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*President:* Mr. Raymond SCHEYVEN (Belgium).

*Present:*

The representatives of the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, China, Cuba, Egypt, France, India, Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Observers from the following countries: Chile, Czechoslovakia, Norway.

The representatives of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization.

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- (a) **Basic programme for 1954;**
- (b) **Provisional agenda for the seventeenth regular session of the Council and fixing of dates for commencement of discussion of groups of related items**

[Agenda item 40]

1. The PRESIDENT requested the Council to consider the note by the Secretary-General (E/L.571/Rev.2), which drew the Council's attention to certain resolutions adopted by the General Assembly during its eighth session or recommended by Committees for adoption, but not yet considered in plenary meeting. He pointed out that resolutions 740 (VIII), 724 B (VIII) and 724 C (VIII), which appeared in document E/L.571/Rev.2\* as resolutions xiii, xiv and xv, respectively, had been adopted that morning by the General Assembly.

\* In the present summary record, the numbers given to resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its eighth session are the final numbers as they appear in the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 17*, and not those used in mimeographed document E/L.571/Rev.2, dated 4 December 1953.

*It was agreed to place resolution 802 (VIII) under items 8<sup>1</sup> (XVIII)\*\* and 27<sup>2</sup> (XVIII).*

*It was agreed to place resolution 727 (VIII) under item 12<sup>3</sup> (XVIII).*

2. The PRESIDENT said that the Argentine delegation had submitted a draft resolution in connexion with General Assembly resolution 732 (VIII).

3. He put to the vote the Argentine draft resolution (E/L.573).

*The draft resolution was adopted.*

*It was agreed to place resolution 722 (VIII) under items 11<sup>4</sup> (XVII) and 7 (b)<sup>5</sup> (XVIII).*

*It was agreed to place resolution 723 (VIII) under item 7 (a)<sup>6</sup> (XVIII).*

*It was agreed to consider resolution 733 (VIII) at the seventeenth session under a new item to be inserted between items 17 and 18 (XVII).*

*It was agreed to place resolution 734 (VIII) under item 17<sup>7</sup> (XVII).*

*It was agreed to place resolution 735 (VIII) under item 20<sup>8</sup> (XVII).*

*It was agreed to place resolution 736 A (VIII) under item 12<sup>9</sup> (XVII).*

4. The PRESIDENT proposed that the Council should adopt a resolution transmitting the texts of General Assembly resolutions 737 (VIII), 738 (VIII) and 739 (VIII) to the Commission on Human Rights for appropriate action.

*It was so agreed.<sup>10</sup>*

*It was agreed to place resolution 740 (VIII) under item 14<sup>11</sup> (XVII).*

*It was agreed to place resolution 724 B (VIII) under an additional sub-item to item 3<sup>12</sup> (XVIII) and to*

\*\* In the present summary record, items are numbered as they appear in the revised list of items for inclusion in the agenda of the seventeenth and of the eighteenth session (E/L.574). The roman number in parentheses after the number of the item indicates the session.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations Children's Fund.  
<sup>2</sup> Item 27 (b): Election of members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.  
<sup>3</sup> Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.  
<sup>4</sup> Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: report of the Technical Assistance Committee.  
<sup>5</sup> Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: report of the Technical Assistance Committee.  
<sup>6</sup> Regular Programme of Technical Assistance.  
<sup>7</sup> Recognition and enforcement abroad of maintenance obligations.  
<sup>8</sup> Organization and operation of the Council and its commissions.  
<sup>9</sup> Freedom of information.  
<sup>10</sup> The text of this resolution was later issued as Council resolution 510 (XVI).  
<sup>11</sup> Forced labour.  
<sup>12</sup> Economic development of under-developed countries.

consider resolution 721 C I (VIII) under item 3 (a)<sup>13</sup> (XVIII).

It was agreed to place resolution 721 C II (VIII) under item 3 (c)<sup>14</sup> (XVII).

It was agreed to place resolution 721 C III (VIII) under item 3 (a)<sup>15</sup> (XVII).

The programme of work for 1951 (E/L.571), as amended, was approved.

The resulting list of items for the seventeenth session thus became the provisional agenda for that session.

5. The PRESIDENT suggested that, as in the past, the Council should request the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with delegations, a working document specifying the approximate dates for the consideration of each item or group of items on the provisional agenda for the seventeenth session.

*It was so agreed.*

6. Mr. GEORGES-PICOT (Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Departments of Economic Affairs and of Social Affairs) intimated that one of the Council's functional commissions scheduled to meet in 1954 might be invited by the government of a Member State to hold a session in the territory of that State, the additional costs incurred to be defrayed by the latter.

7. He suggested that, should such an invitation be extended, the Council should authorize the Interim Committee on Programme of Conferences, in accordance with Council resolution 174 (VII), to make whatever adjustments were necessary in the programme of conferences in consultation with the Secretary-General.

8. Mr. DE SEYNES (France) felt that the various governments concerned should first be consulted so that the Interim Committee on Programme of Conferences could take their views into account and reach a decision coinciding with the majority of views expressed.

9. Mr. MEADE (United Kingdom) supported the French representative's view.

10. Mr. BRENNAN (Australia) asked what the effects of such an invitation would be on the General Assembly's decision that a regular pattern of conferences should be established under which sessions of all Headquarters-based bodies should be held in New York and sessions of Geneva-based bodies should be held in Geneva, with certain exceptions.

11. Mr. GEORGES-PICOT (Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Departments of Economic Affairs and of Social Affairs) replied that the resolution in question (694 (VII)) did not exclude invitations extended to an organ by a Member State to convene in its territory.

12. Mr. BRENNAN (Australia) still felt that such an invitation might conflict with General Assembly resolution 694 (VII). Moreover, pursuant to that reso-

lution the Secretary-General had made certain staff transfers and adjustments to conform with the reorganized programme of conferences. To hold a session of a functional commission elsewhere than in New York or Geneva might raise staffing problems.

13. Mr. MORALES (Argentina) said that, in principle, his Government appreciated the attitude of a Member State which invited a United Nations organ to its territory.

14. Mr. ARKADYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) remarked that it was difficult to consider the matter properly as no specific information had been offered regarding the identity of the inviting State or of the organ invited. The Council might be able to reach some conclusion if further data were supplied.

15. Mr. EL-TANAMLI (Egypt) pointed out that the Council was competent to decide on the meeting places of its functional commissions. Therefore he suggested that should an invitation be received when the Council was not in session for a commission to meet elsewhere than in Geneva or New York, the Secretary-General should consult the members of the Council, if necessary by correspondence.

16. Mr. RIBAS (Cuba), Mr. DE SEYNES (France) and Mr. MATES (Yugoslavia) supported the Egyptian representative's view.

17. Mr. GEORGES-PICOT (Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Departments of Economic Affairs and of Social Affairs) stated that the various implications would be considered if and when an invitation was made.

18. As far as staff distribution was concerned, if it was decided that an organ was to meet elsewhere than in New York or Geneva, the staff normally assigned to it would continue to service it at its place of meeting. To facilitate operations it had been considered advisable to leave the decision to the Interim Committee on Programme of Conferences, but the Council was free to act as it saw fit. Difficulties had been experienced in the past because no suitable procedure had been laid down.

19. Mr. MATES (Yugoslavia) observed that General Assembly resolution 694 (VII) appeared to be rather exclusive. If an invitation were to be extended to a functional commission, the reply might depend on the legal interpretation of that resolution.

20. Mr. BRENNAN (Australia) supported the Egyptian representative's suggestion but reserved his delegation's position regarding its final attitude should any such invitation materialize.

21. Resolution 694 (VII) had been discussed during the current session by the Fifth Committee,<sup>16</sup> and his delegation would take into account its conclusions, which would appear in the Rapporteur's report.

*The Egyptian suggestion was adopted.*

#### **Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council (E/2521 and Add.1 and 2) (concluded)**

[Agenda item 37\*]

22. The PRESIDENT requested the Council to consider the nominations submitted for confirmation in documents E/2521 and Add.1.

\* Resumed from the 750th meeting.

<sup>16</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 39, document A/2622, paras. 24-29.

<sup>13</sup> Financing of economic development: report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the question of creating an international finance corporation.

<sup>14</sup> Economic development of under-developed countries: international flow of private capital for the economic development of under-developed countries.

<sup>15</sup> Economic development of under-developed countries: report of the group of experts on international price relations.

23. Mr. BIRECKI (Poland) requested that each nomination should be dealt with separately.
24. Mr. HSIA (China) requested a separate vote on the nomination by the Byelorussian SSR.
25. The PRESIDENT asked the Council to vote on the confirmation of the members nominated by Denmark, Panama and Cuba.

*The Council confirmed those nominations.*

26. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the confirmation of the member nominated by the Byelorussian SSR.

*The Council confirmed the nomination by 17 votes to one.*

27. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the confirmation of the member nominated by China.

*The Council confirmed the nomination by 14 votes to 4.*

28. The PRESIDENT declared the sixteenth session of the Council closed.

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.