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*President:* Mr. Rachid DRISS (Tunisia).

**Proposal for the inclusion of a new item in the agenda  
(E/L.1463/Add.1)**

1. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to document E/L.1463/Add.1 in which the Secretary-General suggested that the agenda for the resumed fifty-first session should contain the following additional item: "Committee on Science and Technology and Committee on Review and Appraisal: records of meetings". If there was no objection, he would assume the members of the Council agreed that the additional item should be included in the agenda for the resumed fifty-first session as item 9.

*It was so decided.*

**AGENDA ITEM 9**

**Committee on Science and Technology and Committee on  
Review and Appraisal: records of meetings (E/L.1471)**

2. The PRESIDENT invited members to consider whether the Committee on Science and Technology and the Committee on Review and Appraisal, two new Committees, should have summary records of their proceedings. The statement of the administrative and financial implications entailed in providing summary records appeared in document E/L.1471.

3. Mr. BRITO (Brazil), supported by Mr. AYOUB (Tunisia), Mr. ODERO-JOWI (Kenya), and Mr. ČABRIĆ (Yugoslavia), said that it was imperative that both Committees should have records of their meetings because of the important nature of their tasks.

4. Mr. ZAGORIN (United States of America) said that the proceedings of the two Committees could be adequately reflected in their reports and that summary records would be superfluous.

5. Mr. LISOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) observed that the Committees would be performing specific tasks, and the effort and expenditure entailed in providing summary records could hardly be justified.

6. Mr. AKRAM (Pakistan) said that it was important that there should be a record of the way in which decisions were arrived at. To quibble over the relatively small expenditure involved in providing summary records was somewhat invidious.

7. Mr. CARANICAS (Greece) shared the views of the United States and USSR representatives.

8. Mr. OSMAN (Sudan) said that reports would not be sufficient by themselves since they would reflect little more than the decisions taken. His delegation wished also to have a full résumé of the deliberations and that could only be provided in summary records.

9. The PRESIDENT suggested that in view of the divergence of opinions in the Council, a vote should be taken on the proposal that the Committee on Science and Technology and the Committee on Review and Appraisal should have summary records of their proceedings.

*The Committee decided by 19 votes to 7 to authorize the Committee on Science and Technology and the Committee on Review and Appraisal to establish summary records of their proceedings.*

10. Mr. OSMAN (Sudan) said that his delegation was concerned to note from document E/L.1463/Add.1 that the Committee on Review and Appraisal was scheduled to hold its first session in Geneva; New York would be far more convenient for many delegations. He attached great importance to the question since it was vital to ensure maximum participation, and therefore hoped that the venue could be changed.

11. Mr. AHMED (Secretary of the Council) pointed out that the date and place of the first session of the Committee on Review and Appraisal had already been discussed by the Council at its fifty-first session.

12. The PRESIDENT said that it was not expedient at the moment for the Council to reconsider the calendar of meetings already approved and suggested that the representative of the Sudan should raise the question at a more appropriate time during the organizational meetings of the fifty-second session in January 1972.

**AGENDA ITEM 8**

**Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and  
Technology to Development (E/L.1420)**

**AGENDA ITEM 10**

**Appointment of members of the Committee for Development Planning and of members of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control (E/5085 and Corr.1)**

13. The PRESIDENT said that the Council should nominate members to the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development. However, the Secretary-General was not yet in a position to submit the names of candidates for membership of the Advisory Committee and of the Committee for Development Planning. He therefore suggested that the Council should

postpone the appointment of members of both Committees until the organizational meetings of the fifty-second session.

*It was so decided.*

14. Mr. VIAUD (France) said that his delegation wished to withdraw document E/L.1420, presented under item 8, because it no longer served any useful purpose.

15. The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to a note by the Secretary-General (E/5085 and Corr.1) in which he recommended 13 persons for a three-year term as members of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control. The Secretary-General was consulting two other prospective nominees, one from Asia and one from Latin America, but his consultations had not yet been completed. He hoped to be able to submit the names of the two persons to the organizational meetings of the fifty-second session. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Council approved the 13 persons recommended by the Secretary-General and that it wished to postpone until the organizational meetings of the fifty-second session its decision concerning the other two members of the Committee.

*It was so agreed.*

#### AGENDA ITEM 11

##### Elections (E/L.1463/Add.2)

16. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should approve the Secretary-General's recommendation in document E/L.1463/Add.2 that item 11 of the agenda (Elections) should be modified to include the election of 11 additional members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.

*It was so agreed.*

17. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to proceed to the election of members of subsidiary bodies of the Council.

##### (a) Election of one member of the Statistical Commission

18. The PRESIDENT pointed out that, pursuant to the decision taken at the 1799th meeting, on 30 July 1971, the Council was required to elect a member from among the Latin American States to serve for four years on the Statistical Commission from 1 January 1972. However, the Latin American group had announced that it was not yet in a position to nominate a candidate. He therefore suggested that the Council should defer its decision until the organizational meetings of the fifty-second session.

*It was so decided.*

##### (b) Election of sixteen members of the Committee on Natural Resources (E/L.1464 and Corr.1)

19. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 16 members of the Committee on Natural Resources. According to paragraph 4 of the Secretary-General's note

(E/L.1464 and Corr.1), if the Council decided that the distribution of seats should follow the pattern of the Council envisaged in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2847 (XXVI), the number of additional seats to be filled from each group would be: four seats for the African States, four seats for the Asian States, three seats for the Latin American States, three seats for the Western European and other States and two seats for the socialist States of Eastern Europe. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council agreed to that distribution.

*It was so decided.*

20. Mr. OSMAN (Sudan) proposed that as the candidates put forward by the regional groups were not in excess of the vacant seats, the elections could be conducted without a ballot.

*It was so decided.*

21. Mr. BRITO (Brazil) said that the Latin American group had nominated Trinidad and Tobago and Costa Rica for two of the three seats, and preferred to fill the third vacancy in January.

22. Mr. GHORRA (Lebanon) said that the Asian group had nominated Ceylon, Kuwait and Malaysia and wished to reserve its decision on a fourth candidate until January.

23. The PRESIDENT said that he had been informed that Sudan, Uganda and Zaire were candidates for the four African seats, that Greece was a candidate from the group of West European and other States, and that Hungary and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic were candidates from the group of socialist States of Eastern Europe.

24. He suggested that the Council should forthwith elect the candidates named and should fill the remaining vacancies at the organizational meetings of the fifty-second session, in January 1972. The Council should also defer the determination of the terms of office of the 16 additional members until January.

*It was so decided.*

##### (c) Election of eleven members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (E/L.1470)

25. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 11 members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Of the members to be elected, four were to be from African States, two from Asian States including Yugoslavia, one from Latin American States, three from Western European and other States and one from the socialist States of Eastern Europe.

26. Mr. BRITO (Brazil) announced that the candidate for election nominated by the Latin American States was Guatemala.

27. Mr. ODERO-JOWI (Kenya) announced that the African States had nominated Morocco, Zaire and Zambia for election. The remaining seat, for West Africa, would be contested by Sierra Leone, Togo, and Upper Volta.

28. Mr. GHORRA (Lebanon) announced that the Asian States had nominated Iran and Lebanon.

29. Mr. CARANICAS (Greece) announced that the Western European and other States had made no nomination, since there were four candidates, Austria, Sweden, Turkey and New Zealand, for the three seats available.

30. Mr. PATAKI (Hungary) announced that the candidate nominated by the socialist States of Eastern Europe was Poland.

31. The PRESIDENT suggested that the candidates from Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe should be declared elected without a vote.

*It was so decided.*

32. The PRESIDENT said that a vote would be required on the candidates from Western European and other States, and also on those from African States, since the Council could not enter into questions involving subregions.

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	27
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	27
Required majority:	14

*Number of votes obtained:*

Morocco	26
Zaire	25
Zambia	25
Turkey	21
Austria	20
Sweden	19
New Zealand	15
Upper Volta	12
Togo	9
Sierra Leone	7

*Having obtained the required majority, Austria, Morocco, Sweden, Turkey, Zaire and Zambia were elected members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.*

33. The PRESIDENT said that, in accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure, an additional election must be held to fill the remaining seat for African States. Under the terms of the same rule, the voting would be restricted to two candidates, Upper Volta and Togo.

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	27
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	27
Required majority:	14

*Number of votes obtained:*

Upper Volta	15
Togo	12

*Having obtained the required majority, Upper Volta was elected a member of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.*

34. The PRESIDENT said that in paragraph 3 of document E/L.1470, it was suggested that 4 of the 11 members elected should serve for one year, three for two years and four for three years, the terms being decided by lot.

*Having been drawn by lot by the President, Austria, Guatemala, Iran and Morocco were designated as members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for a period of one year from 1 January 1972.*

*Having been drawn by lot by the President, Sweden, Zaire and Zambia were designated as members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for a period of two years from 1 January 1972.*

35. The PRESIDENT said that the remaining members elected, Lebanon, Poland, Turkey and Upper Volta, would serve for a term of three years.

#### AGENDA ITEM 12

**Consideration of the provisional agenda for the organizational meetings of the fifty-second session (E/L.1465 and Add.1-2)**

36. The PRESIDENT said that in document E/L.1465/Add.1 and 2, the Secretary-General had proposed a change in item 3, "Elections". In document E/L.1465/Add.1, paragraph 3, he suggested the inclusion of an additional item. Apart from those suggestions, the elections left unfinished at the present meeting would be completed.

37. Mr. HEMANS (United Kingdom) said his delegation felt that some clarification was needed as to the term for which the 27 additional members of sessional committees of the Council, referred to in document E/L.1465/Add.2 would be elected.

38. Mr. CARANICAS (Greece) said that since the situation was somewhat complex, the advice of the Office of Legal Affairs should be requested.

39. The PRESIDENT said that detailed information would be provided by the Secretariat when the elections were due to take place. In the absence of any objection, he would assume that the provisional agenda for the organizational meetings of the fifty-second session was adopted.

*It was so decided.*

#### *Closure of the session*

40. The PRESIDENT declared the fifty-first session closed.

*The meeting rose at 5.05 p.m.*