost an illustrious leader and the international community a strong supporter. On behalf of the African Group I extend to Mrs. Blaize and the bereaved family, the Government and the people of Grenada and the Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations profound condolences for the great loss they have sustained.

The PRESIDENT: I now call on the representative of Cyprus, who will speak on behalf of the Group of Asian States.

Mr. EFTYCHIOU (Cyprus): On behalf of the members of the Group of Asian States, I wish to extend our most sincere and profound condolences on the passing of a distinguished son of Grenada, Prime Minister Herbert Augustus Blaize. The Right Honourable Herbert Augustus Blaize, a distinguished lawyer, devoted more than half his life in the service of his country. His illustrious political career commenced in 1957 when he was elected to Parliament and assumed the duties of Minister for Trade and Production. Ever since, he never ceased being in the forefront of the political life of his country. Undoubtedly his passing will be deeply felt in his homeland as well as in the international community, especially for his devotion to his country and deep love for its people.

On this sad occasion we should like, on behalf of the Asian Group, to convey through you, Sir, our sympathy and profound condolences to the Government of Grenada, its people and the members of the bereaved family.

The PRESIDENT: I now call on the representative of the German Democratic Republic, who will speak on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States.

Mr. KUECK (German Democratic Republic): The duty I have to perform is a sad one. On behalf of the members of the Eastern European States I have the honour to join with the speakers of the other Groups in expressing the deepest sympathy of our delegations to the Government and the people of Grenada on the death of His Excellency the Right Honourable Herbert Augustus Blaize, Prime Minister of Grenada.

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I would ask the delegation of Grenada to convey our sincere condolences to the people of Grenada and to the family of the deceased Prime Minister.

The PRESIDENT: I now call on the representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, who will speak on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group.

Mr. POMPEY (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines): It was with the profoundest sorrow and regret that we, the members of the Latin American and Caribbean Group, learned of the death of the Right Honourable Herbert Augustus Blaize, Prime Minister of Grenada, a Member State of our Group.

He was an indefatigable foe of oppression and exploitation of people everywhere. He leaves behind a legacy of achievements which will always be remembered and cherished by all who are committed to the ideals and principles of the United Nations. Prime Minister Blaize, one of the longest-serving Prime Ministers in the Caribbean, was a statesman and a regionalist who dreamed of a political union of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States and eventual unity of the wider Caribbean. His credentials as his country's political leader won him the respect and admiration of people within and outside his country.

Grenada has lost a distinguished leader and a son of the soil, and the Caribbean and the international community a friend and statesman. On behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries, I wish to express heartfelt condolences to the Government and people of Grenada and to Prime Minister Blaize's sorrowing relatives in this, their hour of grief. May the Almighty grant them the strength and courage to sustain their great loss.

The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of New Zealand, who will speak on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States.

Dame Ann HERCUS (New Zealand): It was with great sadness that members of the Group of Western European and Other States learned this morning of the death of the Prime Minister of Grenada, the Right Honourable Herbert Augustus Blaize.

Prime Minister Blaize played a central role in Grenada's transition to independence, as Chief Minister and then as Grenada's first Premier. Subsequently, after independence, Mr. Blaize became his country's second Prime Minister, a post he had held continuously since 1984. In all, he served his country as a Member of Parliament for over 30 years.

Mr. Blaize was of course no stranger to this Hall, and participated in the fortieth-anniversary celebrations of the United Nations. His passing is a matter of deep regret for all the Member States of the Group I have the honour to represent.

On behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States, I should like to convey our most sincere condolences and profound sadness to the family of Mr. Blaize and to the Government and people of Grenada.

The PRESIDENT: I now call on the representative of Egypt, who will speak on behalf of the Group of Arab States.

Mr. IBRAHIM (Egypt) (interpretation from Arabic): The Group of Arab States learned today that the Right Honourable Herbert Augustus Blaize, the Prime Minister of Grenada, had passed away. On behalf of that Group, I should like to express our profound sadness at this hour. I would request the delegation of Grenada to convey our Group's condolences to the people and Government of Grenada and to the bereaved family of the deceased. The international community is proud of all his achievements.

The PRESIDENT: I now call on the representative of the United States of America, the host country.

Mr. PICKERING (United States of America): As the host country, the United States expresses its deep sympathy to the Government and people of Grenada on the death of Prime Minister the Right Honourable Herbert Augustus Blaize.

A man of determination and foresight, Herbert Blaize was widely respected as a strong advocate of democratic values. One of Grenada's most experienced leaders, he led his nation through a period of transition, building a solid foundation of representative institutions. His courage and his leadership will be greatly missed.

We extend our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family of Prime Minister Blaize and to the Government and people of Grenada on their great loss.

The PRESIDENT: I now call on the representative of Grenada.

Mr. STANISLAUS (Grenada): My delegation is deeply moved by the many expressions of sympathy extended to the Government and people of Grenada and to the bereaved family of the Right Honourable Herbert Augustus Blaize, whose sudden and irreparable passing we mourn at this time. The Assembly's condolences will be transmitted to their destination in my capital, and I assure members that they will be a source of comfort and consolation in our hour of need.

Little did I know when I spoke to the Prime Minister at his official residence in Grenada by overseas telephone this morning at 7.15 that it would be my last communication with him in the flesh. Two hours later he was gone.

In accepting your sympathy, Mr. President, and the sympathy of so many representatives here expressed, I should like to end with this thought:

"And when it is morning, take heed that thou mayest not live to see the evening, and when eventide is come, presume not to promise thyself another day. Be ye therefore in readiness stand, so that when death comes it will not find thee unprepared."

My Prime Minister was fully prepared, and is at peace with his God.

AGENDA ITEM 82 (continued), 82 (a), 82 (c),
82 (d), 82 (g), 82 (h), 87 and 88

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (PART I) (A/44/746)

- (a) PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE FOURTH UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE (1991-2000): REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (PART II) (A/44/746/Add.1)
- (c) CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (PART IV) (A/44/746/Add.3)
- (d) EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (PART V) (A/44/746/Add.4)
- (g) DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (PART IX) (A/44/746/Add.8)
- (h) HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
 - (i) REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (PART X) (A/44/746/Add.9)
 - (ii) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/44/831)

TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/44/833)

SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE: REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/44/864)

The PRESIDENT: I call on the Rapporteur of the Second Committee to introduce the reports of that Committee on the agenda items now before the Assembly.

Ms. DUEÑAS de WHIST (Ecuador), Rapporteur of the Second Committee (interpretation from Spanish): It is an honour for me to introduce the report of the Second Committee (A/44/746) on agenda item 82, entitled "Development and international economic co-operation", and the reports dealing specifically with sub-item (a) (A/44/746/Add.1); sub-item (c) (A/44/746/Add.3); sub-item (d) (A/44/746/Add.4); sub-item (g) (A/44/746/Add.8); and sub-item (h) (A/44/746/Add.9). I shall introduce also the Second Committee's reports on agenda item 87 (A/44/833) and agenda item 88 (A/44/864).

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Second Committee)

In document A/44/746/Add.1, the Second Committee recommends a draft resolution entitled "Preparation of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade". This draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

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Rapporteur, Second Committee)

In document A/44/746/Add.3, the Second Committee recommends a draft resolution entitled "Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States". It was adopted by the Committee by 103 votes to none, with 23 abstentions.

In document A/44/746/Add.4, the Second Committee recommends a draft resolution entitled "Integration of women in development". It was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

I wish to inform the Assembly that Yugoslavia should be added to the list of sponsors that appears in paragraph 2 of the report.

In document A/44/746/Add.8, the Second Committee recommends a draft resolution entitled "Plan of Action to Combat Desertification". This draft resolution also was adopted without a vote.

In document A/44/746/Add.9, relating to agenda item 82 (h), the Second Committee recommends two draft resolutions. Draft resolution I, "Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000", was adopted without a vote; draft resolution II, "Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory", was adopted by a recorded vote of 127 to 2, with 7 abstentions.

In document A/44/833, which concerns agenda item 87, the Second Committee recommends a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research". It was adopted without a vote.

With regard to document A/44/864, on agenda item 88, entitled "Special economic and disaster relief assistance", the draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee were adopted without a vote.

I would draw the Assembly's attention to the fact that the original text of draft resolution I in document A/44/864 was in French. The delegations of French mother tongue have therefore asked that an amendment be made to the French version of paragraph 6 (a) of that draft resolution. They believe that the present English

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text has been incorrectly translated into French and that the words "des contribuants" should be replaced by the words "bailleurs de fonds et donateurs".

An amendment should also be made to the last preambular paragraph of draft resolution I. The paragraph should end with "contributors" - in other words, the phrase "in 1990" should be deleted.

The PRESIDENT: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee that are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

The positions of delegations regarding the various recommendations of the Second Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind representatives that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401 the General Assembly agreed that

"When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee."

I would also remind delegations that in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401 explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Second Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we shall

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proceed with the voting in the same manner as in the Second Committee. This means that where recorded votes were taken in the Committee, we shall take such votes here; and we shall not take votes on those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Committee, unless delegations have already notified the Secretariat that they wish to proceed otherwise.

We shall first turn to part I of the report of the Second Committee (A/44/746) on agenda item 82, entitled "Development and international economic co-operation".

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of this report?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We now turn to the report of the Second Committee (A/44/746/Add.1) on agenda item 82 (a), entitled "Preparation of an international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade (1991-2000)".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 5 of its report. That draft resolution, entitled "Preparation of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 44/169).

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 82.

We turn next to the report of the Second Committee (A/44/746/Add.3) on agenda item 82 (c), entitled "Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 5 of that report. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: United States of America

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The draft resolution was adopted by 131 votes to 1, with 23 abstentions (resolution 44/170).

The PRESIDENT: I shall now call on those representatives who wish to explain their votes.

Mr. MARKS (United States of America): The draft resolution under agenda item 82 (c), "Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States", was presented quite late into the work of the Second Committee, and at that time, not having had a chance to study it, my Government abstained. Now that we have had a chance to study the document, the United States has voted against it, because my Government does not accept many of the key provisions contained in the Charter, which is a non-binding recommendation and not a statement of international law. The United States does not consider the Charter a constructive basis for encouraging harmonious economic relations among nations. We object, for example, to the following claims enunciated by the Charter.

A right to permanent sovereignty over natural resources, wealth and economic activities is claimed without regard to relevant international legal principles. This right could infringe foreign trade and private property rights of other States.

A right to nationalize or expropriate foreign property ignores international legal obligations, including the duty to pay prompt, adequate and effective compensation under international law.

A right to form primary products producer cartels interferes with actions of other States to protect their legitimate interests.

Finally, a duty to provide restitution or compensation to countries, territories and peoples which have experienced colonialism, neo-colonialism, apartheid, racial discrimination and occupation is a political indictment having no place in a charter designed to provide guidelines for harmonious economic relations.

Mr. TANLAY (Turkey) (interpretation from French): The Turkish delegation considers that the legal principles relating to the new international economic order have not been fully identified, defined or universally accepted. Since the fundamental principles which are to be used are not universally accepted by the international community, it would be premature to codify the principles and norms governing economic relations among States. Therefore my delegation is convinced that it would not be appropriate to start codification unless the international community is agreed on the applicability of these principles.

On the other hand, we consider that the draft resolution entitled "Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order" recommended by the Sixth Committee and adopted by the General Assembly at its 72nd meeting, on 4 December 1989, does not take into account the elements I have just emphasized.

For that reason, as in the case of similar draft resolutions in the past, the delegation of Turkey abstained on this draft resolution, which provides for such codification.

Thus my delegation, which voted in favour of draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.9 in the Second Committee, was compelled also to abstain on the draft resolution that has just been adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has now concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 82.

We now turn to the report of the Second Committee (A/44/746/Add.4) on sub-item (d) of agenda item 82, entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in development".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 7 of the report. The draft resolution is entitled "Integration of women in development". The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the

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adoption of that draft resolution. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 44/171).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has concluded its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 82.

We turn now to the report of the Second Committee (A/44/746/Add.8) on sub-item (g) of agenda item 82, entitled "Desertification and drought".

The Assembly will now take decisions on draft resolutions A and B contained in paragraph 9 of the report of the Second Committee and on the draft decision contained in paragraph 10.

Draft resolution A is entitled "Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution A was adopted (resolution 44/172 A).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution B is entitled "Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification". The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution also without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution B was adopted (resolution 44/172 B).

The PRESIDENT: The draft decision in paragraph 10 of the report of the Second Committee is entitled "Countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa". It was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has concluded its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 82.

We turn now to the report of the Second Committee (A/44/746/Add.9) on sub-item (h) of agenda item 82, entitled "Human settlements".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions contained in paragraph 12 of the report of the Second Committee.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Global strategies for shelter to the year 2000". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 44/173).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory". The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of draft resolution II is contained in document A/44/831.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: Canada, Dominica, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Germany, Federal Republic of, Grenada, Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Draft resolution II was adopted by 146 votes to 2, with 8 abstentions (resolution 44/174).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 82.

I now invite the Assembly to turn its attention to the report of the Second Committee (A/44/833) on agenda item 87, entitled "Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 10 of the Second Committee's report. The draft resolution, entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research", was adopted in the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 44/175).

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of agenda item 87.

The Assembly will now consider the report (A/44/864) of the Second Committee on agenda item 88, entitled "Special economic and disaster relief assistance".

The Assembly has before it seven draft resolutions and one draft decision. I shall put the recommendations of the Second Committee to the Assembly one by one. After all the decisions have been taken representatives will again have the opportunity to explain their vote or position.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the seven draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 42 of its report.

Draft resolution I, which is entitled "Special economic assistance to Chad", was adopted in the Second Committee by consensus. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 44/176).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution by consensus. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 44/177).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III is entitled "Emergency assistance to Somalia". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution by consensus. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 44/178).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Assistance to Democratic Yemen". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution by consensus. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 44/179).

The PRESIDENT: We now turn to draft resolution V, entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution by consensus. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 44/180).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution VI is entitled "Special assistance to front-line States".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia,

Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: United States of America

Draft resolution VI was adopted by 154 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 44/181).

The CHAIRMAN: Draft resolution VII is entitled "Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America".

The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution by consensus. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VII was adopted (resolution 44/182).

The PRESIDENT: Finally, we turn to the draft decision contained in paragraph 43 of the report of the Second Committee (A/44/864).

The Second Committee adopted by consensus the draft decision, entitled "International strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 88.

AGENDA ITEMS 121, 127, 130 and 17 (a) to (f) (continued)

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/44/674)

JOINT INSPECTION UNIT: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/44/675)

PERSONNEL QUESTIONS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/44/880)

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

- (a) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (Part II) (A/44/560/Add.1)
- (b) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/44/840)
- (c) APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/44/841)
- (d) CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/44/842)
- (e) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/44/843)
- (f) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/44/844)

The PRESIDENT: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee which are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote and position.

The positions of delegations regarding the various recommendations of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members once again that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that

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"When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee."

May I also remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Fifth Committee, I would advise representatives that we shall proceed with the voting in the same manner as in the Fifth Committee. This means that where recorded votes were taken in the Committee we shall take such votes here; and we shall not take votes on those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Committee unless delegations have already notified the Secretariat that they wish to proceed otherwise.

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We shall now consider the report of the Fifth Committee (A/44/674) on agenda item 121, entitled "Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 44/183).

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 121.

We turn next to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/44/675) on agenda item 127, concerning the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 6 of the report. This draft resolution was adopted by the Fifth Committee without objection. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to do so?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 44/184).

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 127.

I now ask the Assembly to turn to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/44/880) on agenda item 130, entitled "Personnel questions".

The Assembly will take decisions on the recommendations in paragraphs 18 and 19 of that report.

In this regard we shall turn first to the draft resolutions recommended by the Committee in paragraph 18 of the report. Draft resolution I (A to D), which concerns personnel questions, was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I (A to D) was adopted (resolution 44/105 A to D).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II, entitled "Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations", was also adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote.

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 44/186).

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now turn to the draft decisions in paragraph 19 of the report of the Fifth Committee.

Draft decision I is entitled "Amendments to the Staff Rules". It was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: Draft decision II is entitled "Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations". This was also adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of the Netherlands, who wishes to explain his position on one of the draft resolutions just adopted.

Mr. CORNELISSEN (Netherlands): The Netherlands delegation is grateful for the considerable effort that went into the preparation of draft resolution II, on agenda item 130, under the able chairmanship of the representative of Sweden, and considers that the resolution we have just adopted on this item constitutes an adequate reflection of the consultations in the Fifth Committee. Upon reflection on the results achieved, my delegation nevertheless wishes to make three observations on the issues involved.

(Mr. Cornelissen, Netherlands)

First, the primary concern and main focus of the resolution should be to promote and enhance respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations. While it may be appropriate to highlight the obligation of all officials of the Organization and the specialized agencies to observe fully in the conduct of their duties the laws and regulations of Member States, the Netherlands delegation is of the opinion that this obligation is explicitly brought out in the sixth preambular paragraph. There is therefore no need, in our view, for any reference to it in the first preambular paragraph of the resolution.

Secondly, the Netherlands delegation strongly supports the appeal directed in operative paragraph 6 to concerned Member States to co-ordinate efforts with the Secretary-General or the executive heads of agencies with a view to resolving with all due speed the cases mentioned in the Secretary-General's reports. In our view, however, this paragraph should have been strengthened with an additional appeal to the Member States involved to release immediately all those detained, or at least to allow access to them by a legal counsellor.

Thirdly, while the efforts of the Secretary-General to promote knowledge of and compliance with the Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment are highly valued by this delegation, it is our view that the Member States themselves should also promote acceptance of these principles.

In view of the efforts that went into the preparation of this resolution during consultations in which this delegation took an active part, we did not wish to stand in the way of consensus. We would, however, welcome the Assembly's devoting its attention to the points just raised by my delegation in the future consideration of this item, to which we shall return next year and to which we attach the greatest importance.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda item 130.

We shall now consider the reports of the Fifth Committee on sub-items (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of agenda item 17, "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments".

I invite members to turn their attention first to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/44/560/Add.1) on agenda item 17 (a), entitled "Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions".

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The Fifth Committee recommends in paragraph 6 of its report that the General Assembly appoint the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1990: Mr. Carlos Casap, Mr. Yogesh Kumar Gupta, Mr. Tadanori Inomata, Mr. Ulrich Kalbitzer, Ms. Irmeli Mustonen and Mr. Yang Hushan; and for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1990 Mr. Lawrence Agubuzu. May I take it that the Assembly appoints those persons to be members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We come now to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/44/840) on sub-item (b) of agenda item 17, entitled "Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions".

In paragraph 4 of that report the Fifth Committee recommends the appointment of the following persons for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1990: Mr. Bagbeni Adeito Nzengeya, Mr. Sergio Chapparo Ruiz, Mr. Peter Gregg, Mr. Atilio Norberto Molteni, Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud Ould El Ghaouth and Mr. Dimitri Rallis. May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to appoint the persons recommended by the Fifth Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I now invite members to turn their attention to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/44/841) on sub-item (c) of agenda item 17, entitled "Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors".

In paragraph 5 of that report the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should appoint the Chairman of the Commission on Audit of the Philippines

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as a member of the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1990. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to approve that appointment?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I now invite members to turn their attention to the report of the Fifth Committee 9A/44/842) on sub-item (d) of agenda item 17, entitled "Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee".

The Fifth Committee recommends in paragraph 4 of its report that the General Assembly confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1990: Mr. Yves Oltramare, Mr. Emmanuel Noi Omaboe and Mr. Juergen Reimnitz. May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to confirm the appointment of the persons recommended?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We come now to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/44/843) dealing with the appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal under sub-item (e) of agenda item 17.

In paragraph 4 of the report the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Jerome Ackerman and Mr. Arnold Wilfred Geoffrey Kean as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1990. May I consider that the Assembly appoints those persons?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: Lastly, we turn to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/44/844) on sub-item (f) of agenda item 17, concerning the appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission.

In paragraph 6 of its report the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly appoint the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1990: Mr. Michel Jean Bardoux, Ms. Claudia Cooley, Mr. Antônio Fonseca Pimentel, Mr. Alexis Stephanou and Mr. Ku Tashiro; and for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1990, Mr. Ladislav Smid. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to appoint those persons?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: That concludes the Assembly's consideration of sub-items (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of agenda item 17.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The PRESIDENT: The remaining reports of the Second and Fifth Committees will be considered at the next plenary meeting.

The meeting rose at 4.40 p.m.