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# President: Mr. Hans ENGEN (Norway).

#### Present:

The representatives of the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Greece, Indonesia, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

Observers from the following countries: Bulgaria, Poland, Romania.

The representatives of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, World Health Organization.

## Inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda

1. The PRESIDENT announced that four supplementary items had been proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the resumed twenty-second session:

Negotiation of an agreement with the International Finance Corporation (E/2935, E/2940);

Administrative and operational services costs of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (E/2939);

Question of inviting the Federal Republic of Germany to attend sessions of the Economic Commission for Latin America (E/2941);

Adjustments in the calendar of conferences for 1957 (E/2942).

2. Mr. MIR KHAN (Pakistan) suggested that the first supplementary item should be given priority if its inclusion in the agenda was approved.

It was so agreed.

It was decided to include the four supplementary items in the agenda.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 23**

# Negotiation of an agreement with the International Finance Corporation (E/2935, E/2940)

- 3. Mr. CARDIN (Canada) said that the draft resolution submitted by Canada, Ecuador and Pakistan (E/2940) was designed to meet the situation described in the Secretary-General's note (E/2935) and was self-explanatory.
- 4. He presumed that all members of the Council welcomed the establishment of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), which had already begun to prepare and discuss projects within its terms of reference, and that they would like to see it proceed as rapidly as possible with its work in co-operation with other United Nations bodies. The draft resolution was intended to assist in that non-controversial objective. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development had been authorized and requested by the Board of Directors of the IFC to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the United Nations on behalf of the IFC on terms substantially corresponding to the terms of agreement between the United Nations and the Bank. The negotiations should present little difficulty as they would follow the same pattern as those for similar agreements previously approved in the Council and the General Assembly.
- 5. He had co-sponsored the draft resolution in the belief that it would be a great advantage if the subject was dealt with at the resumed twenty-second session of the Council and at the eleventh session of the General Assembly. If the Council did not act at its current session, it might well be another year before the IFC became an official member of the United Nations family.
- 6. It was his understanding that, at the request of the Board of Directors of the IFC, the staff of the Bank had already made substantial progress in preparing for the negotiation of the agreement. He therefore hoped that the President would be able to report back to the Council on the results of the negotiations immediately so that the agreement could be brought before the General Assembly at the earliest opportunity.
- 7. Mr. GABAL (Egypt) said that he would vote for the draft resolution. As the resumed twenty-second session would probably be very brief, he wondered whether the President could undertake to submit the report of the negotiations requested in operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution in sufficient time for members to study it and consult their Governments.
- 8. The PRESIDENT replied that it was understood that there would be sufficient time for that purpose.
- 9. Mr. MIR KHAN (Pakistan) hoped that the report of the negotiations would be circulated as soon as possible. It might be taken up as the last item on the agenda of the resumed session.
- 10. The PRESIDENT put the draft resolution (E/2940) to the vote.

The draft resolution was adopted by 16 votes to none with 2 abstentions.

11. Mr. FLERE (Yugoslavia) explained that he had voted for the draft resolution because he felt that the establishment of a relationship between the United Nations and the IFC would serve a useful purpose and believed that the IFC, limited though it was in scope, could make a contribution to the development of the under-developed countries.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 24**

## Administrative and operational services costs of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (E/2939)

- 12. Mr. BANNIER (Netherlands), speaking as Chairman of the Technical Assistance Committee (TAC), drew attention to the resolution adopted by that Committee at its 124th meeting (E/2939), recommending a draft resolution for adoption by the Council, and to the relevant parts of the report of the TAC (E/2938, paras. 28 to 30), which explained the reasons why the draft resolution was being submitted to the Council.
- 13. The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the draft resolution recommended by the Technical Assistance Committee (E/2939).

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 26**

# Adjustments in the calendar of conferences for 1957 (E/2942)

- 14. In response to comments from Mr. TURPIN (France) and Miss BERNARDINO (Dominican Republic), Mr. VAKIL (Secretary of the Council) assured members that the dates in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the note by the Secretary-General (E/2942) had been arrived at with the full agreement of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.
- 15. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the proposed adjustments in the calendar of conferences for 1957 as set forth in the note by the Secretary-General (E/2942).

The adjustments were approved unanimously.

### AGENDA ITEM 19

# Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council (E/2936 and Corr.1 and Add.1 to 3)

16. Mr. ARKADEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked for a separate vote on the confirmation of Mr. Liang Yung-chang (Social Commission).

17. Mr. CHENG (China) asked for separate votes on the confirmation of Mr. Anatoly Emelyanovich Gurinovich (Social Commission) and of Mrs. Zofia Dembinska (Commission on the Status of Women).

The appointment of Mr. Liang Yung-chang to the Social Commission was confirmed by 13 votes to 5.

The appointment of Mr. Anatoly Emelyanovich Gurinovich to the Social Commission was confirmed by 17 votes to 1.

The appointment of Mrs. Zofia Dembinska to the Commission on the Status of Women was confirmed by 17 votes to 1.

18. Mr. ARKADEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had voted against the confirmation of a representative of the Chiang Kai-shek group as a member of the Social Commission because

it believed that China's seat in that organ as in other bodies of the United Nations belonged of right to a representative of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China, which legally represented the will of the Chinese people.

19. Mr. CHENG (China) considered the Soviet Union representative's remarks uncalled for. The Republic of China was a member of the Council and the appointment of the representative of that Government had been confirmed by an overwhelming majority of its members.

There being no objection, the appointment of the other persons listed in the note by the Secretary-General (E/2936 and Corr.1 and Add.1 to 3) was confirmed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 21**

# Work of the Council in 1957 (E/L.739)

- 20. Mr. BANNIER (Netherlands) observed that, according to the draft programme prepared by the Secretary-General (E/L.739), the report of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 923 (X) was to be discussed at the Council's twenty-third session, under item 6 of the provisional agenda of that session. As the General Assembly might adopt further resolutions on that subject at its current session, it might be advisable to make provision for continued discussion of the item at the Council's twenty-fourth session.
- 21. Mr. VAKIL (Secretary of the Council) replied that the fact that the subject had been included in the list for the twenty-third session did not preclude its consideration at the twenty-fourth session as well. The list of items proposed for the twenty-fourth session (E/L.739) would not be adopted as the provisional agenda for that session until the end of the twenty-third session.
- 22. Miss BERNARDINO (Dominican Republic) drew attention to the operative part of the resolution adopted by the United Nations Slavery Conference ( $\rm E/2934$ ) and proposed that the matter should be taken up by the Council in 1957.

It was so decided.

23. The PRESIDENT proposed that the Secretariat should suggest at a later meeting of the Council an appropriate time in 1957 for discussion of the item proposed by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

It was so decided.

24. Mr. BAKER (United States of America) proposed that the item "Advisory services in the field of human rights", which appeared as item 10 on the list of items for the twenty-third session, should be postponed until the twenty-fourth session and taken up together with the report of the Commission on Human Rights.

It was so decided.

The draft list of items for the twenty-third session (E/L.739), as amended, was approved.

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25. 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 1957 and had considered the provisional agenda for its twenty-third session. In distributing the items included in its basic programme between the twenty-third and twenty-

fourth 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, in accordance with the usual practice, the Secretariat should, after consultation with delegations and specialized agencies, prepare a docu-

ment indicating as far as possible in what order and at what dates the various items on the provisional agenda of the twenty-third session might be considered by the Council.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.50 a.m.