

session and should set 15 March 1977 as the deadline for the submission of corrections or formal amendments to the draft revised rules of procedure of the functional commissions proposed in document E/5899, without prejudice to the right of delegations to make further proposals during the discussion of the question.

*It was so decided (decision 209 (ORG-77)).*

37. The PRESIDENT announced that the Council had concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

*The meeting rose at 12.35 p.m.*

## 2042nd meeting

Thursday, 13 January 1977, at 4.20 p.m.

*President:* Mr. Ladislav ŠMÍD (Czechoslovakia).

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### AGENDA ITEM 7

**Elections to subsidiary bodies of the Council and confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions**

1. The PRESIDENT said that the elections would be taken in the order in which they were listed in the annotations to item 7 of the agenda (E/5901).

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (E/L.1741)

2. The PRESIDENT said that he had been informed that two groups of countries wished the elections to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to be postponed until the sixty-second session. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council agreed to the postponement.

*It was so decided.*

#### COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING

3. The PRESIDENT suggested that, in the absence of candidates, the Council should postpone the election of members of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning until the sixty-second session.

*It was so decided.*

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

4. Miss ST. CLAIRE (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that there was only one candidate for the four vacancies on the Committee on Natural Resources. The Philippines was the candidate of the Asian States for a term of four years beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1980.

5. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would assume that the Council wished to elect the Philippines by acclamation and, in the absence of candi-

dates for the remaining vacant seats, to defer the elections to them until the sixty-second session.

*It was so decided.*

#### COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

6. Miss St. CLAIRE (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that there were no candidates for the vacancies on the Committee on Science and Technology for Development.

7. Mr. MAHGOUB (Sudan) said that there seemed to be some confusion since the African Group had endorsed a candidate for the Committee on Science and Technology for Development and had sent the Secretariat a communication to that effect. He therefore proposed that the election of the candidate of the African States should be postponed until the following meeting.

8. Miss ST. CLAIRE (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the Secretariat had not received the communication in question.

9. Miss BALOGUN (Nigeria) agreed that there was indeed a candidate from the African States and supported the proposal made by the representative of the Sudan.

*The proposal was adopted.*

10. The PRESIDENT suggested that, in the absence of candidates for the remaining vacancies on the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, the Council should postpone elections to fill those vacancies until the sixty-second session.

*It was so decided.*

#### COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

*Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices*

11. The PRESIDENT suggested that, in the absence of candidates, the Council should postpone the elections of

members of the Committee on Review and Appraisal and the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices until the sixty-second session.

*It was so decided.*

**COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES ON AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

12. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should postpone consideration of the matter until the following day, when a draft decision on the subject was expected to be available.

*It was so decided.*

**APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL (E/5903)**

13. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to confirm the appointment recommended by the Secretary-General in document E/5903.

*It was so decided.*

**COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

14. The PRESIDENT stated that the Secretary-General had been informed that the Netherlands wished to withdraw from membership of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations as from 1 January 1977. The Group of Western European and other States had endorsed the candidature of Sweden for the seat vacated by the Netherlands. He therefore suggested that the Council should elect Sweden by acclamation for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring at the end of 1978.

*It was so decided.*

**CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS (E/5897 AND ADD.1-3, E/5898)**

15. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council agreed to confirm the representatives on the functional commissions named in document E/5897 and Add.1-3, and the three representatives listed in document E/5898, who had been nominated to serve as members of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East.

*It was so decided.*

16. Mr. ROUGE (France), supported by Mr. CARANICAS (Greece), proposed that the Secretariat should study the possibility of doing away with the pointless formality the Council had just gone through and report its findings to the Council at the earliest possible opportunity, perhaps under the item on restructuring. Governments had a right to choose their own representatives, and all Governments were prepared to respect the choices of others.

17. Miss ST. CLAIRE (Assistant Secretary of the Council) pointed out that a decision to eliminate the confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions would require the amendment of all the Council resolutions which had set up those commissions, all of which dated back to 1946, as well as rules 12 and 13 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions.

18. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Secretariat should be asked to prepare a document outlining the steps that would have to be taken in order to eliminate the formality of confirming representatives on the functional commissions.

*It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 4.50 p.m.*

## 2043rd meeting

Friday, 14 January 1977, at 11.15 a.m.

*President: Mr. Ladislav SMÍD (Czechoslovakia).*

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### AGENDA ITEM 3

**Basic programme of work of the Council for 1977 (continued)\* (E/5900, E/5905, E/L.1743)**

1. The PRESIDENT drew attention to draft decision E/L.1743, which he was submitting in his capacity as President on the basis of the consultative meetings held so far during the Council's session. It had been hoped that in

accordance with tradition there would have been consensus on the draft decision relating to the Council's basic programme of work, but unfortunately, notwithstanding the efforts of delegations, consensus had not been reached on the draft decision in paragraph 4 (e) of document E/L.1743 concerning General Assembly resolution 31/33.

2. Mr. MAKEYEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that it would be better to reword agenda item 10, which the draft decision would assign to the sixty-second session, in order to bring it into line with the official title of

\* Resumed from the 2039th meeting.