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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: Canada, Greece, Indonesia, Iran.

The representatives of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

AGENDA ITEM 18

Work of the Council in 1956 (E/2808, E/L.688 and Corr.1, E/L.689)

DRAFT LIST OF ITEMS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION (E/L.688 AND CORR.1)

1. After an exchange of views in which Mr. BANNIER (Netherlands), Sir Alec RANDALL (United Kingdom), Mr. STANOVNIK (Yugoslavia) and Mr. HASAN (Pakistan) took part, the PRESIDENT proposed that the questions referred to in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of the preliminary annotations on item 5 of the draft list of items for the twenty-first session (E/L.688 and Corr.1) should be deferred until the Council's twenty-second session.

It was so decided.

2. Mr. BAKER (United States of America) proposed that a new item entitled "Financial implications of actions of the Council" should be placed on the agenda of the twenty-first session.

It was so decided.

3. Mr. DESMARAS LUZURIAGA (Argentina) proposed that consideration of items 8 ("International commodity problems") and 9 ("Establishment of a world food reserve") should be deferred until the twenty-second session, item 8 being merged with item 4 ("Report of the Commission on International Commodity Trade") at that session under the general head-

ing "International commodity problems". The Council would thus have before it the report of the Commission on International Commodity Trade when it considered the Commission's status and functions.

It was so decided.

4. The PRESIDENT submitted for the Council's approval the amended list of items for the twenty-first session.

There being no objection, the list was adopted.

Draft list of items for the twenty-second session (E/L.688 and Corr.1)

- 5. Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), supported by Mr. SVEC (Czechoslovakia), said, with reference to item 2 ("World economic situation") of the draft list of items for the twenty-second session (E/L.688 and Corr.1), that a separate item relating to the expansion of world trade should be included in the agenda for the twenty-second session, for it was an important subject and had been dealt with in a resolution adopted by the Council (resolution 579 A (XX).
- 6. After an exchange of views in which Sir Alec RANDALL (United Kingdom), Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Mr. SVEC (Czechoslovakia) and Mr. STANOVNIK (Yugoslavia) took part, the PRESIDENT proposed that the question of the expansion of world trade should be mentioned in a new sub-paragraph (c) entitled: (c) "Expansion of world trade" in the annotations on item 2.

It was so decided.

- 7. Mr. SVEC (Czechoslovakia), supported by Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), said that, in connexion with the expansion of world trade, reference should be made not only to resolution 579 A (XX) but also to the resolution on international machinery for trade co-operation adopted by the Council at its 897th meeting (resolution 592 (XX)). As the Council was dealing with a list of documents, it would be logical, to say the least, to mention the report which the Secretary-General was to prepare pursuant to that resolution. From the statement made by the President on behalf of the Secretariat at the 897th meeting, one could infer that the Council would have that report before it at its twenty-second session.
- 8. Mr. BRINSON (United Kingdom) said that only resolutions in which the Council's twenty-second session was expressly mentioned should be referred to. That was not so of the resolution about international machinery for trade co-operation (resolution 592 (XX)). In its operative part the Council merely requested the Secretariat to prepare a report which would be communicated to Governments. To mention the report among the documents to be brought before the Council would mean prejudging the attitude of Governments with regard to it. It would also amount to a reversal of the decision taken by the Council at its 897th meeting.

- 9. Mr. TURPIN (France) shared that opinion and agreed with the representative of Yugoslavia that it was better to await the publication of the report before taking a decision. In any case, as had been pointed out by the Secretary of the Council and the representative of Turkey, the agenda of the twenty-second session was to be reviewed at the end of the twenty-first session and delegations always had the right to ask, if they thought fit, for the inclusion of a new item on the agenda.
- 10. The PRESIDENT proposed that the Council should adopt the draft list of items for the twenty-second session (E/L.688 and Corr.1), taking into account the amendments thereto, on the understanding that the Council would review it at its twenty-first session.

It was so decided.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS OF THE COUNCIL (E/L.689)

11. The PRESIDENT suggested that the note by the Secretary-General on the election of members of functional commissions of the Council (E/L.689) should be approved.

There being no objection, the note by the Secretary-General was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 19

Disposal of items arising out of the tenth regular session of the General Assembly (E/L.694)

- Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development $(A/3065)^1$
- 12. Mr. BAKER (United States of America) recalled that, under General Assembly resolution 824 (IX), the Secretary-General was to prepare an annual report on the international flow of private capital. The report had not, however been included in the Council's work programme for 1956. He therefore proposed that the list of items for the Council's twenty-second session (E/L.688 and Corr.1) should contain a further item entitled "Report by the Secretary-General on the international flow of private capital, submitted under General Assembly resolution 824 (IX)". The question of international tax problems, which had been deferred to the Council's twenty-second session, should be considered concurrently.
- 13. Mr. DE SEYNES (Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs) said that the report would not be completed in time for the Council's twenty-second session; he therefore asked that the item should read simply "International flow of private capital".
- 14. The PRESIDENT suggested that, in keeping with the United States proposal, the item "Financing of economic development", which would appear as item 19 on the agenda of the twenty-second session, should

include the questions "International flow of private capital" and "International tax problems", which would come second and third respectively, after the question of the establishment of the Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development.

It was so decided.

Advisory services in the field of human rights (A/3032)²

There being no objection, the Secretary-General's proposals relating to advisory services in the field of human rights (A/3032) were approved.

15. In reply to a question by Mr. DE SEYNES (Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs), the PRESIDENT said that the Secretariat would be entirely free to apportion, in the best possible manner and in accordance with Governments' requests for services, the appropriation of \$50,000 which the Fifth Committee had provided to give effect to the resolution relating to advisory services in the field of human rights.

PROGRAMMES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 921 (X))

There being no objection, the Secretary-General's proposal relating to programmes of technical assistance (General Assembly resolution 921 (X)) was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 18

Work of the Council in 1956 (concluded)

- 16. The PRESIDENT said that, in accordance with rules 9 and 11 of its rules of procedure, the Council had worked out its basic programme for 1956 and considered the provisional agenda for its twenty-first session.
- 17. In spreading the items included in its basic programme over the twenty-first and twenty-second sessions, the Council had also indicated how they should be arranged. With reference to the date at which consideration of each group of items should begin, he suggested that, according to custom, the Secretariat should, after consultation with delegations and specialized agencies, prepare a document indicating as far as possible in what order and at what dates the various items on the provisional agenda of the twenty-first session might be considered by the Council.

It was so agreed.

- 18. Mr. STANOVNIK (Yugoslavia) thought the work programme for the twenty-second session was particularly heavy; it would therefore be desirable for the Secretariat to prepare a detailed paper concerning the organization of work at that session.
- 19. The PRESIDENT replied that the Secretariat would circulate such a paper to delegations at the end of the twenty-first session.

The meeting rose at 5.10 p.m.

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 24. See also General Assembly resolution 923 (X).

² Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 62. See also General Assembly resolution 926 (X).