

meeting of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee.

74. Mr. DUMAS (France) said that, although he had supported the draft resolution, he maintained his reservation regarding article 11 of the draft agreement, for which he had proposed an alternative text which had not been adopted.

75. Mr. WENBAN-SMITH (United Kingdom) said that, although the United Kingdom was one of the sponsors of the draft resolution, it recognized that the draft agreement, which represented a compromise, was not entirely satisfactory. He agreed with the French representative's views on the wording of article 11 and drew attention to his own delegation's comments on the subject, as recorded in paragraph 15 of document E/5535 (Report on negotiations with the World Intellectual Property Organization).

### AGENDA ITEM 23

#### Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations

#### REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5571)

76. The PRESIDENT said that the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee had recommended a draft resolution on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations for adoption by the Council (E/5571, para. 10). The Committee had approved the draft resolution without a vote. He suggested that the Council should adopt it without a vote.

*It was so decided.*

77. Mr. WENBAN-SMITH (United Kingdom) drew attention to the reservation entered by the United Kingdom in the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee, and mentioned in paragraph 9 of the Committee's report.

### AGENDA ITEM 25

#### Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit: pending reports

#### REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5572)

78. The PRESIDENT said that the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee had recommended a draft decision for adoption by the Council (E/5572, para. 5). As the Committee had approved the draft decision without a vote, he suggested that the Council should adopt it without a vote.

*It was so decided.*

#### Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

79. The PRESIDENT recalled that the Council had decided at its resumed forty-seventh session that in the future the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees would be transmitted to the General Assembly without debate, unless, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, the Council should decide otherwise. Since no request for consideration of the current annual report (E/5484 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1) had been received, he assumed that the Council would wish to transmit it to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

*It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.*

## 1919th meeting

Thursday, 1 August 1974, at 3.30 p.m.

President: Mr. A. KARHILO (Finland)

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### AGENDA ITEM 21

#### Programme and Co-ordination (*continued*):

#### (a) Machinery for programme and co-ordination

#### REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5562/Add.3 (Part I))

1. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the two draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee in paragraph 19 of its report (E/5562/Add.3, (Part I)). Draft decision I (Machin-

ery for programme and co-ordination) had been adopted in the Committee without a vote. In the absence of objection, he would take it that the Council would likewise wish to adopt the draft decision without a vote.

*It was so decided.*

2. The PRESIDENT noted that draft decision II (Creation of an informal group to examine the machinery for programme and co-ordination) had been adopted in the Committee without a vote. In the absence of objection, he would take it that the Council would likewise wish to adopt draft decision II without a vote.

*It was so decided.*

## AGENDA ITEM 24

### Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

#### REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5574)

3. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the report of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee on the agenda item before it (E/5574) and in particular to the draft resolution in paragraph 11; the Council might wish to adopt the draft resolution without a vote, bearing in mind that the statements made on the subject in the Committee would be duly reflected in the relevant summary records.

*It was so decided.*

4. Mr. FAURIS (France), speaking in explanation of vote, pointed out that his delegation had already expressed certain reservations concerning the original text of the draft resolution (E/AC.24/L.499). Although suitable amendments had been made to the original version, his delegation still had serious reservations regarding the text just adopted.

5. First, his Government's position on the question of exercise of the right to free determination without recourse to violence and without intervention in internal affairs was well known. Assistance to the populations referred to in the resolution just adopted was given in a humanitarian perspective. The Council must not alter the institutional framework adopted by the international community.

6. Moreover the resolution was unjustly hard on, and inordinately critical of, the specialized agencies. Lastly, his Government refused to recognize the representative character of the self-styled "national liberation movements" which claimed to represent the populations of French territories.

7. His delegation had abstained on the draft resolution in the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee; it would have done the same in the Council had a vote been taken.

8. Mr. PU Ming (China) said that his delegation was in favour of the resolution as a whole but had a reservation to make on the fifth preambular paragraph: the declarations of the Portuguese Government referred to in that paragraph could not be accepted for what they were worth; it had to be seen whether they were put into effect.

9. Mr. SANDERS (United States of America) said that the United States representative on the Committee had already expressed his country's reservations concerning the resolution just adopted (540th and 543rd meetings). He would like those reservations to be duly noted along with the Council's decision.

10. Mr. ROUGET (Federal Republic of Germany) recalled that his delegation had abstained on the draft

resolution in the Committee for the reasons given on that occasion.

11. Mr. WENBAN-SMITH (United Kingdom) said that his delegation had abstained in the Committee for the reasons then given. It would have adopted the same position had a vote been taken in the Council.

12. Mr. SULLIVAN (Canada) and Mr. KAUFMANN (Netherlands) said that their delegations had voted in favour of the draft resolution in the Committee but had made certain comments of which note had been taken at the time.

13. Mr. GEBRU (Ethiopia), Mr. CHAVANAVIRAJ (Thailand), Mr. WYZNER (Poland), Mr. BANZER (Bolivia), Mr. KACIMAIWAI (Fiji) and Mr. AKSOY (Turkey) said that their delegations would have voted in favour of the draft resolution in the Committee if they had been present when the vote was taken.

## AGENDA ITEM 26

### Calendar of conferences

#### REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (E/5573)

14. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the report of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee on agenda item 26 (E/5573), and invited the Council to take a decision on the two draft resolutions and the draft decision contained in paragraph 13. Draft resolution I related to meetings of working groups of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and draft resolution II to rationalization of the work of the Council. Both draft resolutions, as also the draft decision on the programme of meetings, had been adopted in the Committee without a vote. In the absence of objection, he would take it that the Council also wished to adopt the three texts without a vote.

*It was so decided.*

## AGENDA ITEM 13

### Permanent sovereignty over natural resources

#### REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/5566)

15. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the report of the Economic Committee on the item (E/5566), and in particular to the draft decision in paragraph 6. Since the draft decision had been adopted in the Committee without a vote, he would consider, in the absence of objection, that the Council likewise wished to adopt it without a vote.

*It was so decided.*

## AGENDA ITEM 18

## Regional co-operation:

- (a) Reports of the regional economic commissions
- (b) Report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions

## REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/5564)

16. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the report of the Economic Committee on the item (E/5564), and in particular to the two draft resolutions and six draft decisions reproduced in paragraph 18. Draft resolution I (Change of name from "Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East" to "Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific") had been adopted in the Committee without a vote. The Council might also wish to adopt draft resolution I without a vote.

*It was so decided.*

17. The PRESIDENT noted that draft resolution II (Regional co-operation) had likewise been adopted without a vote.

18. Mr. SANDERS (United States of America) said that he wished to submit a few amendments to the text, in view of important discussions which had taken place since its adoption in the Economic Committee. First, the words "the need to ensure the accomplishment of", in the first preambular paragraph, should be deleted. Secondly, the words "The urgent implementation of", at the beginning of operative paragraph 1 (a) of part I, should be replaced by the words "Taking into account"; some consequential editorial changes would be required in the remainder of the paragraph. Lastly, the words "contribute fully to the establishment", in operative paragraph 1 (c) of part I should be replaced by the words "take fully into account the regional aspects".

19. Mr. HAQ (Pakistan) expressed surprise at the fact that the United States representative should have submitted amendments to the draft resolution after its adoption in Committee by a consensus. Admittedly any delegation had the right to submit amendments to the Council, but when it did so at the last moment other delegations did not have time for consideration. It was true that the subject had been under discussion elsewhere and that modifications had been made to texts under consideration in other bodies; but the countries which had requested them had clearly indicated that the modifications were to apply to the texts being discussed in the bodies in question and not to other texts. In any case, the draft resolution under consideration had been adopted well before those modifications had come in question. He therefore urged the United States representative not to press his amendments.

20. Mr. BOOTHE (Jamaica), Mr. LAZAREVIĆ (Yugoslavia), Mr. BOUZARBIA (Algeria), and Miss BALASUBRAMANIAN (India) said that they shared the view expressed by the representative of Pakistan and stressed that the Economic Committee had arrived at a consensus after protracted negotiations. They also requested the United States representative not to press for the adoption of his amendments.

21. Mr. SANDERS (United States of America) agreed; but asked that a separate vote be taken on the first preambular paragraph, operative paragraph 1, and draft resolution II as a whole.

*The first preambular paragraph was adopted by 30 votes to 1, with 11 abstentions.*

*Operative paragraph 1 was adopted by 32 votes to 1, with 9 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution II, as a whole, was adopted by 46 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

22. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to take a decision on draft decisions I-VI as recommended for adoption. Since the draft decisions had been approved without a vote in the Economic Committee, he proposed that the Council should proceed in the same manner.

*Draft decisions I-VI were adopted.*

## AGENDA ITEM 19

## Science and technology: Report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its second session

## REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/5563)

23. The PRESIDENT drew the attention of the Council to paragraph 20 of the report of the Economic Committee (E/5563), containing nine draft resolutions and one draft decision recommended for adoption by the Council. Draft resolutions I-VIII had been approved in the Committee without a vote. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt draft resolutions I-VIII without a vote.

*Draft resolutions I-VIII were adopted.*

24. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to adopt without a vote draft resolution IX, relating to institutional arrangements for science and technology.

*Draft resolution IX was adopted.*

25. Mr. CORDOVEZ (Secretary of the Council) pointed out that in paragraph 1 of draft resolution IX as just adopted, the Secretary-General was requested to make a study, with the advice of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, and after consultation with all interested agencies and bodies within the United Nations system, on the feasibility of establishing a United Nations science and technology programme; and that in operative paragraph 2, the Secretary-General was further requested to submit a report to the intergovernmental working group of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to be convened in 1975. In order to enable the Secretary-General to carry out the consultations thus called for it would be necessary to alter the date of the meeting of the Advisory Committee, and the Secretary-General requested the Economic and Social Council's approval for the Committee to meet from 4 to 15 November 1974. That change of date would have no additional financial implications.

*It was so decided.*

26. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to adopt without a vote the draft decision recommended for adoption by the Economic Committee.

*The draft decision was adopted.*

27. Mr. NEUHOFF (Federal Republic of Germany) referring to draft resolution IX relating to institutional arrangements for science and technology, said that, as had been the case in the Economic Committee, his delegation was prepared to associate itself with the consensus on the draft resolution. At the same time, it wished to make plain that its attitude did not imply any undertaking on the part of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany with regard to any specific steps which might later be taken as a result of the study to be made on the establishment of a United Nations science and technology programme, including the establishment of a special fund. The Government of the Federal Republic had explained on a number of occasions the reasons for its attitude regarding the proliferation of administrative bodies and special funds in the United Nations system, and he would refrain from repeating the arguments already put forward in that respect.

28. Mr. DUMAS (France) expressed his delegation's reservations on the financial implications of draft resolution III, as adopted. The French delegation would revert to the question during discussion of the United Nations budget in the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly. It was unacceptable that the contemplated publication of regional plans for Asia and Latin America should proceed without any French version, since both regions contained French-speaking areas. With regard to draft resolution IX as adopted, his delegation maintained the reservations which it had expressed in the Economic Committee, and which were recorded in the summary record of its 703rd meeting.

29. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation wished to reserve its position with regard to any financial implications of the draft resolutions on the application of science and technology to development until the consideration of the budget by the Fifth Committee.

#### AGENDA ITEM 5

**Study of the problems of raw materials and development:  
Consideration of draft resolutions referred to the Council  
by the General Assembly**

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/5576)

30. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the recommendation of the Economic Committee set out in paragraph 8 of its report (E/5576), which had been adopted in the Committee without a vote. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt the draft decision without a vote.

*It was so decided.*

#### *Draft provisional agenda of the resumed fifty-seventh session of the Council (E/L.1612)*

31. Mr. CORDOVEZ (Secretary of the Council) submitted the draft provisional agenda of the resumed fifty-seventh session (E/L.1612) to the Council for approval. Agenda item 7 (The impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations) had been included, subject to the approval by the Council of the draft resolution on the question, the consideration of which was still pending.

32. Mr. WENBAN-SMITH (United Kingdom) asked whether the draft provisional agenda would have any budgetary implications, in view of the number and importance of the items appearing on it.

33. Mr. CORDOVEZ (Secretary of the Council) said that a statement on the financial implications of all the decisions taken by the Council at the present session would be submitted the following day. Nevertheless it was already possible to indicate that with regard to Council meetings, the financial implications would depend on the services available. Until now, the practice followed by the Council had been to meet when the Second Committee of the General Assembly was not in session. The position would be different in 1974, when the Council would hold a series of meetings between the months of October and December.

34. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to adopt the draft provisional agenda of the resumed fifty-seventh session. If there were no objections, he would take it that the draft agenda was adopted.

*It was so agreed.<sup>1</sup>*

*The meeting rose at 4.35 p.m.*

<sup>1</sup> The text of the provisional agenda, as adopted, was subsequently issued under the symbol E/5581.