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Present:

Representatives of the following States: Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Finland, France, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, Spain, Sudan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela.

Observers for the following Member States: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, India, Ireland, Japan, Romania, Yugoslavia.

The observer for the following non-member State: Federal Republic of Germany.

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

AGENDA ITEM 10

Report of the Commission on Human Rights (E/3229)

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE (E/3285 and Corr.1)

- 1. The PRESIDENT put to the vote seriatim the draft resolutions A to F contained in paragraph 7 of the report of the Social Committee (E/3285 and Corr.1).
- A. Report of the Commission on Human Rights Draft resolution A was adopted unanimously.
- B. Periodic reports on Human Rights

 Draft resolution B was adopted unanimously.
- C. Draft declaration of the Rights of the Child Draft resolution C was adopted unanimously.
- D. DISCRIMINATION IN RESPECT OF EMPLOYMENT AND OCCUPATION

Draft resolution D was adopted by 15 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

E. Membership of the Sub-commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

Draft resolution E was adopted by 13 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

F. COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS Draft resolution F was adopted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 12

Programme of advisory services in the field of human rights (E/3253 and Add.1 and 2, E/3228, E/3229)

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE (E/3286)

2. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Social Committee (E/3286).

The draft resolution was adopted by 14 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

AGENDA ITEM 14

International control of narcotic drugs (E/3254, E/3268; E/OB/14)

(resumed from the 1084th meeting and concluded)

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE (E/3293, E/3298)

3. The PRESIDENT recalled that the draft resolution adopted by the Social Committee on the subject of technical assistance in the field of narcotics control had

been transmitted to the Technical Assistance Committee for its comments (E/3293, para. 6 and draft resolution I). As shown by its own report (E/3298, para. 96), TAC had no comments or objections to offer on the draft.

- 4. He put to the vote seriatim the draft resolutions A to I contained in paragraph 8 of the report of the Social Committee (E/3293).
- A. Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs Draft resolution A was adopted unanimously.
- B. REPORT OF THE PERMANENT CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD Draft resolution B was adopted unanimously.
- C. Participation in the Protocol of 19 November 1948 Draft resolution C was adopted unanimously.
- D. PROVISIONAL CONTROL OF NEW NARCOTIC DRUGS

 Draft resolution D was adopted by 16 votes to none, with 1 abstention.
- E. THE QUESTION OF CANNABIS—MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS DRUGS

Draft resolution E was adopted unanimously.

F. SYMBOL FOR IDENTIFICATION OF PACKAGES CONTAINING NARCOTIC DRUGS

Draft resolution F was adopted unanimously.

- G. CARRIAGE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS IN FIRST-AID KITS OF AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT Draft resolution G was adopted unanimously.
- H. CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF NARCOTICS DOCUMENTATION—QUINQUENNIAL SUMMARY OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Draft resolution H was adopted unanimously.

I. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTICS CONTROL

Draft resolution I was adopted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3

World social situation

(resumed from the 1080th meeting and concluded)

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE (E/3294)

- 5. The PRESIDENT put to the vote seriatim draft resolutions A to K contained in paragraph 13 of the Report of the Social Committee (E/3294).
- A. REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMISSION

 Draft resolution A was adopted unanimously.
- B. Long-range Programme of Concerted International Action in the Field of Housing Draft resolution B was adopted unanimously.
- C. International Survey of Programmes of Social Development

Draft resolution C was adopted by 17 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

D. SOCIAL SERVICES

Draft resolution D was adopted unanimously.

E. THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRAFFIC IN PERSONS AND OF THE EXPLOITATION OF THE PROSTITUTION OF OTHERS

Draft resolution E was adopted by 17 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

F. FUTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SOCIAL DEFENCE PROGRAMME

Draft resolution F was adopted by 16 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

G. ADVISORY SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

Draft resolution G was adopted by 17 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

H. Planning and Implementation of National Social Service Programmes for Family and Child Welfare

Draft resolution H was adopted unanimously.

I. THE POSSIBILITIES OF SUPPLYING DRUGS AND PRE-VENTIVE MEDICAL PREPARATIONS AT A COST WITHIN THE REACH OF LOW-INCOME GROUPS

Draft resolution I was adopted by 17 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

- J. SOCIAL ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

 Draft resolution J was adopted by 15 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.
- K. Decisions of the World Health Organization concerning General Assembly Resolution 1283 (XIII) entitled "International Health and Medical Research Year"

Draft resolution K was adopted by 15 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

6. Mr. SHANAHAN (New Zealand), explaining his vote, said that his delegation had been glad to vote for resolution E but considered it necessary to make clear the New Zealand Government's position in respect of the 1950 Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, referred to in the preamble. New Zealand was a party to the older Conventions on the subject and fully supported all efforts to stamp out organized prostitution, which fortunately did not exist in New Zealand as a social problem. New Zealand legislation punished anyone who sought to encourage or to take part in prostitution for gain or reward, but in recent years there had been no cases of violations of the relevant legislative provisions. However, although his Government wholeheartedly supported the general aims of the 1950 Convention, it was not prepared to accede to it, partly because one of its provisions tended to blur the distinction between promiscuity or loose conduct and prostitution as an organized evil operated for economic gain. Trafficking and procurement offences by all who lent themselves to an organized system of prostitution were properly the objects of criminal law, but general standards of morality could not be maintained or enhanced by penal statutes.

7. Sir Samuel HOARE (United Kingdom) said that his Government's position with regard to the 1950 Convention was similar to that of the New Zealand Government: the United Kingdom Government objected to the terms of several of the provisions of that Convention.

AGENDA ITEM 13

Question of draft Declaration on Freedom of Information (E/3239 and Corr.1)

(resumed from the 1080th meeting and concluded)

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE (E/3295)

8. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution, with its annex, contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Social Committee (E/3295).

The draft resolution was adopted by 13 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions.

9. Mr. CHERNISHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had voted against the draft resolution for the reasons set forth at the 405th and 406th meetings of the Social Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Technical Assistance (E/3191, E/3226 and Add.1, E/3230 and Add.1, E/3236)

REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (E/3298)

- 10. Mr. MICHANEK (Sweden), Chairman of the Technical Assistance Committee, introduced the report of TAC (E/3298) and said it was proposed that country programming should be undertaken on a two-year cycle (draft resolution B). It was an important experiment, which it was hoped would lead to greater efficiency in planning and operations and to better results. Other measures proposed were expected to bring about the simplification of financial and administrative procedures and greater flexibility in the management of the Expanded Programme (draft resolutions C and D).
- 11. During the first decade of its operation, the Expanded Programme had grown in size, range and effectiveness and currently commanded remarkably unanimous support. It was therefore paradoxical that the Council should have before it draft resolution A II appealing to Governments for funds in order that the Programme should resume its gradual growth. It was impossible to over-estimate the importance and value

- of the Programme and it deserved to be treated generously by Governments.
- 12. The Secretary-General had addressed the Committee at its 190th meeting on the subject of providing executive or administrative personnel to Governments requesting assistance in that form (E/3230/Add.1). Requests had already greatly exceeded the available funds; some appointments had been made and the Secretary-General was optimistic concerning the operation of the new Programme. The majority of the Committee had accordingly asked the Council to recommend that the General Assembly should continue it.
- 13. The PRESIDENT put to the vote seriatim draft resolutions A, B, C and D on the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance contained in the annex to the report of the Technical Assistance Committee (E/3298).
- A. Annual Report of the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee

Draft resolutions A I and A II were adopted unanimously.

- B. COUNTRY PROGRAMMING PROCEDURES

 Draft resolution B was adopted unanimously.
- C. LOCAL COSTS ARRANGEMENTS

 Draft resolution C was adopted unanimously.
- D. ALLOCATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES COSTS BETWEEN THE EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND THE REGULAR BUDGET

Draft resolution D was adopted by 16 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

14. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution on the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations programmes of technical assistance, contained in the annex to the report of the Technical Assistance Committee (E/3298).

The draft resolution was adopted by 15 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

15. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution on technical assistance in public administration, contained in the annex to the report of the Technical Assistance Committee (E/3298).

The draft resolution was adopted by 14 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

The meeting rose at 4.20 p.m.