

Dual DistributionSixth session
Agenda item 57

RELATIONS WITH THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

Report of the Joint Second and Third Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Altaf HUSAIN (Pakistan)

1. The General Assembly, at its 342nd plenary meeting held on 13 November 1951, decided to establish a Joint Second and Third Committee and referred to it, inter alia, item 57 of the agenda of the session: "Relations with the World Meteorological Organization (A/1890).
2. The Joint Second and Third Committee first met on 3 December 1951 (57th meeting) under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ana Figueroa (Chile), Chairman of the Third Committee.
3. Following the suggestion of the President of the General Assembly (A/C.2&3/99-A/C.5/456), that the chairmanship of the Joint Committee should be decided upon by arrangement between the Chairmen of the Second and Third Committees, it was then agreed that Mrs. Figueroa (Chile) and H.R.H. Prince Wan Waithayakon (Thailand), Chairman of the Second Committee, would share the chairmanship of the Joint Committee in accordance with arrangements made between them.
4. The Committee unanimously elected Mr. Altaf Husain (Pakistan) as Rapporteur.
5. The Committee decided to consider item 57, "Relations with the World Meteorological organization", as the first item on its agenda. It completed its consideration of the item at its 57th meeting.
6. The Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (1) Economic and Social Council resolution 403A (XIII) and Annex containing the French and English texts of the draft agreement with the World Meteorological Organization^{1/}

^{1/} The Committee also had before it a provisional Spanish translation (A/1996); in accordance with normal practice, the text will be reviewed and edited before it is issued in final form.

- (ii) Report of the Economic and Social Council, chapter VIII, section V^{2/}
(iii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/1890).

7. The representative of the United Kingdom presented a draft resolution (A/C.2 and 3/L.40) proposing approval by the General Assembly of the Agreement entered into by the Economic and Social Council with WMO.
8. In the course of the discussion, the Chairman recalled that, in resolution 403A (XIII), the Council had recommended that the Assembly approve the Agreement without change. She pointed out that, according to Article 63 of the Charter, the Council was the competent body to enter into agreements with specialized agencies. Previous agreements negotiated by the Council had come before the General Assembly for approval or rejection as a whole. Any amendment of the text, which had already been approved by the First Congress of WMO, would require approval by the next Congress, which would not meet until 1955.
9. A number of representatives welcomed the conclusion of the Agreement with WMO, the twelfth such agreement to be negotiated with a specialized agency.
10. The representative of Chile asked for clarification of the provisions of the Agreement relating to budgetary and financial arrangements, which he considered to be too indefinite. In reply, the opinion was expressed that the wording of article XIII, which had been proposed by the Negotiating Committee of the Economic and Social Council, was an improvement on the corresponding provisions in the agreements previously concluded with specialized agencies in so far as it provided for the possibility of including the budget of the agency within the general budget of the United Nations.
11. The representative of Uruguay stated that he would vote in favour of approval of the Agreement by the General Assembly, but that with regard to article XIII on financing of special services, his vote would be subject to ratification by the Uruguayan Parliament.
12. By 46 votes to none with no abstentions, the Joint Second and Third Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

2/ A/1884, Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No.3.

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The General Assembly,

Having considered resolution 403 A(XIII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 22 August 1951 and the Agreement entered into between the Council and the World Meteorological Organization,

Approves this Agreement.
