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Draft resolutions ID/B/L.9, L.10, L.20

Mr. MacLAREN (Canada), supported by Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago) and Mr. SANCHEZ LANGRAN (Cuba), recalled that the Board, in deciding to alter its agenda, had eliminated the sector-by-sector discussion under item 6 and had therefore not considered a UNIDO work programme on fertilizer industries or UNIDO activities on export-oriented industries. As the Board was pressed for time, he proposed that it should take no action on the draft resolutions on those subjects submitted by the Philippine delegation (ID/B/L.9, ID/B/L.10). Any delegation which wished to do so could submit corresponding proposals at a future session.

Mr. Lubbers (Netherlands), Vice-President, took the Chair.

Mr. FORTHOSSÉ (Belgium), supported by Mr. PATRIOTA (Brazil), endorsed the Canadian proposal and said that, for the same reasons, the Board should decide not to take any action on draft resolution ID/B/L.20, also submitted by the Philippines.

Mrs. KODIKARA (Philippines) said that she would not press her delegation's three proposals but would request that they should be given due consideration at the next session.

It was so agreed.

Draft resolution ID/B/L.17/Rev.1

Mr. TELL (Jordan) said that, as he had not been present at the negotiations between the sponsors of draft resolution ID/B/L.17 and the delegations proposing amendments when the crucial points were agreed on, he felt that one of the other sponsors should introduce the revised text appearing in document ID/B/L.17/Rev.1.

Mr. OLUMIDE (Nigeria), introducing the revised draft resolution (ID/B/L.17/Rev.1), said that in the course of the negotiations a broad measure of agreement had been reached. However, as the sponsors had not all been present throughout the negotiations there were a few points on which discussion might still

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arise. In view of the importance of having a practicable work programme, he appealed to members not to have the text put to a vote but to adopt it unanimously, allowing any reservations they might have to be recorded in the Board's report.

He then explained the changes which had been agreed upon. Although in the second preambular paragraph the sponsors had wished to place particular emphasis on the implementation of UNIDO's functions, they had agreed in a spirit of compromise to include a parallel reference to the fulfilment of its purpose. There had been some disagreement on whether the adverb to be inserted after the words "shall carry out its functions" in operative paragraph I should be "primarily", "essentially", "particularly" or "principally". The word which had finally been agreed upon was "primarily", but he wished to make it clear that, since UNIDO had been established for the benefit of the developing countries, the sponsors felt that its functions should be carried out essentially with a view to meeting the needs of those countries. Other areas of the world should, of course, also benefit from UNIDO's activities, but the organization should work principally and essentially in the interests of the developing countries. The addition of the words "promotional and" in that paragraph and "of UNIDO" in paragraph II (D) (ii) represented concessions to the Czechoslovak delegation. The new formulation in paragraph II (E), which had likewise been proposed by Czechoslovakia, would emphasize the multiplier effect of UNIDO's activities. Paragraph II (F) (xi) incorporated part of the Czechoslovak amendment calling for the inclusion of a reference to such forms of training as management workshops and in-plant training, but instead of using the words "specialists of any country", as Czechoslovakia had proposed, the sponsors had used the words "specialists of both the developed and developing countries", in order to stress that where there were qualified specialists from the developing countries their services should be used. Paragraph II (F) (xiii) concerning the dissemination of information, which had not appeared in the original text of the draft resolution, was based on General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI), part II, paragraph 2 (a) (iv). The new wording of paragraph II (H) represented an effort to meet the suggestions of the delegations of Cameroon, Czechoslovakia, Finland and the Ivory Coast; the intention of the sponsors was that the word "co-operate" should apply to the Economic Commission for Europe, whereas the word "assist" should apply to the regional and



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sub-regional economic groupings, including the regional economic commissions in the developing countries. The other changes required no explanation.

There were a few further points which some delegations had wished to have included in the draft resolution, but in order not to upset the delicate balance achieved it had been agreed that their views on them would be reflected in the Board's report. He had in mind particularly the Czechoslovak delegation's view that the meaning of the word "promotional", as used in paragraph II (E), should be defined. He read out the text of the sub-paragraph which that delegation had wished to have included at that point in the text; much of the wording was taken from the Executive Director's introductory statement, and the Board should not have difficulty in accepting that definition. The second sub-paragraph proposed by the Czechoslovak delegation concerned permanent sovereignty over natural resources. As it had not been possible to formulate a wording satisfactory to all the groups, the sponsors felt that the best solution would again be to include the Czechoslovak text on the subject in the Board's report. He hoped that that point would not give rise to discussion, for it was only indirectly related to the subject-matter of the draft resolution.

Mr. TELL (Jordan) said that his delegation had been firm throughout in its stand against any compromise which would run counter to the interests of the developing countries, since it was to assist those countries that UNIDO had been established. Although it had agreed to further negotiations in an attempt to reach unanimity, it had not been willing to compromise that stand by making further concessions and was not in full agreement with the revised text which had emerged from those negotiations. Regrettably, it seemed that the only other delegation willing to stand firm in defence of UNIDO's fundamental role of assisting the developing countries was that of the United Kingdom, and his delegation was grateful for its support. That role was not made sufficiently clear in operative paragraph I of the revised text, and the interests of the developing countries were not served by the insertion of a reference to promotional activities, which were of little practical value to those countries, before the reference to operational activities.

His delegation opposed the revised text, which was a sell-out of the interests of the developing countries, and wished to withdraw as a sponsor of the draft resolution. He requested a separate roll-call vote on operative paragraph I.

Mr. BRADLEY (Argentina) noted that the revised draft, like much of the preparatory work which had preceded the establishment of UNIDO, had been the result of lengthy and arduous negotiations. While it was not possible fully to satisfy the interests of all the groups which had participated in the negotiations, the new draft had been the subject of broad agreement and seemed to be the best that could be produced. He was sure the representative of Jordan would agree that all members of the Board had the interests of the developing countries at heart, and the agreement which had been reached was clearly not a sell-out, since a number of developing countries had participated in the preparation of the final text.

It was essential that a vote on the draft resolution should be avoided, and he therefore appealed for its unanimous adoption. Delegations which were still unable to accept certain parts of the revised text could have their reservations stated in the report.

Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago) suggested that the word "primarily" in operative paragraph I, which seemed to be the major cause of difficulty, should be deleted.

Sir Edward WARNER (United Kingdom) said that his delegation had some sympathy with the position of the Jordanian delegation. The revised text of operative paragraph I did not make it clear that UNIDO had been established to meet the needs of the developing countries, and he therefore supported the suggestion that the word "primarily" should be deleted. His delegation was unable to approve the two paragraphs which had been suggested for inclusion in the report and reserved its right to comment on them at a later stage.

Mr. ZOA (Cameroon) said that it should be made clear, in operative paragraph II (H), that UNIDO should both assist the regional and sub-regional economic groupings and co-operate with them. He therefore suggested that the text should be redrafted to read: "UNIDO shall co-operate with the United Nations regional and economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, assist the regional and sub-regional economic groupings and co-operate with them at the request of the Governments concerned...".

Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that it would be regrettable if the strenuous efforts which had gone into the preparation of a compromise text were to come to nothing because of the unwillingness of one delegation to accept the agreement which had been reached. If the Board was forced to vote, his delegation would have to reconsider its attitude to the revised text.

Mr. KOFFI (Ivory Coast) said that the French text of operative paragraph I did not correspond to the English original and asked whether any representative having thorough knowledge of both languages could suggest a better version.

Mr. MUZIK (Czechoslovakia) said that the sponsors of draft resolution ID/B/L.17 and of the many written and oral amendments, as well as other delegations broadly representative of the membership of the Board, had worked very hard to produce the revised text (ID/B/L.17/Rev.1). It was only at the last minute, and for the sake of unanimity, that his own delegation had made a number of important concessions, withdrawing some of its proposals altogether and agreeing that others should be reflected in the Board's report, rather than incorporated in the draft resolution. On the three or four points which had finally proved intractable, his delegation had agreed to refrain from stating its reservations until after the vote.

He could not agree with the representative of Jordan that the revised text was a sell-out of the interests of the developing countries. The original draft resolution, which Jordan had co-sponsored, had referred to "much larger undertakings within the promotional role of UNIDO"; the Czechoslovak amendment, which his delegation had agreed to withdraw on condition that it was reflected in the Board's report, had been intended simply to make it clear how that role might be interpreted. As far as the word "primarily" in operative paragraph I was concerned, the various delegations taking part in the consultations had agreed that, whenever they were at a loss, they would fall back on the language of General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI); the words used in analogous contexts in that resolution were "especially", "in particular" and "particularly", and his delegation would accordingly have preferred one of those expressions. For the sake of unanimity, however, all parties to the negotiations had eventually agreed to the word

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"primarily", proposed by the representative of Somalia. The spirit of the revised draft resolution was in keeping with that of General Assembly resolutions 2152 (XXI) and 2089 (XX), and he regretted the assertion made by the representative of Jordan.

Mr. OLUMIDE (Nigeria) expressed regret and embarrassment at the Jordanian representative's suggestion that the sponsors of the revised draft resolution had sold out the interests of the developing countries. Different countries had different views regarding their interests, and no one was entitled to pontificate on the subject. As far as the word "primarily" was concerned, the representative of Jordan had himself agreed that that part of operative paragraph I should be toned down. His own delegation would have preferred the word "essentially", but some compromise had been necessary and the revised draft represented a delicate balance among the various viewpoints. He would like to know whether the representative of Jordan would agree to the word "essentially".

The sponsors would have no difficulty in accepting the Cameroonian amendment to operative paragraph II (H).

Mr. FORTHOUME (Belgium) suggested, in response to the point raised by the representative of the Ivory Coast, that a better translation of operative paragraph I might be as follows: "Décide que le souci principal de l'ONUDI dans l'exercice de ses fonctions doit être de répondre aux besoins urgents des pays en voie de développement...".

Mr. SAHLOUL (Sudan) noted that the representative of Jordan, in seeking to justify his withdrawal from co-sponsorship of the draft resolution, had objected to the word "primarily". In so doing, he had raised a question with political implications in the guise of serving the interests of the developing countries. He could not himself subscribe to the Jordanian representative's contentions, since he doubted his real motives. It was strange to hear accusations of a sell-out from a representative who in 1965 had striven to ensure that no reference was made to "transformation" in the resolution setting up UNDP.

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Mr. KOFFI (Ivory Coast) said that he was reluctant to agree to the Cameroonian amendment to operative paragraph II (H). That paragraph was based on General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI), part II, paragraph 2 (a) (vi); the clear implication was that UNIDO should concentrate on industrial development in the countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America, and his delegation could not accept any extension of its role in that regard.

Mr. MUZIK (Czechoslovakia) emphasized that paragraphs I and II (H) were both compromise texts arrived at during the negotiations. It had been the concern of all the participants to avoid any departure from General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI), and from that standpoint his delegation would have no difficulty in accepting either of the changes that had been suggested in paragraph II (H). However, if members of the Board started to submit amendments, the hard-won unanimity might be endangered.

Mr. WARSAMA (Somalia) said he thought that paragraph II (H) should be left as it stood. UNIDO could only "assist" regional and sub-regional economic groupings, as distinct from the regional economic commissions; it could not "co-operate" with them, since that would imply reciprocity, and for such groupings to co-operate with UNIDO would raise constitutional difficulties. The revised text was the result of lengthy negotiations and should not be altered now.

Mr. OLUMIDE (Nigeria) appealed to the representatives of Jordan and Czechoslovakia not to upset the delicate balance of the revised draft resolution by insisting on a single word. He asked whether they could not both agree to the use of the word "essentially" in paragraph I.

Mr. MUZIK (Czechoslovakia) said he had made it clear that his delegation, as a party to an agreement arrived at after much negotiation, accepted the revised text and was surprised at the discussion which had arisen. Its position during the negotiations had been that, as far as operative paragraph I was concerned, any of the expressions used in General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI) in analogous contexts - "especially", "in particular" or "particularly" - would be acceptable.

Mr. TELL (Jordan) said that he would agree to the word "essentially", and withdrew his request for a roll-call vote on paragraph I.

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Mr. MJZLIK (Czechoslovakia) said that, in that case, his delegation would also agree to "essentially".

Draft resolution ID/B/L.17/Rev.1, as orally amended, was adopted unanimously.

The meeting rose at 1.5 p.m.





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