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President: Mr. S. Amjad ALI (Pakistan).

Present: The representatives of the following countries: Argentina, Belgium, Canada, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, Iran, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Observers from the following countries:
Turkey, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

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

Wishes for Mr. Katz-Suchy's speedy recovery

1. The PRESIDENT expressed to the Polish delegation the Council's concern at hearing of the car accident in which Mr. Katz-Suchy had been involved. The Council had been happy to learn that Mr. Katz-Suchy was not in as dangerous condition as the first reports had indicated and extended its wishes for his speedy recovery.
2. Mr. BIRECKI (Poland) thanked the Council for its expression of sympathy which the Polish delegation much appreciated.

Work of the Council in 1953 (A/2332, E/2342 and Corr.1, E/2342/Add.1, E/L.468 and E/L.469): (a) Basic programme for 1953; (b) Provisional agenda for the fifteenth regular session of the Council and fixing of dates for commencement of discussion of groups of items (concluded)

[Agenda item 41]

3. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to decide on which list to include item 3 (a) on the list of items proposed for the sixteenth session. He regretted that for lack of time the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development had been unable to send a representative to the meeting to inform the Council of the progress made on the report it was to prepare on the establishment of an international finance corporation.
4. Mr. BLOUGH (Secretariat) said that, while the Bank had no objection to submitting its report to the Council's fifteenth session, it thought the report would be much more complete if the Council gave it until summer to finish it.
5. Mr. FAROOQ (Pakistan) also regretted that the Council did not have fuller information on the Bank's progress in preparing the report. There was no doubt, however, that the drafting of the document was a long-term project. It would therefore be better to keep item 3 (a) on the list of items proposed for the Council's sixteenth session.

6. It would also be better to postpone consideration of the item which was now item 4 on the list of items proposed for the fifteenth session. The Committee of Experts had not yet been established and as it was scheduled to meet for at least six weeks, its report could not be ready before the end of March. The Council and the Member States should be given enough time to study the report attentively in view of the great importance of the economic development of under-developed countries.

7. He, therefore, proposed that item 3 (a) on the list of items for the sixteenth session and item 4 on the list of items for the fifteenth session should be included in the provisional agenda for the sixteenth session and that items 3 (b) and 3 (d) on the list of items for the sixteenth session should be considered at the fifteenth session.

8. Mr. MEADE (United Kingdom) agreed with the Pakistani representative. With regard to item 3 (b), however, he would like to have the Secretariat's views before deciding on the Pakistani proposal.

9. Mr. BLOUGH (Secretariat) pointed out that FAO and ILO had already said that they were afraid that they would be unable to submit a complete report to the Council's fifteenth session.

10. Mr. DAWSON (International Labour Organisation) emphasized that the volume of work required for the proposed study would not permit ILO to present as complete a report as it would like to the fifteenth session of the Council. The ILO's experts were now engaged in preparing a general programme which would not be considered and approved until March.

11. Mr. FAROOQ (Pakistan) agreed to amend his proposal: only item 3 (d) should be transferred from the sixteenth session to the fifteenth session.

12. Mr. MEADE (United Kingdom) recalled that the Secretary-General had told the Council at a previous meeting that only a somewhat abbreviated working document on the question of integrated economic development could be submitted to the Council at its fifteenth session. His delegation would, however, prefer that the Council should include item 3 (d) on the list of items for the fifteenth session, as the list for the sixteenth session was already a very long one.

13. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the first part of the Pakistani proposal, that item 4, "Economic development of under-developed countries: report of the Committee of Experts on a Special Fund (Council resolution 416 A (XIV))" should be transferred from the list of items proposed for the fifteenth session to the list for the sixteenth session.

The proposal was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

14. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the second part of the Pakistani proposal, to transfer item 3 (d), "Integrated economic development (Council resolution 416 F (XIV))" from the list of items for the sixteenth session, to the list of items for the fifteenth session.

The proposal was adopted by 6 votes to 2, with 8 abstentions.

15. Mr. ARKADYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) wondered whether the present list of items which, in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at the present session, the Council would be asked to study at its fifteenth and sixteenth sessions, should be considered as final.

16. The PRESIDENT pointed out that document E/L.469 listed the resolutions which had already been adopted by the General Assembly in plenary session, as well as those which were still in the form of recommendations from the various Committees. With regard to the question of which session of the Council would consider the various resolutions of the General Assembly, paragraph 3 of document E/L.469 listed the items under which the various resolutions could be considered. The Council would therefore examine those resolutions and decide what action should be taken on them when it considered the various items on its agenda either at the fifteenth or at the sixteenth session.

17. Mr. ARKADYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) understood from the explanation just given by the President that the agenda for the two sessions of the Council would include no other items arising from decisions of the seventh regular session of the Assembly apart from those appearing in paragraph 3 of document E/L.469.

18. The PRESIDENT explained that one further item, that mentioned in paragraph 4 of document E/L.469, might arise as a result of the General Assembly's adoption of a resolution.

19. In reply to the representative of MEXICO, the PRESIDENT read the text of resolution 643 (VII) "Social conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories", and explained that the resolution called for no action by the Council. The report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories would be circulated to the Council for its information, but there was no reason to include the resolution under one of the items on the agenda for the 1953 sessions.

20. Mr. FAROOQ (Pakistan) pointed out that, aside from the resolutions listed in paragraph 2 of document E/L.469, the Second Committee had recommended the adoption of a draft resolution on land reform (A/2332). Furthermore, draft resolution II on the financing of economic development of under-developed countries contained in the report of the Committee to the Assembly was in three parts only two of which (A and B) had been mentioned. How did the Secretariat propose to deal with part C of draft resolution II and draft resolution V on land reform?

21. Mr. BLOUGH (Secretariat) said that the draft resolution on land reform called for no action by the Council and therefore need not be included in the agenda of one of the sessions. Part C of the draft resolution on the financing of economic development of under-developed countries requested the Secretary-General to include in an early future world economic report an analysis of the international flow of private capital. Only after the study had been prepared could the Council consider appropriate measures to stimulate a steady, adequate flow of private capital to under-developed countries. The next world economic report would not be published until early in 1954; the Council

therefore need not include the third part of the draft resolution in the agenda of its 1953 sessions.

22. Mr. FAROOQ (Pakistan) did not share that view, for the second paragraph of the operative part of part C of draft resolution II in document A/2332 requested the Council to give attention to the resolution at an early session; the Council should therefore make provision for the question as a special item on its agenda. Moreover, the draft resolution on land reform invited the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies to undertake certain studies. The Council would certainly wish to be kept informed of the progress of those reports and it was therefore advisable to include the question of land reform on the list of items for either the fifteenth or the sixteenth session.

23. Mr. DE SEYNES (France) pointed out that there was no need for each resolution to appear as a separate item on the Council's agenda for the Council to be able to consider it. A list of reference documents was circulated to delegations, enumerating all the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. None of them therefore would be forgotten, as the Pakistani representative seemed to fear.

24. Mr. HILL (Secretariat) referring to General Assembly resolution 525 (VI) on "Food and Famine", recalled that paragraph 5 dealt with the results of the study the FAO Council was to undertake. The Secretary-General had kept in touch with the agency and had learned that the experts were continuing the study but that it would not be ready for the Council's fifteenth session. That was why the item was not listed on the basic programme for 1953.

25. Mr. ARKADYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked whether the draft resolution on "Integrated economic and social development" (E/L.469, paragraph 2, sub-paragraph xi) should not be included in the basic programme as an additional item. Item 3 (d) on the list of items for the sixteenth session, which had just been transferred to the fifteenth session, on "Integrated economic development" did not include that question. There seemed to be an unfortunate tendency to stress the economic aspects of problems while ignoring their social aspects. The heading of item 3 (d) should therefore be amended in order to give social questions the same importance as economic questions.

26. Mr. BLOUGH (Secretariat) pointed out that item 3 (d) related to resolution 416 F (XIV) and that its title was an exact repetition of the heading of the resolution.

27. Mr. MORALES (Argentina) mentioned that his delegation had submitted the draft resolution in connexion with the Provisional Report on the World Social Situation which the Third Committee had adopted.¹ The resolution proposed a method of work and contained a general recommendation. The question could be examined at the same time as item 9 on the proposed list of questions for the Council's sixteenth session: "Report of the Social Commission (ninth session)" (E/L.468).

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 11, document A/2333, draft resolution B.

28. Mr. ARKADYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) thanked the Argentine representative for his suggestion and proposed that the title of the draft resolution adopted by the Third Committee should be inserted in parentheses after the present heading for item 9.

It was so decided.

The basic programme for 1953 (E/L.468 and E/L.469), as amended, was approved.

The list of items for the fifteenth session thereby became the provisional agenda for that session.

29. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should request the Secretary-General, in consultation with delegations, to fix those dates on which it would take up major groups of items on the agenda for its fifteenth session.

It was so decided.

Calendar of Conferences for 1953 (E/2346) (concluded)

[Agenda item 36]

30. Mr. DE SEYNES (France) did not approve the procedure which the Secretary-General invited the Council to follow with regard to the sixth session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities; the Council should not take any decision before knowing the opinion of the Commission on Human Rights. He therefore proposed that the question be postponed to the sixteenth session of the Council.

31. Mr. GEORGES-PICOT (Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Departments of Economic and of Social Affairs) pointed out that that proposal did not take into account the financial implications of the Sub-Commission's sixth session. If the Council did not take an immediate decision, that might make it impossible for the Sub-Commission's representative to go to Geneva for the session of the Commission on Human Rights. In any case, it would be desirable for the Council to take a decision at its fifteenth session, at the latest.

32. Mr. DE SEYNES (France) thought that, as the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions met often, the question of the financial implications would not present any difficulty. However, he recognized that the Council could take up the question at its fifteenth session if the Commission on Human Rights took a decision at the beginning of the session. He therefore amended his proposal and suggested that the matter be referred to the fifteenth session of the Council if the Commission on Human Rights had already taken a decision upon it, and if not, to the sixteenth session.

33. Mr. CREPAULT (Canada) and Mr. MEADE (United Kingdom) supported the French representative's proposal.

34. Mr. ARKADYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked why the Council did not take the opinion of the Sub-Commission itself into account.

35. Mr. DE SEYNES (France) pointed out that the Council did not intend to ignore the Sub-Commission's

opinion, but had also to take into consideration the views of the Commission on Human Rights.

36. Mr. FENAUX (Belgium) supported the French proposal. It would be difficult for the Council to take a decision without having heard the view of the Commission on Human Rights, of which the Sub-Commission was a subsidiary organ. Due deference must be given to the Sub-Commission, but the same applied to the Commission on Human Rights.

37. The PRESIDENT put the French representative's proposal to the vote.

The proposal was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.

Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council (E/2344, E/2344/Add.1 and 2) (concluded)

[Agenda item 38]²

38. Mr. ARKADYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that he could not approve the confirmation of the members appointed by the Kuomintang.

39. Mr. HSIA (China) asked for a separate vote on the confirmation of the members nominated by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

40. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the nomination of Mr. Ching-Yuen Hsiao to the Transport and Communications Commission and of Mr. Choh-Ming Li to the Population Commission.

The Council confirmed those nominations by 13 votes to 3, with 1 abstention.

41. The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Sergei Rassadin to the Fiscal Commission and of Mrs. Elizaveta Alekseevna Popova to the Commission on the Status of Women.

The Council confirmed the nominations by 16 votes to 1.

42. The PRESIDENT put the confirmation of the other nominations to the vote.

The Council unanimously approved the other nominations.

Question of inviting interested governments not Members of the United Nations but participating in the work of ECE to the Second ECAFE Conference on Trade Promotion (E/2347 and E/L.466/Rev.1)

[Agenda item 50]

43. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the note by the Secretary-General (E/2347) which stated that the Governments of Finland, Hungary and Italy which were not Members of the United Nations but were participating in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe, had indicated their interest in participating in the Second ECAFE Conference on Trade Promotion, scheduled to be held in Manila, Philippines, from 23 February to 4 March 1953. The Executive Secretary of ECAFE, however, was not at present authorized to

invite to the Conference governments not Members of the United Nations even though they participated in the work of ECE. The Secretary-General, therefore, was suggesting that the Executive Secretary of ECAFE be authorized to invite those three Governments to attend the Conference.

44. Mr. NOSEK (Czechoslovakia) said that he had carefully studied the United States draft resolution (E/L.466/Rev.1) and thought the operative part should be expanded. It was possible that other countries not Members of the United Nations but participating in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe in a consultative capacity, might also be interested in the Second ECAFE Conference on Trade Promotion. As the Conference was to open in two months' time, the Council should authorize the Executive Secretary to invite not only the three countries which had already indicated their interest, but also any others that might still do so.

45. It would perhaps be argued that only Italy, Finland and Hungary had expressed a wish to participate in the Conference and that the other countries concerned had not yet given any indication of their attitude; nevertheless, those countries might still answer the letter addressed to them and, therefore, the Executive Secretary of ECAFE should be authorized in advance to invite them, because the Council itself would not be meeting until April 1953. The Czechoslovak delegation considered that such a decision would not only be timely but would also be an expression of courtesy to the countries in question, for countries which were not Members of the United Nations but participated in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe in a consultative capacity had indicated their interest in economic problems, including trade promotion.

46. That being so, the Czechoslovak delegation proposed that the operative part of the United States draft resolution should be amended to read:

"Requests the Secretary-General to authorize the Executive Secretary of ECAFE to extend invitations to these three countries, and to all other countries which are not Members of the United Nations but which participate in a consultative capacity in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe, on the same basis as to Members of the United Nations not members of ECAFE".

47. Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) pointed out that the invitation mentioned in the first paragraph of the United States draft resolution had been addressed to the interested governments on 17 September 1951. The letter of invitation had stated that replies should be sent in time for action to be taken by the Economic and Social Council. Only three countries had indicated their interest; it would therefore appear that the others did not wish to attend the Conference. That being so, the United States delegation could not accept the Czechoslovak amendment.

48. Mr. NOSEK (Czechoslovakia) asked whether the invitation had stated that replies must be received by a certain date.

49. Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) answered in the negative but pointed out that the Executive Secretary of ECAFE had made it clear that the

² Resumed from 669th meeting.

replies should be returned in time for action by the Economic and Social Council at the current session.

50. Mr. ARKADYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) thought that it would be advisable to encourage as many countries as possible to take part in a conference on trade promotion. Accordingly he considered the Czechoslovak amendment useful and his delegation would support it.

51. Mr. BIRECKI (Poland) also supported the Czechoslovak amendment. The United States representative's arguments were somewhat far-fetched, as the invitation of the Executive Secretary of ECAFE had not specified any date by which replies should be received. Moreover, the General Assembly session was not yet ended. Lastly, it was in the general interest for as many States as possible to participate in the Conference.

52. The PRESIDENT put the Czechoslovak amendment to the vote.

The amendment was rejected by 7 votes to 3, with 8 abstentions.

The United States draft resolution was adopted by 15 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

53. Mr. NOSEK (Czechoslovakia) asked what the procedure would be if countries other than Italy, Finland and Hungary indicated a wish to attend the Conference.

54. Mr. BLOUGH (Secretariat) said that on the basis of the terms of reference of ECAFE the Secretariat would have no course opened to it but to abstain from inviting those countries. The Commission had authority to invite only Members of the United Nations to participate in a conference of this kind. Any invitation to non-member countries would have to be authorized by the Council.

55. Non-member countries which participated in the work of the ECE had not been invited to attend the Conference; but letters had been sent to those countries drawing their attention to the Conference and requesting them to indicate whether they would be interested to participate.

56. Mr. NOSEK (Czechoslovakia) pointed out that the Conference was not to open until 23 February 1953. It was still possible, therefore, that other countries might express a wish to participate. When the Second Committee of the General Assembly had examined questions relating to the economic development of the under-developed countries, the Philippine representative had mentioned the Conference in question and the Brazilian representative had asked him what countries would be invited to attend. He would be grateful if the Philippine representative would repeat the reply he had given to that question.

57. Mr. GARCIA (Philippines) recalled that, in reply to the Brazilian representative's question, he had stated

that delegations from Latin America would be welcome at the Conference.⁸

58. Mr. ARKADYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) noted that the Council had taken a decision concerning three specific countries. It had taken no decision concerning the others. In his opinion, therefore, it should be made clear that the adoption of the United States draft resolution did not prohibit countries which had not yet done so from expressing a wish to participate in the Conference, or the Council from considering any new requests which it might receive, in order to decide whether or not to authorize the Executive Secretary of ECAFE to send invitations to the other Governments interested. He asked to have that interpretation of the resolution included in the summary record.

59. Mr. LUBIN (United States of America) pointed out that, in accordance with the Charter and the Council's rules of procedure, the Council was always entitled to consider a request submitted to it by the Secretary-General.

60. The PRESIDENT said that the interpretation of the Council's decision proposed by the USSR representative raised no objection on the part of the Council.

Closure of the fourteenth session

61. The PRESIDENT congratulated the six new Member States which were replacing the departing members of the Council on 1 January 1953. Pakistan was one of the departing members; for three years its delegation had done its best to contribute to the success of the Council's work. He hoped the Council would continue its efforts to ensure economic and social progress in all countries, especially the under-developed countries.

62. Speaking personally, he thanked the members of the Council for the courtesy and goodwill they had always shown him.

63. Mr. LUBIN (United States of America), Mr. ABDOH (Iran), Mr. CREPAULT (Canada), Mr. ARKADYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Mr. MEADE (United Kingdom), Mr. GARCIA (Philippines), Mr. JOUBLANC RIVAS (Mexico), Mr. BIRECKI (Poland), Mr. DE SEYNES (France), Mr. GHORBAL (Egypt), Mr. NOSEK (Czechoslovakia) and Mr. FENAUX (Belgium) congratulated the President on the tact, authority and skill with which he had conducted the Council's debates in 1952 and assured him of their esteem and friendship.

64. The PRESIDENT thanked the members of the Council and pronounced the fourteenth session closed.

The meeting rose at 1.5 p.m.

⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Second Committee, 240th meeting.*