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President: Sir Douglas COPLAND (Australia).

Present:

The representatives of the following countries: Argentina, Australia, China, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, France, India, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Observers from the following countries: Brazil, Chile, Iran.

The representative of the following agency: International Labour Organisation.

AGENDA ITEM 11

Report of the Transport and Communications Commission (E/2696)

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/2754)

1. Mr. BRILEJ (Yugoslavia), Chairman of the Economic Committee, presented the report of the Committee (E/2754) on the report of the Transport and Communications Commission (E/2696).

2. He explained, with reference to the work programme and priorities for projects, that the Committee had decided to replace draft resolution F of the Transport and Communications Commission by a text proposed by the Secretary-General (E/2744, para. 5) and an additional provision based on the Argentine amendment (E/AC.6/L.124). The Committee had rejected the draft resolution submitted by Norway and Sweden (E/AC.6/L.121) on the situation with respect to ratification of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) as explained in paragraphs 25 to 30 of the Commission's report.

3. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the financial implications of draft resolution E on the transport of dangerous goods (E/2696, annex II). An estimate of the expenses resulting from the draft resolution would be submitted first to the Council in the document whereby it was regularly informed at its summer session of the financial implications of the United Nations work programme in the economic and social fields and then to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.

4. Mr. DONS (Norway) regretted that the Economic Committee's report (E/2754) did not give an account of the Committee's discussions on the IMCO Con-

vention. The Norwegian Government attached great importance to that matter and Member States not represented in the Council or in the Transport and Communications Commission would find a full report on it useful. It would probably be best to deal with it at greater length in the Council's report to the Assembly so as to facilitate discussion if the question was raised again in the Assembly.

5. Mr. KADAPA (India) supported the Norwegian representative's proposal.

6. The PRESIDENT assured the Norwegian and Indian representatives that their comments would be taken into account when the Council's report to the Assembly was drafted.

7. He put to the vote the draft resolutions contained in the report of the Economic Committee (E/2754, para. 5) on the report of the Transport and Communications Commission (E/2696).

8. Mr. NIKOLAEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) requested a separate vote on each of the draft resolutions.

Draft resolution A was adopted unanimously.

Draft resolution B was adopted by 14 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution C was adopted by 15 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

9. Mr. BARNES (United Kingdom) requested a separate vote on paragraph 2 of the operative part of draft resolution D.

The paragraph was adopted by 14 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution D as a whole was adopted by 15 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

Draft resolution E was adopted by 15 votes to 2.

10. Mr. ALFONZO RAVARD (Venezuela), supported by Mr. HAMDANI (Pakistan), requested a separate vote on the last paragraph of the preamble and paragraph 1 of the operative part of draft resolution F.

11. The PRESIDENT pointed out that the last paragraph of the preamble was missing in the French text of the Economic Committee's report (E/2754).

The last paragraph of the preamble and paragraph 1 of the operative part of draft resolution F were adopted by 10 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.

Draft resolution F as a whole was adopted by 15 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

12. Mr. ABOU-GABAL (Egypt) and Mr. HAMDANI (Pakistan) said that they had abstained on the last paragraph of the preamble and on paragraph 1 of the operative part for the reasons they had explained in the Economic Committee.

13. Mr. ALFONZO RAVARD (Venezuela) said that he too had abstained because, in his delegation's opinion, the question of the *Transport and Communications Review* should have been first examined by the Transport and Communications Commission.

14. Mr. NIKOLAEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) recalled that his delegation had explained to the Economic Committee its views on each of the draft resolutions.

15. Mr. VEJVODA (Czechoslovakia) said that he had voted against draft resolution E concerning the transport of dangerous goods because the report of the Committee of Experts (E/CN.2/143—E/CN.2/

CONF.3/1) mentioned in that draft made recommendations on military articles, which were incompatible with the peaceful work of the United Nations. The Czechoslovak delegation had abstained in the vote on draft resolutions B, C, D and F because certain of the questions they dealt with came within the domestic jurisdiction of States.

16. Mr. HOTCHKIS (United States of America) explained that in voting for draft resolution B concerning uniform system of road signs and signals, his delegation had in no way sought to encroach upon the domestic affairs of States of the Union.

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.