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Page 23, paragraph 1 (title): for " item 2 " read " item 25 ".

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## AGENDA

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1. Adoption of the agenda (rule 14 of the rules of procedure).
2. Full employment:
  - (a) Reconversion after the rearmament period (Council decision of 28 April 1953);
  - (b) Consideration of replies from governments to the questionnaire on full employment;
  - (c) Report of the International Monetary Fund under Council resolution 427 (XIV), paragraph 6;
  - (d) Report by the Secretary-General under Council resolution 426 B (XIV).
3. Economic development of under-developed countries:
  - (a) Report on a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development, submitted by a committee appointed by the Secretary-General (Council resolution 416 A (XIV), General Assembly resolution 622 A (VII));
  - (b) Report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the question of creating an international finance corporation (Council resolution 416 C (XIV), General Assembly resolution 622 B (VII));
  - (c) Question of methods to increase world productivity (Council resolution 416 E (XIV));
  - [(d) *Postponed to the seventeenth session.*]
4. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe.
5. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America.
- [6. *Postponed to the seventeenth session.*]
7. Restrictive business practices: reports of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Restrictive Business Practices and of the Secretary-General under Council resolution 375 (XIII).
8. Technical assistance:
  - (a) Regular programme of technical assistance (General Assembly resolutions 200 (III), 246 (III) and 418 (V));
  - (b) Technical assistance in public administration;
  - (c) Expanded programme of technical assistance: report of the Technical Assistance Committee.
9. Report of the Fiscal Commission (fourth session).
10. Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies (Council resolution 434 (XIV), General Assembly resolution 535 (VI)).
11. Report of the Social Commission (ninth session) (Council resolution 434 (XIV), General Assembly resolution 642 (VII)).
12. Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
13. Report of the Commission on Human Rights (ninth session).
14. Prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities: report of the Commission on Human Rights (ninth session) (Council resolution 443 (XIV)).
- [15. *Postponed to the seventeenth session.*]

- [16. *Postponed to the seventeenth session.*]
17. Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights received under Council resolutions 277 (X) and 474 (XV).
  18. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (seventh session).
  19. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex, chapter II).
  20. Narcotic drugs:
    - (a) Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (eighth session);
    - (b) Report of the Permanent Central Opium Board;
    - (c) Report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations Opium Conference (Council resolution 436 A (XIV)).
    - (d) Problem of the coca leaf (Council resolution 436 E (XIV)).<sup>1</sup>
  21. Question of assistance to Libya (General Assembly resolution 515 (VI)) (postponed from the fourteenth session).
  22. Report of the International Labour Organisation.
  23. Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization.
  - [24. *Postponed to the seventeenth session.*]
  25. Report of the World Health Organization.
  26. Report of the International Civil Aviation Organization.
  27. Report of the Universal Postal Union.
  - [28. *Postponed to the seventeenth session.*]
  29. Report of the World Meteorological Organization.
  30. Co-ordination of the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies:
    - (a) Reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;
    - (b) Review of 1954 programmes and of the list of United Nations priority programmes in the economic and social fields (Council resolution 451 A (XIV)).
  31. Relief and rehabilitation of Korea (General Assembly resolution 410 (V), section A, paragraphs 5 (d) and 13) (postponed from the fifteenth session).<sup>2</sup>
  32. Non-governmental organizations:
    - (a) Hearings by the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations under rules 84 and 85 of the rules of procedure of the Council and applications for hearings by the Council under rule 86;
    - (b) Other matters reported on by the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.
  33. Question of access to Headquarters of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status: report by the Secretary-General on the result of his negotiations with the United States Government (Council decision of 28 April 1953).
  34. Calendar of conferences for 1953 (Council decision of 19 December 1952).
  35. Calendar of conferences for 1954 (Council resolution 174 (VII), General Assembly resolution 694 (VII)).
  36. Elections:
    - (a) Election of one-third of the membership of the functional commissions of the Council;
    - (b) Election of members of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (General Assembly resolution 417 (V)).

<sup>1</sup> As proposed in the Social Committee's report on narcotic drugs (E/2490), which came before the Council at its 739th meeting, this sub-item was postponed to the seventeenth session.

<sup>2</sup> At the 750th meeting, this item was postponed to a future session.

37. Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council.
38. Financial implications of actions of the Council (rule 34 of the rules of procedure).
39. Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly (General Assembly resolution 628 (VII) ).

*[Items to be considered at the resumed sixteenth session (to take place during or shortly after the eighth regular session of the General Assembly)]*

- [40. Work of the Council in 1954:
  - (a) Basic programme for 1954 (rule 9 of the rules of procedure);
  - (b) Provisional agenda for the first regular session of 1954 (rule 11 of the rules of procedure).
- [41. Disposal of items arising out of the eighth regular session of the General Assembly.]

*Supplementary item under rule 13 of the rules of procedure*

42. Accession of Viet Nam and the Vatican City State to the Convention on Road Traffic of 19 September 1949.

*Additional item under rule 16 of the rules of procedure*

43. Accession by the Federal Republic of Germany to the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons.

## CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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E/1584	<i>National and International Measures for Full Employment</i>	2	United Nations Publication—Sales No.: 1949. II.A.3
E/1986	<i>Measures for the Economic Development of Under-Developed Countries</i>	3	United Nations Publication—Sales No.: 1951. II.B.2
E/2193/Rev.1	<i>World Economic Report 1950-51</i>	2	United Nations Publication—Sales No.: 1952. II.C.4
E/2337	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund: report of the Executive Board (6, 7 and 10 October 1952)	12	<i>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 2</i>
E/2340	<b>Twelfth Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination</b>	30 (a)	
E/2353/Rev.1	<i>World Economic Report 1951-52</i>	2	United Nations Publication—Sales No.: 1953. II.C.2
E/2379 and Add.1	Analysis of governmental measures relating to restrictive business practices	7	<i>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11A</i>
E/2380	Report of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee on Restrictive Business Practices	7	<i>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11</i>
E/2381	<i>Report on a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development</i>	3 (a)	United Nations Publication—Sales No.: 1953. II.B.1
E/2382	Economic Commission for Europe: annual report 1952-1953	4	<i>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 9</i>
E/2383	Report of the Universal Postal Union for 1952	27	Union postale universelle, Rapport de gestion, 1952. Berne. Bureau international de l'Union postale universelle. (Printed in French only.)
E/2386	Communication from the Chairman of the Commission on the Status of Women	33	<i>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 34</i>
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<sup>1</sup> In this column will be found information concerning the documents which are not included in the *Annexes* to the *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session*.

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E/2408 and Add.1 to 9 (and Add.5/Corr.1 in English only)	Replies of governments	2 (b)	Mimeographed documents only
E/2409	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund: special report of the Executive Board (25 March 1953)	12	<i>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 6A</i>
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E/2429	Report of the Fiscal Commission on its fourth session	9	<i>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 5</i>
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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: Indonesia, Israel, Netherlands.

The representatives of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, International Monetary Fund, World Health Organization, International Telecommunication Union, World Meteorological Organization, Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization.

### Opening of the session

1. The PRESIDENT, opening the sixteenth session of the Economic and Social Council, said that the fifteenth session had fortunately taken place in an atmosphere of reduced tension and close collaboration, so that the Council had succeeded in adopting a series of decisions unanimously, or at any rate without the formation of two opposing blocks. He did not doubt that the many important tasks facing the sixteenth session would be carried out in similar circumstances; and he hoped that the prospects of peace which had already been discernible at the previous session would materialize before the end of the present session.

2. He regretted to have to announce that Mr. Birecki, the second Vice-President of the Council, was prevented by ill-health from taking part in the work of the sixteenth session, and he wished him a speedy recovery. Mr. Birecki would continue in office as second Vice-President, but the Economic Committee would have to elect a new chairman.

### Adoption of the sessional agenda (E/2420, E/L.507 and E/L.508)

[Agenda item 1]

3. Mr. MEADE (United Kingdom) reminded the Council that his delegation had requested the postponement of the sixteenth session for a week or two, under rule 3 of the Council's rules of procedure, on the grounds of the tardy distribution of the basic documents

for most of the items on the provisional agenda. His Government had taken that step with considerable reluctance, since it had always sought to establish a fixed pattern of conferences and to abide by it. It also realized the administrative difficulties which would arise from the postponement of a session and the possible inconvenience to delegations. The request for postponement had had to be made so late because his Government had not been able to appraise the state of documentation until some time after the deadline set by rule 14, paragraph 4. Adequate and timely documentation was the foundation of all the Council's work. For the present session, with an exceedingly heavy agenda, only a fraction of the total documentation had been distributed in time for governments to give it proper consideration and to instruct their representatives. Probably the position as regards the documentation in French and Spanish was even less satisfactory. That placed an intolerable strain on government departments and delegations, particularly the smaller delegations.

4. It would be manifestly unfair to imply that the Secretariat was to blame. True, certain documents might perhaps have been prepared more quickly and others given higher priority for translation and reproduction, but he realized that it took time to prepare documents in a highly departmentalized and multilingual Secretariat and that the work of translation required considerable time.

5. The real culprit was the Economic and Social Council itself, which tended to ask for too much at too short notice and, by failing to observe its own rules of procedure, had given rise to the confusion that had occurred in the present year. If that state of affairs continued, the Council's work would become less and less effective. The Council should not be afraid of self-discipline; it was better and more rewarding to deal with one thing well than to deal with ten inadequately, both in national and in international affairs.

6. The best course to follow on the present occasion would be to postpone for consideration at a later session those items on the provisional agenda for which the documents had arrived too late and which, for some inescapable technical reason, did not require immediate action or further action by the Council. A number of items might also be treated procedurally, without going into the substance.

7. Since eight of the Council members had favoured the request for postponement, while others had opposed it merely for administrative reasons, it was clear that most, if not all, members shared his delegation's concern at the present trend and wished to put a stop to it. To do so would require readiness to acquiesce in the postponement of certain items which might be particularly dear to some

delegations, but the common interest was so clear that that should not prove an insuperable obstacle.

8. For the future, a solution would be found in strict adherence to the six weeks' rule for documentation in all the Council's working languages, combined with more restraint in assigning work to the Secretariat and greater readiness on the part of the latter to tell the Council frankly and in good time what it could and what it could not do and to come forward with suggestions of its own, thus avoiding the inconvenience and expense caused by last-minute changes.

9. Some suggestions already made for lightening the load might well be followed up. The specialized agencies might report to the Council every two years instead of annually, thus allowing more time for the preparation and translation of their long and complicated reports. Those reports had always been a problem, and the problem had been aggravated by the adoption of an additional working language. A similar plan might be followed in handling the regular reports of the Council's functional commissions, which often appeared late. Something must also be done to shorten the list of non-recurring items on the agenda. Complicated items with extensive documentation were best discussed at leisure and with opportunities for reference back to governments. Such items might perhaps be the subject of a special series of meetings in New York of the Council Committee concerned, in advance of the opening of the Council's regular sessions, thus easing the strain on delegations during the regular sessions.

10. Mr. BORIS (France) said that the French delegation had not been in favour of postponing the Council's sixteenth session, as postponement would not appreciably change the situation, while serious drawbacks would ensue in connexion with the preparation of the reports to the General Assembly. However, in general, the French delegation supported the very apposite remarks just made by the United Kingdom representative, and the Council might well bear them in mind. It was important to take definite action at once and, in particular, to prune the agenda to some extent. The Council should begin again to apply paragraph 4 of rule 14 of the rules of procedure more strictly, even if something had to go by the board. The Council was not a temporary body, and it should not try to give high priority to every topic.

11. For practical reasons, the Council must no doubt consider, for example, the question of technical assistance; and it might also make one final show of indulgence towards some of the specialized agencies whose reports had been sent in late. But the most important point for the Council was self-discipline. Thus it would be as well at once to defer consideration of item 3 (d)<sup>1</sup> of the agenda, since document E/2438 had been issued very late. It might also be useful to postpone examination of item 15 (a),<sup>2</sup> as the English version of the report had been issued only a few weeks previously, and the French

version was not yet available. It was with great reluctance that the French delegation suggested postponing that item, since France had always been interested in the question; but it must be admitted that the government departments concerned had not had time to study the report properly. With regard to item 15 (b),<sup>1</sup> the Council had no document to hand, and postponement was obviously called for.

12. Item 16<sup>2</sup> involved the examination of an extremely bulky report, the outcome of the methodical labours of the *Ad Hoc* Committee. Unfortunately, the English and French versions of the report had appeared only a few days previously.

13. He formally proposed the adjournment until the next session of items 3 (d), 15 (a) and (b), and 16 of the Council's agenda.

14. Mr. MUÑOZ (Argentina) agreed that the timely publication of documentation was essential for the success of the Council's work, and that stricter application of rule 14 was required. The documents were needed not only for the delegations' information, but for consideration by the governments before they instructed the delegations. In particular, tardiness in the distribution in Spanish, one of the working languages, was a great obstacle to harmonious work in the Council. Furthermore, the dates appearing on some of the documents appeared to be inaccurate, at least as regards the date on which they were received by delegations; that might well prove misleading. He agreed that the Secretariat was not to blame; rather, the Council itself was tending to assume burdens which it could not efficiently discharge in the time at its disposal. On the other hand, in some cases the urgency of an agenda item must take precedence over the lack of adequate documentation, and in such cases exceptions should be admitted to the strict application of rule 14. Furthermore, some items did not need such full documentation as others, since the delegations were already familiar with the substance of the questions involved.

15. Mr. SEN (India), although agreeing in the main with the United Kingdom representative, was not prepared to go so far as he had suggested. Many items were so familiar to the Council that full documentation was no longer essential. He was therefore more in favour of the French representative's view that the Council should do as much as it could at the current session. Items on which it was felt that no useful work could be done for the time being should be retained provisionally on the agenda, but the Council should decide in each case as it came to the item in question whether to deal with it at once or to postpone it to a later session.

16. Mr. ARUTYUNYAN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that, for the Council's work to be successful, strict compliance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure was required. Departures from that rule should be permitted only for matters of exceptional urgency.

<sup>1</sup> "Economic development of under-developed countries: Report by the Secretary-General under Council resolution 427 (XIV), paragraph 7, and General Assembly resolution 623 (VII)."

<sup>2</sup> "Freedom of information: Report of the Rapporteur."

<sup>1</sup> "Freedom of information: encouragement and development of independent domestic information enterprises."

<sup>2</sup> "Forced labour: report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Forced Labour."



Under paragraph 4 of that rule, the Council was bound to include in its agenda only items for which adequate documentation had been circulated to members six weeks before the beginning of the session. Delegations could not possibly engage in any useful discussion of items on which they had received the documentation only a few hours previously. The Council's work would be quite useless if it confined itself to academic discussions, even on familiar subjects; it was in duty bound to make positive recommendations on matters with which it was fully acquainted. The documentation was required not merely by the delegations, but by their governments in order to enable them to instruct their representatives. The Soviet Union delegation, accordingly, fully agreed with the views expressed by the United Kingdom and French delegations. The Council should in future be much stricter in organizing its work, and particularly in the preparation of its agenda.

17. Mr. FENAUX (Belgium) pointed out that it was also necessary to provide for an interval of six weeks between the end of the Economic and Social Council's session and the opening of the next session of the General Assembly. If the Council's sixteenth session lasted a full six weeks, sufficient time would not be left before the opening of the Assembly session on 15 September. If the Council did not exercise self-restraint and decide to lighten its agenda, the General Assembly might in turn decline to consider questions on which it had not received the necessary documents in good time; the United Nations would thus be caught in a vicious circle.

18. Mr. BAKER (United States of America) said it was impossible to disagree with the principles expressed by previous speakers, but it would be wrong to overlook the human aspects of the Council's work. The Council should try to complete as much work as it could possibly get through, and it might be well to refrain from enforcing rule 14 too strictly. The Argentine representative had correctly suggested that many items could be dealt with purely procedurally.

19. Mr. HSIA (China) agreed that some items might be deferred, but felt that the six weeks' rule should not be enforced too strictly. Rule 14 was subject to interpretation; he was not sure, for instance, whether it referred to the circulation of documents in all the working languages. Some very long documents could not possibly be translated and circulated six weeks before the opening of the session. He therefore agreed with the Indian representative that the urgency of items should be the criterion for their retention in the agenda. Some items, too, were of special concern to certain delegations, which would undoubtedly wish for at least a procedural discussion of them, even if rule 14 had not been strictly complied with.

20. Mr. MUÑOZ (Argentina) stated that, in his opinion, rule 14 should be interpreted as referring to the circulation of documents in all three working languages.

21. Mr. MEADE (United Kingdom) proposed the deferment of item 6 of the provisional agenda<sup>1</sup> since the

General Assembly was to deal with the general question of membership of the United Nations at its forthcoming session. He asked the Secretariat for the latest information on probable dates of distribution of the reports of the specialized agencies.

22. Mr. VAKIL (Secretary to the Council) said that the report of the International Labour Organisation (E/2462) had been issued in English, French and Spanish, while that of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (E/2432) had been submitted on 14 May 1953 and issued in English, French and Spanish. The report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) had not yet been submitted. The report of the World Health Organization (WHO) (E/2416 and Add.1-4) had been issued in English and French; that of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) (E/2417) in English, French and Spanish; of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) (E/2383) in English, French and Spanish; of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (E/2461) in English, French and Spanish; and of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (E/2428) in English and French.

23. The date appearing at the head of those documents was that of their submission. It seemed essential to give that date rather than the date of distribution or translation, since in the interval between submission and distribution or translation of a document events might occur affecting its substance.

24. Mr. AZMI (Egypt) observed that his delegation had supported the United Kingdom proposal to postpone the sixteenth session. He also recalled the stand his delegation had taken at the fourteenth session on the question of freedom of information and regretted that, as he had warned it at that time, the Council was not yet in possession of the facts on which to base a decision. His delegation therefore supported the French proposal to defer consideration of item 15, while deploring the failure not only of the Council, but also of the other United Nations organs to assume their responsibilities in regard to freedom of information. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that no further difficulties would arise in that matter before the Council's next session.

25. Mr. LOPEZ (Philippines) thought the smaller delegations would undoubtedly see some merit in the United Kingdom representative's proposals, but to neglect many of the agenda items might expose the Council to a charge of dereliction of duty. Rule 14 certainly admitted of exceptions in respect of matters of urgency, as was shown by the use of the word "normally". On the other hand, the Council should bear in mind the fact that a number of items had been deferred from the fourteenth to the seventeenth session and be on its guard against allowing a similar situation to develop then. Possibly a solution might be found in placing items deemed important, but for which the full documentation was not yet ready, towards the end of the agenda, so that delegations would have more time in which to study the documents when they were eventually circulated. The Council should endeavour to deal with as much of its agenda as it could at the current session.

26. Mr. SHAW (Australia) supported the French and United Kingdom proposals. There could be no satis-

<sup>1</sup> "Question of admission to membership in the regional economic commissions of States not Members of the United Nations."

factory discussion until the governments had considered the documentation.

27. Mr. ARUTYUNYAN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) agreed that the Council should discuss as many items as it could, but only those which it could handle efficiently. He had not meant to imply that exceptions could not be permitted to rule 14, paragraph 4, but they must not be allowed to become the rule; the word "normally" could not be taken to excuse the continual disregard of rule 14.

28. The PRESIDENT asked the Council to take action item by item on the items in the note by the Secretary-General entitled "Annotations of Items on the Provisional Agenda for the Sixteenth Session of the Economic and Social Council" (E/L.507).

#### ITEMS 2 TO 3 (c)

*Items 2 to 3 (c) were adopted.*

#### ITEM 3 (d)

29. Mr. MUÑOZ (Argentina) thought that merely to delete a sub-item from a main item would hardly achieve what the French representative had had in mind; the aspect of the subject covered by the sub-item in question would undoubtedly arise in any event. A matter of such importance to the development of the underdeveloped countries should not be passed over entirely, and might well be dealt with at least procedurally.

30. Mr. PEROTTI (Uruguay) said that as the documentation on item 3 (d) would be available in time, the question should preferably be discussed when item 3 as a whole came up for consideration; it would not be wise to prejudge the matter.

31. The PRESIDENT called for the vote on the French proposal for the deferment of item 3 (d).

*The French proposal was adopted by 9 votes to 8, with 1 abstention.*

#### ITEMS 4 AND 5

*Items 4 and 5 were adopted.*

#### ITEM 6

32. Mr. BORIS (France) said that, although his delegation attached great importance to the question, in view of the attitude of some of the other delegations, it was prepared to bow to the Council's decision on the question of adjournment, and would abstain from voting.

33. Mr. BAKER (United States of America) said that his delegation shared the view of the French delegation as to the importance of the question. It would, however, support deferral of the item.

34. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the United Kingdom proposal for the deferment of item 6.

*The United Kingdom proposal was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

#### ITEMS 7 TO 14

*Items 7 to 14 were adopted.*

#### ITEM 15

35. Mr. BAKER (United States of America) hoped that item 15 would be retained; he pointed out that several less important items had been accepted, the documentation for which had not been in the hands of delegates as long as the report of the Rapporteur.

36. Mr. LOPEZ (Philippines) proposed that, as a compromise, item 15 (a) should be retained, since the Rapporteur's report on freedom of information had been ready in good time, but item 15 (b) might be deferred, subject to some such procedural action as the Council might deem it necessary to take.

37. Mr. AZMI (Egypt) explained that his delegation had supported the French proposal for the deferment of item 15 because the Rapporteur's report had not been distributed in French. The Egyptian delegation's attitude did not imply any opposition to consideration of the substance of the question. It would be quite willing to see the item taken up later in the session, provided the French text was issued in the meantime.

38. Mr. VAKIL (Secretary to the Council) said that the French and Spanish versions of the report would be circulated in a day or two.

39. Mr. MUÑOZ (Argentina) asked when the Spanish text would be ready. He himself had read the English version with great interest, but it was for his Government rather than for his delegation to decide what action should be taken on it.

40. Mr. HSIA (China) agreed with the United States and Philippine representatives; the Council should act on the Rapporteur's report while it was fresh in members' minds.

41. Mr. MATES (Yugoslavia) said that the Council should not embark upon a discussion of important subjects unless it was fully acquainted with the material facts. Nor should it, by a majority vote, force such discussion on delegations which were not properly prepared for it. Furthermore, if all the items on the agenda were retained, the Council could not hope to complete it, but would find towards the end of the session that it must either overwork, and so deal with certain items in a perfunctory manner, or else eliminate those items. It followed that a vote for the deferment of item 15 at the present stage must not be taken as indicating any lack of appreciation of its importance.

42. Mr. SEN (India) observed that, according to the document concerning arrangement of business (E/L.508), item 15 would not come before the Council until the third week of the session; a decision on it might be deferred until then, when the documentation might well be complete.

43. Mr. ARUTYUNYAN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) wondered whether representatives would have time to study the documentation even if it were ready in time. That point might more appropriately be discussed in connexion with the organization of the work of the session.

44. Mr. FENAUX (Belgium) supported the French proposal for postponing item 15, while paying tribute to the value and great merit of the report of Mr. Lopez,

who was not personally open to criticism; quite the reverse. Even if the French version of the document, which was essential for certain delegations, were made available in the very near future, it would still have to be forwarded to the government departments and the professional bodies concerned. Hence some time must elapse before delegations could receive the necessary comments and instructions to enable them to tackle a problem of such importance with the thoroughness which it deserved.

45. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the French proposal for deferring consideration of item 15 (a) of the agenda, pointing out that, if the proposal were adopted, it would automatically involve extending the Rapporteur's term of office until the Council's next session.

*The French proposal was adopted by 12 votes to 5, with 1 abstention.*

46. The PRESIDENT said that, in the absence of any objection, the French proposal for postponing discussion of item 15 (b) of the agenda would be regarded as adopted.

*It was so decided.*

#### ITEM 16

47. Mr. BAKER (United States of America) said that his delegation did not wish to give the impression that it favoured a superficial discussion rather than no discussion at all, but felt that item 16 dealt with a vital subject which should not be pushed aside at the present time. It related to a matter of vital concern to the wellbeing of thousands of individuals. The Council had already devoted much attention to it, but much remained to be done. It had been considered by a committee of eminent experts who had made every effort to prepare their report in time, and, even if the report had arrived late, it had nevertheless been received earlier than some other documentation which had been accepted. The

committee of experts had been set up jointly by the Council and the International Labour Organisation, and the Governing Body of the ILO had recently given preliminary consideration to the committee's report. It would be difficult to make a thorough examination of so voluminous a document. The Council might accordingly confine itself to procedural action and at the same time give those governments which had not yet replied to allegations brought against them a further opportunity to do so.

48. Mr. STERNER (Sweden) agreed that the subject was important, but he was impressed by the need for simplifying the somewhat too copious agenda. He feared that in the case under consideration there was no middle course possible between a full debate and no debate at all. It was a politically thorny subject; even a procedural debate would be prolonged. The item should therefore preferably be postponed until the governments had had further opportunity to study the documentation.

49. Mr. SEN (India) supported the Swedish representative's view.

50. Mr. SHAW (Australia) agreed that it would be useful to give governments which had not replied to allegations made against them more time to supply explanations. A procedural discussion would take an undue amount of time.

51. The PRESIDENT asked the Council to vote on the French proposal for the deferment of item 16.

*That proposal was adopted by 10 votes to 5, with 3 abstentions.*

#### ITEMS 17 TO 21

*Items 17 to 21 were adopted.*

The meeting rose at 12.55 p.m.