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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, Chile, Hungary, Israel, Mexico, 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, World Health Organization.

## AGENDA ITEM 5

**Economic development of under-developed countries (E/2816, E/2832, E/2845, E/2869, E/L.703/Add.1) (concluded)\***

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/2869, E/L.703/Add.1)

1. Mr. DONS (Norway) said that his delegation was satisfied with the draft resolution on industrialization recommended by the Economic Committee (E/2869 para. 4), since under it the Council would retain general responsibility for future activities in the sphere of industrialization and would consider the organizational aspect of the subject and issue further directions on it at the next session. He congratulated the Chairman of the

Economic Committee and the Rapporteur of the Working Group on having ably harmonized the views of all delegations.

2. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution on industrialization recommended by the Economic Committee (E/2869, para. 4).

*The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.*

3. The PRESIDENT, in putting to the vote the draft resolution recommended by the Economic Committee (E/2869, para. 6) on studies on atomic energy as a factor in economic development, called the attention of the Council to the statement of financial implications submitted by the Secretary-General (E/L.703/Add.1).

*The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.*

## AGENDA ITEM 23

**Convening of an international conference on the creation of new resources of energy and materials (E/2849 and Add.1, E/2863, E/AC.6/L.140/Add.1) (concluded)\***

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/2863, E/AC.6/L.140/Add.1)

4. Mr. ARNALDO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) said that the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was prepared to urge the Executive Board and the General Conference of UNESCO to collaborate with the Secretary-General in the preparation of the report mentioned in paragraph 1 (a) of the draft resolution recommended by the Economic Committee (E/2863, para. 3).

5. Mr. TURPIN (France) said that, while the specialized agencies were mentioned in operative paragraph 1, no reference was made to them in the preamble. He therefore proposed that the words "and the specialized agencies" should be inserted after the words "the United Nations" in the third paragraph of the preamble.

6. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the amendment proposed by France to the draft resolution recommended by the Economic Committee (E/2863, para. 3).

*The amendment was adopted.*

7. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution as amended.

*The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted unanimously.*

## AGENDA ITEM 19

**Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council (E/2851 and Add.1)**

8. The PRESIDENT proposed that the list of nominations to the functional commissions (E/2851 and Add.1) should be approved.

*It was so decided.*

\* Resumed from 912th meeting.

## AGENDA ITEM 20

**Financial implications of actions of the Council (E/2870 and Corr.1)**

9. Mr. FIRESTONE (Canada) expressed the view that approval of the various actions taken by the Council should not preclude any Government from raising the question of financial implications of those actions in appropriate United Nations organs.

10. The PRESIDENT concurred.

11. Mr. BAKER (United States of America) remarked that the Council should, of course, review carefully from time to time the extra expenditures occasioned by some of its decisions. At the same time, the Council had taken some important and useful steps forward at the current session which might very well entail additional costs.

12. The PRESIDENT proposed that the Council should take note of the financial implications of its actions (E/2870 and Corr.1).

*It was so decided.*

## AGENDA ITEM 21

**Consideration of the provisional agenda for the twenty-second session and establishment of dates for opening debate on items (E/2819, E/L.712 and Corr.1, E/L.720)**

13. Mr. DE SEYNES (Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs) stated that the provisional agenda for the twenty-second session, already heavy, had been burdened still further by the addition, under resolution 597 (XXI) just adopted by the Council, of the question of industrialization.

14. With a view to facilitating the Council's work, he suggested that discussion of the questions of land reform and co-operatives, currently listed under item 4, "Economic development of under-developed countries", in the annotated list (E/2819), should be deferred until the twenty-third session.

15. Mr. BAKER (United States of America) thought that the question of industrialization would not require protracted discussion, since the Council would be dealing rather with the organizational aspect than with the subject as a whole. On the other hand, there appeared to be widespread interest in land reform, and it might perhaps be wiser to retain that question on the agenda of the twenty-second session, so as to avoid any criticism that the Council underrated its importance. He had no objection to postponement of discussion on the question of co-operatives.

16. Mr. SAKSIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation was ready to accept the provisional list of items in document E/2819, on the understanding that the final agenda would be settled at the beginning of the July session. But he suggested—with particular reference to item 2—that it would be clearer if the various sub-items, as shown in the preliminary annotations, were also set out in the list of items.

17. Mr. DE SEYNES (Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs) noted the observations of the USSR representative, which would be taken into account by the Secretariat.

18. With regard to the comments of the United States representative, he explained that his suggestion to postpone discussion of land reform and co-operatives had been made solely in order to lighten the agenda for the Council. The Secretariat did not underestimate the im-

portance of land reform, but after reading the replies by Governments to the questionnaire submitted to them, it had concluded that changes in that field were a long-term matter, and considered that, subject to the Council's approval, no harm would be done by postponing the question until the twenty-third session.

19. Mr. HASAN (Pakistan) said that if land reform were discussed, the question of co-operatives must be discussed also, since the subjects were indissolubly linked. Either both questions should be left on the agenda or both should be omitted.

20. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to take a decision on the proposal that discussion of the questions of land reform and co-operatives under item 4, "Economic development of under-developed countries", should be postponed to the twenty-third session.

*It was decided to postpone these questions to the twenty-third session.*

21. Mr. BAKER (United States of America) asked whether the USSR suggestion meant that the various sub-items under item 2, "World economic situation", would be discussed separately or considered, according to the Council's practice, as part of the general debate.

22. Mr. DE SEYNES (Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs) replied that, so far as the reports by the regional economic commissions were concerned, their content had a direct bearing on the world economic situation and would therefore be examined as part of the general discussion. Each of the reports would, however, also need to be considered separately, in the light of the work programme of the respective commission.

23. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the Secretary-General's suggestion (E/L.720) that the appointment of Mr. Pierre Isore as Deputy Secretary of the Permanent Central Opium Board should be considered by the Council under item 13, "International control of narcotic drugs", of the list of items for the twenty-second session.

24. As a result of decisions taken at the current session (924th meeting), the election of members of the Commission on International Commodity Trade would be taken up at the twenty-second session in July, but the election of members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) would have to be left until the resumed twenty-second session in the autumn, since action would first need to be taken by the General Assembly on the Council's recommendation in resolution 610 (XXI) that the Assembly amend the terms of resolution 417 (V).

25. The Council would also have to consider at the July session, under item 4, "Economic development of under-developed countries", the reports of the Secretary-General under paragraphs 5 (a) and 6 of the Council resolution 597 (XXI) on industrialization.

26. Mr. VAKIL (Secretary of the Council) pointed out that a number of small adjustments would have to be made to the arrangement of business at the twenty-second session (E/L.712) proposed by the Secretary-General, as a result of the decisions taken by the Council at the current meeting. It was proposed that item 10, "Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies", should be taken at the beginning of the session.

27. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to approve the provisional agenda (E/2819), as amended, subject to final adoption at the twenty-second session.

*The provisional agenda, as amended, was approved.*

28. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to approve, subject to minor adjustments, the arrangement of business (E/L.712).

*The arrangement of business was approved.*

***Closure of the session***

29. The PRESIDENT, in closing the twenty-first session of the Council, said that a good beginning had

been made with the 1956 programme. No spectacular action had been taken, but much useful work had been done, especially in regard to subjects such as the use of atomic power in economic development, the study of new energy resources, and water resource development.

30. He thanked the members of the Council for their valuable contributions to the many exchanges of views which had been held.

The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.