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President : Mr. A. MATSUI (Japan)

Present :

Representatives of the following States, members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, France, Gabon, Iraq, Japan, Luxembourg, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Representatives of the following States, additional members of the sessional committees: Cameroon, Denmark, Ghana, India, Iran, Madagascar, Mexico, United Republic of Tanzania.

Observers for the following Member States: Australia, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Philippines, Sweden.

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

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

AGENDA ITEM 28

Advisory services in the field of human rights
(E/4023)

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE
(E/4089 and Corr.1.)

1. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the two draft resolutions contained in paragraph 19 of the report of the Social Committee (E/4089 and Corr.1).

A. CIVIC AND POLITICAL EDUCATION OF WOMEN

2. Mrs. KASTALSKAYA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) was of the view that regional as well as national and local seminars on the participation of women in public affairs would serve a useful purpose, and therefore proposed the inclusion of the word "regional" in operative paragraph 1.

3. Sir Samuel HOARE (United Kingdom) said that his delegation had explained in the Social Committee (515th meeting) why the word "regional" was inappropriate in that context, and had pointed out that its inclusion would upset the balance of the draft resolution.

The USSR proposal was rejected by 10 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions.

Draft resolution A was adopted by 16 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

B. ADVISORY SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Draft resolution B was adopted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 27

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women
(E/4025)

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE
(E/4088)

4. Mr. WILLIAMS (United States of America) noted that a disproportionately large number of the world's illiterates were women. Women had a lower status than men in many areas of the world, and the level of advancement to which they could aspire was severely limited at birth by law, custom, practice and usage.

5. Woman was the cultural custodian of society, and careful analysis might well indicate a direct relationship

between the degree of advancement in developed countries and the level of activity and responsibility achieved by women in those countries. The aspirations of women, however, though no more limited than those of men, were much more difficult to realize.

6. Almost all delegations, in discussing the role and functions of the Council and the establishment of priorities, had dwelt at considerable length on economic questions, and very few comments had been made on social matters. That would appear to imply that in the view of many delegations the status of women did not deserve a high place on the list of essential problems calling for the Council's early attention. His delegation for one was unable to share that view and considered that, as progress was made in the economic field, steps had to be taken to plan and implement programmes to assist the women of the world to achieve equality of opportunity, and thereby contribute more effectively to the progress of mankind.

7. The Commission on the Status of Women had done very valuable work, particularly in establishing international standards and through its studies and recommendations on political rights, family law, and property rights. The Commission, and the General Assembly as well, had indeed gone further, and begun to show concern with the real obstacles to the achievement of true equality by women, such as those connected with education, employment opportunities and working conditions, the role of women in public life at all levels and even the relation of the status of women to family planning. The Commission had established co-operation with the ILO, UNESCO and the Bureau of Social Affairs; it had made those agencies even more conscious of the special efforts necessary in many countries to ensure the advancement of women and had pressed for practical action of the kind that could be taken by national governments alone.

8. His delegation had noted with great interest the plans contemplated by the Director-General of UNESCO, as mentioned in his statement at the 1375th meeting, which might well form an integral part of a general campaign to promote a programme for the advancement of women organized by the United Nations system as a whole. But even greater efforts were necessary, and his Government sincerely desired — together, it hoped, with other Governments — that programmes for the advancement of women should be strengthened and improved.

9. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to vote on the nine draft resolutions contained in paragraph 39 of the report of the Social Committee (E/4088).

A. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

Draft resolution A was adopted unanimously.

B. POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN

Draft resolution B was adopted unanimously.

C. ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRES FOR TRAINING COMPETENT CORPS OR CADRES OF WOMEN LEADERS

Draft resolution C was adopted unanimously.

D. CO-OPERATION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL BETWEEN NATIONAL COMMISSIONS ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN OR EXISTING NATIONAL BODIES WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS

Draft resolution D was adopted unanimously.

E. USE OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN THROUGH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES

Draft resolution E was adopted unanimously.

F. STATUS OF WOMEN IN PRIVATE LAW

Draft resolution F was adopted unanimously.

G. TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF WOMEN

Draft resolution G was adopted unanimously.

H. LITERACY EDUCATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION OF WOMEN

Draft resolution H was adopted unanimously.

I. ACCESS OF GIRLS AND WOMEN TO THE VARIOUS FORMS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Draft resolution I was adopted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 17

Report of the Statistical Commission (E/4045)

**REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
(E/4086)**

10. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to vote on the two draft resolutions contained in paragraph 5 of the report of the Economic Committee (E/4086).

I. 1970 WORLD POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS PROGRAMMES

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

II. REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMISSION

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 21

Water desalination in developing countries (E/4006; ST/ECA/82, ST/ECA/86)

**REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
(E/4095)**

11. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to vote on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 5 of the report of the Economic Committee (E/4095).

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 22

**International co-operation in cartography
(E/4057, E/4087)****REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
(E/4096)**

12. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to vote on the recommendation contained in paragraph 4 and on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 6 of the Economic Committee's report (E/4096).

The recommendation was approved unanimously.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 13

**Reports of the regional economic commissions
(E/4004; E/L.1083/Rev.1) (concluded)**

13. Mr. DJOUDI (Algeria), introducing the revised draft resolution of Algeria and Gabon on the report of ECA (E/L.1083/Rev.1), explained that the original text had been amended in order to meet the objections expressed by certain delegations.

The revised draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

The meeting rose at 10.50 a.m.