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President: Mr. Károly SZARKA (Hungary).

AGENDA ITEM 1

Question of the establishment of an
international universityREPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATION
COMMITTEE (E/5213)

1. The PRESIDENT drew the attention of members of the Council to paragraph 5 (b) of the report of the Co-ordination Committee (E/5213) which was before them. In the French text, the word "seulement" should be replaced by the word "uniquement". Also, as a result of a technical error, the French text of paragraph 4 of the draft resolution recommended by the Co-ordination Committee should be replaced by the text contained in document E/L.1517/Rev.2/Corr.1.

2. He invited the members of the Council to vote on the draft resolution recommended by the Co-ordination Committee for adoption by the Council; it was contained in paragraph 7 of the report (*ibid.*) and had been adopted by the Committee by 23 votes to 6, with 8 abstentions.

The draft resolution was adopted by 13 votes to 6, with 6 abstentions.¹

3. Mr. ZAGORIN (United States of America) expressed regret that he had been unable to speak during the present plenary meeting prior to the putting to vote of the issue since he had wished to offer some suggestions about paragraph 4 of the resolution in order to reduce or eliminate opposition on the part of a number of delegations because of difficulties and ambiguities still remaining in the language of that paragraph. He hoped that the difficulties arising from the question about funding could be overcome by the time the item was next considered.

4. Mr. MAKEEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) recalled that in the Co-ordination Committee he had already explained in detail his position with regard to the establishment of an international university. In his view, no decision could be taken on the question as yet, particularly as the purposes the sponsors of the draft resolution had had in mind could perfectly well be achieved within the present structure of international centres. Moreover, the establishment of an international university would involve heavy expenditure, which would be out of place in view of the tremendous financial difficulties already facing the United Nations.

5. He believed, as he had already stated before the vote in the Co-ordination Committee, that putting the draft resolution to the vote was contrary to rule 34 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, because the Council had not given the finan-

cial implications of the draft resolution sufficiently detailed study.

Organization of the work of the resumed session

6. The PRESIDENT recalled that the agenda of the resumed fifty-third session, appearing in document E/5210, had contained 11 items, but as a result of the Council's decision at its previous meeting, item 4 of that agenda had been deleted, item 5 had become item 4 and, in consequence, the succeeding items had been renumbered.

7. Following consultation with the other officers of the Council, he suggested that the other agenda items should be entrusted to the Economic Committee, with the exception of the items "Elections" and "Consideration of the provisional agenda for the organizational meetings of the fifty-fourth session", which would be considered in the plenary Council. The next part of the resumed fifty-third session would be held during the week of 16 to 20 October, when items 2, 3, 4 and 6 would be considered. The third part would take place during the week beginning on 13 November, when items 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 would be considered.

8. Mr. DRISS (Tunisia), supported by Mr. FRAZÃO (Brazil), proposed that the reports of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank Group, the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, and the Trade and Development Board should not go directly to the Economic Committee but should first be considered by the Council itself.

9. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that his recommendation, with the amendment proposed by the representative of Tunisia and supported by the representative of Brazil, was adopted.

It was so decided.

10. Mr. DRISS (Tunisia) said that the Tunisian Parliament had ratified the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations enlarging the membership of the Economic and Social Council, which was adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 2847 (XXVI). The exchange of instruments of ratification between his Government and the Organization would take place in the very near future.

11. Mr. FRAZÃO (Brazil) said that the Brazilian Government had already deposited its instrument of ratification of the amendment to the Charter with the Secretary-General.

12. Mr. ODERO-JOWI (Kenya) said that his Government also had ratified the amendment to the Charter and that the instrument of ratification would shortly be in the hands of the Secretary-General.

13. Mr. WANG Jun-sheng (China) recalled that the Chinese Government had ratified the amendment to

¹ Council resolution 1731 (LIII).

the Charter enlarging the membership of the Economic and Social Council, on 1 September 1972.

14. Mr. GHORRA (Lebanon) said that, in connexion with agenda item 5, his delegation would submit a revision to draft resolution E/L.1497/Rev.1, with the

object of deleting the names of the member countries in paragraph 1, and referring only to the countries serviced by the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut.

The meeting rose at 12.15 p.m.