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**REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE**  
(A/9860)

**AGENDA ITEM 60**

- Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations (*concluded*):\***
- (b) Aid to the Sudano-Sahelian populations threatened with famine: report of the Secretary-General

**REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE**  
(PART II) (A/9853/ADD.1)

1. Mr. LASCARRO (Colombia), Rapporteur of the Second Committee (*interpretation from Spanish*): I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Second Committee on agenda item 45, "Operational activities for development" [A/9860] and subitem (b)

\* Resumed from the 2303rd meeting.

of agenda item 60, "Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations" [A/9853/ADD.1].

2. In paragraph 23 of its report on operational activities for development [A/9860], the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly for adoption four draft resolutions. Draft resolution I, concerning the United Nations Capital Development Fund, and draft resolution IV, concerning decentralization of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme, were adopted by the Committee after being voted on; draft resolutions II and III, concerning the United Nations Children's Fund and technical co-operation among developing countries, respectively, were adopted without a vote.

3. I also have the honour to introduce part II of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 60, "Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations", subitem (b) of which concerns aid to the Sudano-Sahelian populations threatened with famine. In paragraph 9 of its report [A/9853/ADD.1], the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Consideration of the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region". The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

4. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): First we shall take up the report of the Second Committee under agenda item 45, "Operational activities for development" [A/9860]. An amendment thereto has been submitted [A/L.743]. I now call on the representative of Norway, who wishes to introduce the amendment.

5. Mr. ARVESEN (Norway): On behalf of the delegations of Colombia, Indonesia, the Philippines and my own delegation, I have the honour to introduce the proposed amendment to draft resolution II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 23 of document A/9860. The amendment is contained in document A/L.743. We formally propose to add the following operative paragraph to the draft resolution concerning UNICEF on which the General Assembly is about to vote:

"Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, to convene regular annual pledging conferences for the Fund starting in 1975."

6. In view of the experience we have gained this autumn from convening a special pledging conference for UNICEF, the sponsors of the amendment believe that there is a general desire among the Member States of the United Nations to institute pledging conferences on a regular basis, also as regards voluntary contributions to UNICEF.

7. The sponsors of the amendment in document A/L.743 trust that it will be incorporated in the draft resolution on UNICEF and that this amendment, as well as the draft resolution as a whole, will be adopted by the General Assembly by consensus.

8. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I shall now call on those representatives who wish to speak in explanation of vote before the vote on one or more of the four draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee, and also on the amendment contained in document A/L.743.

9. Mr. N. OUÉDRAOGO (Upper Volta) (*interpretation from French*): My statement relates to draft resolution I, on the United Nations Capital Development Fund. After a few brief consultations, it appeared to my delegation that those who asked for a vote in the Second Committee did not wish to insist that there should also be a vote in the plenary Assembly. Consequently, my delegation would be very pleased to see this draft resolution adopted by consensus.

10. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): Departing from customary Assembly practice, a delegation has just signified its intention to submit an amendment which appears to have been filed rather late. I shall call upon him none the less.

11. Mr. OMAR (Libyan Arab Republic) (*interpretation from Arabic*): On behalf of my delegation, I should like to submit a small amendment relating to operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution I, on the United Nations Capital Development Fund.

12. My delegation, along with other delegations, particularly the delegation of Iraq, has insisted on mentioning first the developed countries and then, later on, other developing countries. Therefore, we want to introduce this small amendment, which was approved by the Second Committee in connexion with most of the draft resolutions on the other items, such as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

13. We propose, by this amendment, to omit the following words:

*[The speaker continued in English]*

“in a position to do so”.

Operative paragraph 3 would then read:

“Invites all countries, and especially those developed countries which have not so far contributed to the United Nations Capital Development Fund, to provide substantial voluntary contributions to the Fund so as to make it fully operative and effective.”

14. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Assembly thus has two proposed amendments before it, submitted by the representatives of Norway and the Libyan Arab Republic.

15. The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 23 of document A/9860 and on the amendments that have been submitted.

16. Draft resolution I relates to the United Nations Capital Development Fund. Separate votes have been requested on paragraphs 2 and 3 of that draft resolu-

tion. If there are no objections, I shall take it that the Assembly agrees to those separate votes.

*It was so decided.*

17. Mr. BREITENSTEIN (Finland): It was my delegation that requested a separate vote on paragraph 3 of draft resolution I. In view, however, of the appeal made by the representative of the Upper Volta, we would be quite willing to withdraw that request and accept a consensus on the draft resolution. An amendment to paragraph 3 has now been introduced by the representative of the Libyan Arab Republic. That does not, however, change my delegation's position. If a consensus on the draft resolution can be achieved, we shall not insist on a separate vote on paragraph 3.

18. Mr. BERLIS (Canada): The Canadian delegation requested a separate vote on paragraph 2 of draft resolution I. In view, however, of the appeal that has been made for the adoption of the draft resolution by consensus, we should be prepared—if indeed there is a consensus—to withdraw our request for a separate vote on paragraph 2.

19. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I shall now sum up the position.

20. Separate votes were requested on paragraphs 2 and 3 of draft resolution I, dealing with the United Nations Capital Development Fund. The separate vote on paragraph 3 was requested by the representative of Finland. That representative would have been prepared to heed the appeal made by the representative of the Upper Volta if the representative of the Libyan Arab Republic had not submitted his amendment. The General Assembly will of course have to take a decision on that amendment, unless the representative of the Libyan Arab Republic decides to withdraw it.

21. With regard to paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the representative of Canada has just stated that he will accede to the appeal made by the representative of the Upper Volta and will not insist on a separate vote on paragraph 2 if there is a consensus on the draft resolution as a whole.

22. Mr. N. OUÉDRAOGO (Upper Volta) (*interpretation from French*): My delegation would like to make an urgent appeal to the representative of the Libyan Arab Republic not to insist on his amendment. The text adopted by the Second Committee was the result of arduous negotiations, and we really do hope it can be adopted here by consensus.

23. I therefore would appeal once again to the representative of the Libyan Arab Republic to withdraw his amendment.

24. Mr. OMAR (Libyan Arab Republic) (*interpretation from Arabic*): I am sorry to have to speak once again. My delegation does not wish to delay the General Assembly's work. We maintain, however, that operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution I does not do justice to the subject.

25. This new trend towards introducing the concept of “countries in a position to pay” is an attempt by some developed countries, and particularly the United States and certain European countries, to make some developing countries, especially the oil-producing countries, appear to be too rich and to make them pay more. That is unjust. My country does not approve

of that trend, and we have made that clear several times in the Second Committee. My delegation believes that all countries should be invited to contribute, but particularly the developed countries, which should make the largest contribution to the United Nations Capital Development Fund and should help the developing countries. It should not be the other way around. I repeat that some developed countries say that certain developing countries have become too rich, and that is unjust.

26. I am sorry to say that, in view of those considerations, I shall not be able to heed the appeal made by the representative of the Upper Volta. My delegations must insist that the same formulation be used in this case as has been used in several other draft resolutions adopted by the Second Committee. Only a text which provides for an invitation to all countries, and particularly the developed countries, to contribute would be satisfactory to my delegation.

27. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): May I take it that the representative of Canada has formally withdrawn his proposal for a separate vote on operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution I?

28. Mr. BERLIS (Canada): The delegation of Canada is prepared to withdraw its request for a separate vote provided there is a consensus. If there is no consensus on the draft resolution, our request for a separate vote stands.

29. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): It is quite clear that there is no consensus, since the representative of the Libyan Arab Republic insists on having his amendment voted on, and I understand that Finland takes the same position on operative paragraph 3 as Canada takes on operative paragraph 2.

30. We shall accordingly now vote separately on operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution I in document A/9860.

*Operative paragraph 2 was adopted by 108 votes to none, with 23 abstentions.*

31. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The General Assembly will now vote on the amendment to operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution I, submitted by the Libyan Arab Republic.

*The amendment was adopted by 49 votes to 22, with 60 abstentions.*

32. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 3, as amended.

*Operative paragraph 3, as amended, was adopted by 95 votes to 1, with 36 abstentions.*

33. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The General Assembly will now vote on draft resolution I as a whole, as amended.

*Draft resolution I as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 113 votes to none, with 19 abstentions (resolution 3249 (XXIX)).*

34. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We shall now take up draft resolution II, entitled "United Nations Children's Fund", and the amendment thereto in document A/L.743. In accordance with rule 90 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly will vote first on the amendment and then on the draft resolution as a whole.

*The amendment was adopted by 130 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

35. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I shall now put to the vote draft resolution II, as amended.

*Draft resolution II as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 131 votes to none (resolution 3250 (XXIX)).*

36. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We now come to draft resolution III, entitled "Technical co-operation among developing countries". The report of the Fifth Committee on the financial and administrative implications is in document A/9868. The Second Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

*Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 3251 (XXIX)).*

37. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We shall now vote on draft resolution IV, entitled "Decentralization of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme".

*Draft resolution IV was adopted by 132 votes to none (resolution 3252 (XXIX)).*

38. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I shall now call on those delegations which have expressed a desire to speak in explanation of vote after the vote.

39. Mr. BARCELÓ (Mexico) (*interpretation from Spanish*): It has been traditional in the foreign policy of Mexico to support any measures—those being carried out or those being planned—to assist the least advanced or less economically developed countries. That is the clear position that my country has adopted, as evidenced by its regional ties and its links with other areas and countries of the world.

40. However, we believe that international support given especially to these countries must be based on additional funds, which would show the desire of the international community, and in particular those countries which are in the best position to do so, to co-operate in the development of the least advanced countries.

41. These concepts are particularly relevant in the present circumstances, when absolute levels of development are deteriorating owing to the effects of inflation—a view which has been put forward in various forums in the United Nations system and which was mentioned a short while ago by Mr. Peterson, the Administrator of UNDP, in his statement before the Second Committee on this item.<sup>1</sup>

42. For this reason we supported draft resolution I as a whole.

43. Mr. BERLIS (Canada): The Canadian delegation abstained on operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution I, on the United Nations Capital Development Fund, because it considers that decisions concerning the utilization of UNDP funds should be taken in that organization's Governing Council and not in the General Assembly. In addition, it is our firm conviction that the administrative expenses for special purpose funds should not be charged to the administrative budget of UNDP but to the special fund itself.

44. Mr. BREITENSTEIN (Finland): My delegation welcomes the reorientation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund in favour of the least developed countries, a group of countries which, particularly in the present economic situation in the world, deserve special measures wherever such can be mobilized. However, since my Government does not at present consider contributions to the Fund, for reasons elaborated by my delegation in the Second Committee,<sup>2</sup> my delegation felt obliged to ask for a separate vote on operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution I and to abstain in that vote. Since we support the general thrust of the draft resolution, we were nevertheless happy to be able to vote in favour of the text as a whole.

45. Mr. BRITO (Brazil): My delegation voted in favour of draft resolution IV. However, we should like to state the following.

46. In the Second Committee, we abstained when a vote was taken on the words "in particular the establishment of regional offices of the United Nations Development Programme in the field" in operative paragraph 1 [A/9860, paras. 21 and 22]. If a vote had been taken on those words in the plenary Assembly, we should again have abstained.

47. We should like in this connexion to state the following. First, we fully support UNDP plans for the decentralization of its activities. Secondly, we do not believe, however, that the establishment of regional offices in the field can, as a rule, be considered desirable. A decision in this respect would have to depend, in our opinion, on the conditions prevailing in each region. Moreover, we fear that a partition of the present regional offices of UNDP between New York and the field could weaken those offices and provoke further delays in the delivery of UNDP programmes.

48. Mr. AL-KHUDHAIRY (Iraq): My delegation supported the amendment submitted by Libya to draft resolution I [see para. 13 above] and voted for it.

49. The reason is simple and straightforward. It is a well-known fact that most of the contributions that are made to the United Nations Capital Development Fund are from the developing countries. The majority of the developed countries do not contribute. It is therefore unnatural and unrealistic to direct our appeal for contributions to those countries that are already making them. The Libyan amendment was intended to correct this mistake and to reflect the reality.

50. Secondly, we do not know exactly what is meant by "countries in a position to do so". It is the understanding of my delegation that the countries able to do so are the developed countries, and it would accordingly be a repetition to name them twice in the same paragraph.

51. Mr. KANDÉ (Senegal) (*interpretation from French*): My statement will pertain to two of the four draft resolutions that we have just adopted. The first, draft resolution I, is on the United Nations Capital Development Fund. My delegation had no difficulty in voting for the draft resolution. We should like to thank those delegations which, after stating their position in the Committee, agreed to relinquish their original stand in the interest of achieving a consensus.

52. We also appreciate the position of those delegations which said that they regretted not being able to respond to the appeal that was made to them. But we do not believe that either of those positions will affect the basic outcome, in terms of the adoption of a resolution of obvious importance.

53. As regards the resolution on the decentralization of the activities of UNDP, draft resolution IV, my delegation said in the Second Committee<sup>3</sup> that we had a duty not to take a selfish approach to this matter by overstressing the particular needs of our part of the world; since other regions of the world do not have the same problems, we did not want to take a stand that would block progress. We therefore conceded the point, but made it clear that as far as our region is concerned, a decision to decentralize UNDP activities must take place only with due regard for the genuine interests of the States in that region. I wanted to make that point again in the plenary Assembly. The decision to decentralize activities must be taken only in terms of the particular needs of the region.

54. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I now invite members to turn their attention to part II of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 60, entitled "Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations". The report is contained in document A/9853/Add.1.

*Pursuant to rule 66 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the report of the Second Committee.*

55. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): Since no one has asked to explain his vote before the vote, we shall now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report [A/9853/Add.1]. The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of that draft resolution is contained in document A/9899. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 3253 (XXIX)).*

## AGENDA ITEM 17

### Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

56. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The next item on our agenda for today is the election of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council to replace those members whose term of office expires on 31 December 1974.

57. The 18 outgoing members are: Argentina, Bolivia, Burundi, Canada, Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Finland, India, Japan, Kenya, Pakistan, Poland, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zaire. Those 18 countries are eligible for immediate re-election.

58. I should like to remind members of the Assembly that after 1 January 1975 the following States will still be members of the Economic and Social Council: Algeria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, Congo, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Fiji, France, German

Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Guatemala, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Liberia, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Romania, Senegal, Spain, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zambia. Therefore, those 36 States should not appear on the ballot papers.

59. In accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 2847 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, the 18 members to be elected should be made up as follows: four from the group of African States, four from the group of Asian States, three from the group of Latin American States, four from the group of Western European and other States and, finally, three from the group of socialist States of Eastern Europe. The ballot papers should take that pattern into account.

60. Rule 92 of the rules of procedure provides that the election shall be held by secret ballot and that there shall be no nominations.

61. I now call on the representative of Cyprus, who wishes to make a statement on behalf of the group of Asian States.

62. Mr. CHRISTOPHI (Cyprus): In my capacity as Chairman of the group of Asian States for the month of December, I should like to inform representatives that the group has already agreed to endorse the candidacies of China and Yemen for election to two of the four seats assigned to the group of Asian States. The following countries of the group are candidates for the remaining two vacancies: India, Japan, Pakistan and the Philippines.

63. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I now call on the representative of Haiti to speak on behalf of the group of Latin American States.

64. Mr. VERRET (Haiti) (*interpretation from French*): As Chairman of the Latin American group for the month of December, my delegation has the honour to announce to representatives of the Assembly that the candidates of the Latin American group for the Economic and Social Council are Argentina, Ecuador and Peru. My delegation hopes that those candidates will commend themselves to the Members of the Assembly.

65. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): Now that we have heard the representative of Cyprus on behalf of the group of Asian States and the representative of Haiti on behalf of the group of Latin American States, we shall proceed to the election. I request members of the Assembly to use only the ballot papers that are being distributed and to write on them the names of the Member States for which they wish to vote in each group. Ballot papers containing more than the number of names assigned to a group will be declared invalid.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ruggiero (Italy), Mr. Rodas Martínez (Guatemala), Mr. Werner (German Democratic Republic), Mr. Kacimaiwai (Fiji) and Mr. Chabala (Zambia) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

66. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I propose to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

*The meeting was suspended at 12.30 p.m. and resumed at 1.45 p.m.*

67. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The result of the voting for the election of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council is as follows:

#### Group A

Number of ballot papers:	134
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	134
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	133
Required majority:	89
Number of votes obtained:	
Zaire .....	132
Gabon .....	131
Ethiopia .....	130
Kenya .....	128
Sierra Leone .....	2
Dahomey .....	1
Chad .....	1

#### Group B

Number of ballot papers:	134
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	134
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	134
Required majority:	90
Number of votes obtained:	
China .....	100
Pakistan .....	98
Yemen .....	93
Japan .....	92
India .....	64
Philippines .....	61
Afghanistan .....	2
Bangladesh .....	1
Cyprus .....	1
Lebanon .....	1
Nepal .....	1

#### Group C

Number of ballot papers:	134
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	134
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	133
Required majority:	89
Number of votes obtained:	
Argentina .....	133
Peru .....	131
Ecuador .....	128

#### Group D

Number of ballot papers:	134
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	134
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	132
Required majority:	88

*Number of votes obtained:*

Canada .....	129
Denmark .....	128
Norway .....	127
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland .....	121
New Zealand .....	1
Portugal .....	1

*Group E*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	134
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	134
<i>Abstentions:</i>	3
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	131
<i>Required majority:</i>	88

*Number of votes obtained:*

Bulgaria .....	131
Czechoslovakia .....	131
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics ..	127

*Having obtained the required majority, Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark,*

*Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Japan, Kenya, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yemen and Zaire were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1975.*

68. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I should like to congratulate the countries that have been elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1975. I should also like to thank the tellers for their assistance.

*The meeting rose at 2 p.m.*

NOTES

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Second Committee, 1600th meeting, paras. 36-50.*  
<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 1602nd meeting, paras. 9-12, and 1614th meeting, para. 61.  
<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, 1629th meeting, para. 17.