



Seventh session  
Agenda item 11

## REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (CHAPTER II)

### Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Omar HALIQ (Saudi Arabia)

1. The General Assembly, at its 380th plenary meeting held on 16 October 1952, decided to place on the agenda of its seventh session the item "Report of the Economic and Social Council".<sup>1/</sup> It further decided, at its 382nd plenary meeting held on 17 October, to allocate chapter II, III and VI (section I) to the Second Committee for consideration and report.
2. The Second Committee agreed, at its 194th meeting on 20 October 1952, to discuss chapter III of the report of the Economic and Social Council simultaneously with the item "Economic development of under-developed countries" (agenda item 25) and section I of chapter VI in connexion with the item "Reports of the United Nations Agent-General for Korean Reconstruction" (agenda item 16(b)). The present report is therefore confined to chapter II of the Economic and Social Council's report.
3. The Second Committee considered this item during seven meetings (A/C.2/SR.240-246). Twenty-one delegations, as well as the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization, took part in the general debate and in the consideration of a draft resolution on the increase in food production submitted by Ecuador (A/C.2/L.194/Rev.1). After several oral suggestions by the representatives of Australia, Cuba, Indonesia, Israel and the Philippines made at the 244th meeting and accepted by Ecuador, the draft resolution was voted upon paragraph by paragraph with the following results:

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<sup>1/</sup> A/2172, Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplement No.3.

First paragraph of the preamble: adopted by 36 votes to none, with no abstentions.

Second paragraph: adopted by 31 votes to 5, with no abstentions.

Third paragraph:

Sub-paragraph (a) was adopted by 36 votes to none, with no abstentions

Sub-paragraph (b) was adopted by 36 votes to none, with no abstentions

Fourth paragraph:

Sub-paragraph (a) was adopted by 31 votes to none, with 5 abstentions

Sub-paragraph (b) was adopted by 31 votes to none, with 5 abstentions

Operative paragraph 1: adopted by 31 votes to none, with 5 abstentions

Operative paragraph 2: adopted by 36 votes to none, with no abstentions

Draft resolution as a whole in its revised form: adopted by 31 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

4. The Second Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

#### INCREASE IN FOOD PRODUCTION

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council relating to the need for promoting the increased production of food in the world,<sup>1/</sup>

Noting the statements of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization to the effect that the production of foodstuffs is not increasing at the same rate as the population and noting that food supplies per capita are still less than before the Second World War when more than half the population of the globe was already suffering from malnutrition,

Recognizing:

(a) That the problem of the shortage of foodstuffs is of extreme importance and the greatest urgency to all mankind since it affects its very existence - and particularly to the peoples of the countries most immediately threatened by food shortage,

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<sup>1/</sup> See, inter alia, General Assembly resolutions 202 (III) and 525 (VI), and Economic and Social Council resolutions 405 (XIII), 416 E (XIV), 424 (XIV), 425 (XIV) and 451 A (XIV).

(b) That it is necessary to devise effective measures for increasing the aggregate production of foodstuffs with a view to fostering the economic development of under-developed countries and the relief of hardships caused by food shortages, particularly in the countries most immediately threatened,

Considering:

(a) That such measures call for co-ordinated, joint and effective international action by the Food and Agriculture Organization and all other international bodies which may be in a position to assist in increasing agricultural production, particularly of foodstuffs,

(b) That it is incumbent upon these organizations, and particularly the United Nations, to give special attention to co-ordinated international action in this field,

1. Calls the attention of the Economic and Social Council, of the specialized agencies concerned, and of the Technical Assistance Board to the increased need for co-ordinated and joint action with regard to the problem of increasing food production, particularly in the countries most immediately threatened by food shortage;

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to include in its annual reports to the General Assembly a special section with regard to action taken by the United Nations and the specialized agencies on the problem of the continuing lack of an adequate production of foodstuffs.

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