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President: Mr. Tewfik BOUATTOURA (Algeria).

Present:

Representatives of the following States: Algeria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Da'homey, Ecuador, France, Gabon, Greece, India, Iran, Iraq, Luxembourg, Morocco, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela.

Observers for the following Member States: Australia, Austria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Cuba, Denmark, Ghana, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Poland, Turkey, United Arab Republic.

Observers for the following non-member States: Federal Republic of Germany, Switzerland.

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

The representative of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

AGENDA ITEM 11

International control of narcotic drugs (E/4140, E/4158/Rev.1, E/4162)

1. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the report of the Social Committee (E/4162), which recommended the adoption by the Council of three draft resolutions: draft resolution I on the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, draft resolution II on the question of the coca leaf, and draft resolution III on the implementation of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. He invited the Council to consider those texts.

Draft resolution I was adopted unanimously.

Draft resolution II was adopted unanimously.

2. Mr. SINGH (India) drew attention to paragraph 21 of the note by the Secretary-General (E/4158/Rev.1), in which it was suggested that the Council might wish to set up a Committee on Candidatures. He proposed the addition to draft resolution III, after operative paragraph 3, of the following operative paragraph:

"Decides, pursuant to the suggestion made in paragraph 21 of the note by the Secretary-General (E/4158/Rev.1), to set up a Committee on Candidatures consisting of thirteen members."

The membership of the Committee on Candidatures would thus be the same as that of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. A similar geographical distribution of the seats should also be followed.

3. Mr. TAYLOR (United Kingdom) said that the Committee on Candidatures should be an expert group of nationals of countries which were concerned with the narcotics trade. That fact, as well as the principle of equitable geographic distribution, should be borne in mind.

4. Mr. NASINOVSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had no objection to the Indian amendment. The need for equitable geographic distribution should be taken into account in the membership of the Committee.

5. Mr. ALI (Pakistan) supported the Indian amendment.

6. Mr. SINGH (India) said that his statement should be interpreted in the light of the comments made by the United Kingdom representative.

The Indian amendment was adopted.

7. Mr. KITTANI (Secretary of the Council) said that the financial implications of draft resolution III would be considered by the Council when it took up agenda item 18 (Financial implications of actions of the Council).

Draft resolution III, as amended, was adopted unanimously.

8. The PRESIDENT suggested that, as recommended by the Social Committee, the Council should take note of the report of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board on the work of the Board in 1965.^{1/}

It was so decided.

^{1/} United Nations publication, Sales No.: 65.XI.9.

AGENDA ITEM 19

Consideration of the provisional agenda for the forty-first session and preliminary consideration of the basic programme of work of the Council in 1967 (E/4148 and Add.1-3, E/4157; E/L.1103 and Corr.1, E/L.1109)

9. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to hold a preliminary discussion on the list of agenda items for the forty-first session of the Council, which was contained in the Secretary-General's note (E/4148), and on the organization of the work of the forty-first session, for which the Secretary-General had submitted suggestions (E/L.1109).

10. Mr. VIAUD (France) said that each year an attempt was made to lighten the agenda of the Council's summer session by assigning more items to the spring session. The list of items proposed in document E/4148 was long and careful organization would be required if the forty-first session was to complete its work within the allotted time.

11. Since the proposed items 3 and 27 were to a certain extent linked, delegations should be allowed to deal in their statements on item 3 with the review and reappraisal of the Council's role and functions. There were two possible alternatives. The first, which the French delegation preferred, would be to change the order of items so that the present item 27 came immediately after item 3. The second would be to agree that, in the general debate in plenary meeting on item 3, delegations would also be able to mention the review of the Council's role and functions. In the general debate, which would be attended by the Secretary-General, delegations should have the opportunity to comment on both items.

12. It was stated in the preliminary annotations to the list of agenda items for the forty-first session (E/4148) that the report to be submitted under item 13 would cover United Nations technical assist-

ance activities under the regular programme and the Expanded Programme. However, it seemed that activities under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance would be covered in the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to be submitted under item 12.

13. Mr. KITTANI (Secretary of the Council) observed that it was suggested in document E/4157 that the Council might wish, as a result of the establishment of the United Nations Development Programme, to dispense with item 13.

14. Mr. PARRY (Canada) thought that the proposed agenda would be less amorphous if the items were grouped according to subject matter. Sub-headings could be given for the different groups of items.

15. Mr. ROOSEVELT (United States of America) said that, in the general debate in plenary during the first and second weeks of the forty-first session, the United States delegation would prefer to have items 2 and 16 considered together, and separate from the general review under item 3.

16. Mr. KUDRIAVTSOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) agreed with the French representative that items 3 and 27 should be discussed together. It would not be necessary to change the order of the items; it would be sufficient to include item 27 among the items to be discussed in the general debate in plenary meeting.

17. It would be difficult to group the items according to subject matter, as the Canadian representative had suggested, because some of them covered a wide range of subjects.

18. In view of the heavy programme of work for the plenary meetings, items 24 and 25 should first be referred to the Social Committee for a preliminary study. Final action could be taken in plenary meeting.

The meeting rose at 4.35 p.m.