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President : Mr. C. W. A. SCHURMANN (Netherlands). Present:

Representatives of the following States: Afghanistan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, France, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Spain, Sudan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela.

Observers for the following Member States: Greece, India, Israel, Italy.

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; International Development Association.

### AGENDA ITEM 19

## Elections

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE SPECIAL FUND

1. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to proceed to the election of six members of the Governing Council of the Special Fund, taking into account the provisions of paragraphs 13 and 14 of part B of General Assembly resolution 1240 (XIII). He suggested that the Council should first elect three members to replace Italy, Sweden and the Netherlands, chosen from among the economically more developed countries, and then three members to replace Chile, Ghana and the United Arab Republic, chosen from among the less developed countries.

2. The PRESIDENT stated that the Governments of Sweden and the Netherlands had indicated their interest in being re-elected to the Governing Council.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ito (Japan) and Mr. Bentley (United Kingdom) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	18
Invalid ballots :	2
Number of valid ballots :	16
Required majority :	10
Number of votes obtained :	
Italy	15
Sweden	15
Netherlands	14
Federal Republic of Germany	1
Norway	1
Switzerland	1

Having obtained the required majority, Italy, the Netherlands and Sweden were elected members of the Governing Council of the Special Fund representing the economicely more developed countries.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers :	18
Invalid ballots :	0
Number of valid ballots :	18
Required majority :	10
Number of votes obtained :	
Guatemala	18
Ghana	13
Senegal	12
Iraq	8
Madagascar	1
Netherlands	1
Nigeria	1

Having obtained the required majority, Ghana, Guatemala and Senegal were elected members of the Governing Council of the Special Fund representing the less developed countries.

#### **ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

### OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

3. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to proceed to the election of three members of the Technical Assistance Committee, in conformity with Economic and Social Council resolution 647 (XXIII). Those members would be elected for a period of two years beginning on 1 January 1961. The Governments of Switzerland, the United Arab Republic and Czechoslovakia had informed the Secretary-General of their interest in being elected to the Committee.

It was so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ito (Japan) and Mr. Bentley (United Kingdom) acted as tellers.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.	
Number of ballot papers :	18
Invalid ballots :	0
Number of valid ballots :	18
Required majori., :	10
Number of votes obtained :	
United Arab Republic	18
Switzerland	16
Sudan	13
Czechoslovakia	5
Federal Republic of Germany	1

Having obtained the required majority, the Sudan, Switzerland and the United Arab Republic were elected members of the Technical Assistance Committee.

# **ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS** OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

4. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to proceed to the election of the seven members of the Council Committee on Non-governmental Organizations, in accordance with rule 82 of the Council's rules of procedure.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ito (Japan) and Mr. Bentley (United Kingdom) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.	
Number of ballot papers :	18
Invalid ballots :	0
Number of valid ballots :	18
Required majority :	10
Number of votes obtained :	
Brazil	17
Japan	17
Jordan	17
France	16
United Kingdom of Great Britain and	
Northern Ireland	16
United States of America	16
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	14
Denmark	2
El Salvador	2
Ethiopia	2
Spain	2
Afghanistan	1

Having obtained the required majority, Brazil, France, Japan, Jordan, 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 Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations for 1961.

### **ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS** OF THE ad hoc WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ito (Japan) and Mr. Bentley (United Kingdom) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.	
Number of ballot papers :	18
Invalid ballots :	0
Number of valid ballots :	18
Required majority :	10
Number of votes obtained :	
Afghanistan	18
Denmark	18
Japan	18
New Zealand	18
Venezuela	17
Poland	16
Chile	1

Having obtained the required majority, Afghanistan, Denmark, Japan, New Zealand, Poland and Venezuela were elected members of the ad hoc working group.

ELECTION OF THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The PRESIDENT invited the Council, in accord-6. ance with its decision at the previous meeting, to elect six additional members to the Committee for Industrial Development, in conformity with the provisions of paragraph 4 of resolution 751 (XXIX). The Governments of the Philippines and Czechoslovakia had expressed an interest in being elected to the Committee.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ito (Japan) and Mr. Bentley (United Kingdom) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.	
Number of ballot papers:	18
Invalid ballots :	0
Number of valid ballots:	18
Required majority :	10
Number of votes obtained :	
Tunisia	17
Philippines	15
Ivory Coast	13
Federal Republic of Germany	12
Madagascar	12
Sudan	12
Nigeria	6
Czechoslovakia	5
Indonesia	2
Argentina	1
Greece	1
Iraq	1
Liberia	1

Having obtained the required majority, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Ivory Coast, Madagascar, the Philippines, the Sudan and Tunisia were elected members of the Committee for Industrial Development.

BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 798 (XXX)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect the 5. six members of the ad hoc working group established by Council resolution 798 (XXX) in accordance with the provisions of that resolution. The six members would serve for a period of one year. The Governments of Poland and Venezuela had indicated their interest in being elected to the working group.

7. The PRESIDENT suggested that he should draw lots to determine the terms of office of the six members just elected.

### It was so decided.

It was decided, by the drawing of lots, that the Federal Republic of Germany and the Philippines should serve for a term of office of three years, the Ivory Coast and the Sudan for two years and Madagascar and Tunisia for one year.

8. Mrs. MIRONOVA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that her delegation was not satisfied with the results of the elections to the Technical Assistance Committee and the Committee for Industrial Development, since they constituted a violation of the principle of equitable geographical distribution.

# AGENDA ITEM 20

## Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council (E/3428)

9. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the names of the persons nominated by Governments to represent them on the functional commissions of the Council (E/3428); the name of Mrs. Z. V. Mironova, who had been nominated by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on 20 December 1960, should be added to the list of nominees for the Commission on the Status of Women. Biographical data on Mrs. Mironova were available in document E/3009/Add.2.

10. Mr. MACHOWSKI (Poland) said that his Government could not recognize the nominations of Mr. Pao, Mr. Cheng Paonon or Mrs. Cheng, since they had not been put forward by the legal Government of China.

11. Mr. MAKEEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. TCHOBANOV (Bulgaria) associated their delegations with the Polish representative's statement.

12. Mr. TSAO (China) said that he regretted that some delegations had seen fit to object to some of the nominations for political reasons. In his view, those objections were out of order.

The nominations were confirmed.

### AGENDA ITEM 27

# Agreement between the United Nations and the International Development Association (E/3429)

13. The PRESIDENT, introducing his report to the Co noil on the negotiation of an agreement between the United Nations and the International Development Association (E/3429), said it had seemed best to follow the simplified procedure adopted without objection by the Council when an agreement with the International Finance Corporation had been negotiated four years earlier. Under that procedure, it was simply stated that the Bank Agreement approved by the Assembly on 15 November 1947 should, mutatis mutandis, govern the relationship between the United Nations and the Association. Article II of the draft agreement contained an important new provision which took note of the desire expressed by a number of delegations that there should be close contact and consultations between the United Nations and the Association in order to ensure co-ordination of technical assistance and other development activities. He had also borne in mind the suggestion that a reference to the role of the United Nations under Article 58 of the Charter should be included in the agreement; that reference would be found in the first preambular paragraph.

to support the draft agreement in the form submitted, since the operative part did not include a provision that the agreement would be subject to Article 58 of the Charter. The absence of such a provision rendered the agreement merely formal in character and made it clear that the United Nations would be unable to exercise any influence on the Association's activities.

15. Mr. SCHWEITZER (Chile) introduced the draft resolution sponsored by Chile, Denmark and Japan (E/L.888) recommending that the General Assembly should approve the draft agreement at its resumed fifteenth session. He did not think the objection the Soviet Union representative had raised to the draft agreement was valid, since Article 58 of the Charter was referred to in the preamble of the agreement, while article II of the agreement specifically referred to the Secretary-General's participation in the Liaison Committee, the purpose of which was precisely that envisaged in Article 58 of the Charter.

16. Mr. PHILLIPS (United States of America) said that his delegation was entirely satisfied with the draft agreement. He would point out to the Soviet Union representative that Article 58 of the Charter had in fact been made applicable to the Association, since article IV of the Bank Agreement, which was to govern the relationship between the United Nations and the Association, clearly stated that either organization might make formal recommendations to the other.

17. Mr. PAZHWAK (Afghanistan) said that his delegation would vote in favour of the draft resolution on the understanding that Article 58 of the Charter had been made applicable to the relationship between the United Nations and the Association, and that reference to the Article had properly been made in the preamble to the agreement.

18. Mr. HASSAN (Sudan) associated his delegation with the Afghan representative's remarks.

19. Mr. DE PINIES (Spain) said that his delegation supported the draft agreement and the draft resolution.

20. The PRESIDENT said that during his negotiations with the representative of IDA it had been clearly understood between them that Article 58 of the Charter did indeed apply to the relationship between the two organizations. He had considered that the reference to Article 58 in the preamble to the agreement was sufficient because, among other reasons, the last sentence of article IV of the Bank Agreement made the applicability of Article 58 quite clear.

21. Mr. HASSAN (Sudan) said that the President's statement was reassuring and that he thought its substance should be included in the relevant report to the General Assembly, so that there could be no doubt about the applicability of Article 58 of the Charter to

14. Mrs. MIRONOVA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that her delegation would be unable the agreement.

22. The PRESIDENT said that this would be done.

23. Mrs. MIRONOVA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that, in the light of the comments made by the representatives of Afghanistan and the Sudan and the explanation given by the President, her delegation would withdraw its objection to the agreement and would accordingly support the draft resolution. 24. The PRESIDENT said that if there were no other objections he would take it that the draft resolution was unanimously approved.

It was so decided.

25. Mr. ILIFF (International Development Association), speaking on behalf of the Director and the Manager of the Association, expressed satisfaction that the Council had approved the agreement. The President of the Council was to be congratulated on the manner in which he had conducted the negotiations leading to the drafting of that instrument.

26. The PRESIDENT expressed the Council's hope that the Association would succeed in achieving its purposes and that its co-operation with the United Nations would be harmonious and fruitful.

### **AGENDA ITEM 21**

## Work of the Council in 1961 (concluded)

27. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council request the Secretariat, after consultation with delegations and specialized agencies, to prepare a document indicating as far as possible in what order and on what approximate dates the various items on the provisional agenda for the thirty-first session would be taken up.

It was so decided.

### Closure of the session

28. Mr. SCHWEITZER (Chile), whose term of office as a member of the Council was coming to an end, recalled that it had been during an earlier term of office of his country that the Economic Commission for Latin America had been established. The increasingly effective work of the Commission under the able leadership of its Executive Director was an outstanding example of the contribution which that type of regional organization could make.

29. Important milestones reached during Chile's expiring term of office were the decision to establish a United Nations capital development fund, which had originally been proposed by his country, and the' establishment of the Committee for Industrial Development. He recalled that his delegation had played an active part in the work of the United Nations Commission on Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources and had been particularly interested in developments relating to such problems as housing and fr edom of information.

30. He wished to thank the Council for its part in the generous response shown by organizations, Governments and individuals the world over to the plight of his country following the earthquakes which had

devastated a third of its territory in 1960. Thanks in large measure to that assistance the enormous task of rehabilitation was being carried out with success.

31. Although no longer a member of the Council, his country would continue to follow its activities closely and to give support in the General Assembly to its efforts to promote diversification of production in the under-developed countries, the acceleration of the process of industrialization and the stabilization of markets for primary commodities and manufactured goods.

32. In conclusion, speaking on behalf of both his own and the Brazilian delegation, he wished to congratulate the President, the other officers of the Council, the Council Secretary and the other members of the Secretariat who had contributed to the success of the Council's deliberations.

33. Mr. HASSAN (Sudan) said that he wished to associate his delegation with the congratulations offered by the Chilean representative to the officers of the Council and the representatives of the Secretariat. The experience gained by his delegation in serving on the Council had strengthened its belief in the effectiveness of the United Nations and its importance for the smaller countries. He accordingly hoped that the time was not distant when the Council would become more representative and would be expanded to keep pace with the expansion in the membership of the United Nations itself.

34. Mr. PAZHWAK (Afghanistan), speaking on behalf of his own and the Japanese delegations, Mr. TCHOBANOV (Bulgaria), Mr. TSAO (China), Mrs. QUESADA (Costa Rica), Mr. VIAUD (France), speaking on behalf of his own and the Danish delegations, Mr. MACHOWSKI (Poland), Mr. DE PINIES (Spain), Mrs. MIRONOVA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. PHILLIPS (United States of America) congratulated the President, the other officers of the Council and the representatives of the Secretariat on the able and impartial way in which they had discharged their tasks.

35. The PRESIDENT thanked the speakers for their kind words and said that he considered it an honour to his country and himself to have been elected to the Council's highest office. The Netherlands had benefited greatly from its term of office, which had enabled it to become closely acquainted with many of the economic problems besetting the world. Although it would no longer be a member it would continue to follow the work of the Council with the greatest interest.

36. He declared the thirtieth session of the Council closed.

The meeting rose at 1.15 p.m.

