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President: Mr. Alex QUAISON-SACKEY (Ghana).

ITEM 15 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council (concluded)

- 1. The PRESIDENT: I must begin by apologizing to the General Assembly for having imposed once more on the understanding and co-operation of representatives in helping the to reach a consensus in the present difficult circumstances.
- 2. This morning I held a second consultation regarding the existing vacancy in the Security Council. This afternoon I called for yet another consultation. I want to thank the representatives for having co-operated so generously in these efforts to reach agreement.
- 3. My consultations have shown that Jordan has greater support than Mali. Therefore I have appealed to both delegations in a spirit of brotherhood to agree that Jordan should occupy the seat in the Security Council for the first year, with effect from 1 January 1965. Mali would then occupy the seat for the second year, with the understanding that, if the necessary ratifications are forthcoming in the course of 1965 to expand the Security Council, then both Jordan and Mali will be enabled to occupy seats in the Council for the full term of two years. If there is no objection to this understanding, I shall assume that the Assembly accepts this procedure.

It was so decided.

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- United Nations programmes of technical co-operation:
 (b) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance
- 4. The SECRETARY-GENERAL: The Assembly will recall the statement I made at the 1286th meeting of the Assembly, on 1 December 1964, and the understanding that was reached following my statement.
- 5. There are two matters on which action has to be taken before the Assembly adjourns today, and in regard to which, I trust, a consensus exists.
- 6. First, I venture to assume that the General Assembly would wish to authorize the Secretary-General, pending decisions to be taken at the resumed session in 1965, to enter into commitments and to make payments at levels not to exceed, subject to statutory requirements, the corresponding commitments and payments for the year 1964 and, furthermore, pending such decisions, to continue existing arrangements and authorizations with respect to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses and the Working Capital Fund. It is understood that the above-mentioned authorization will be without prejudice to the basic positions and objections of certain countries with respect to certain sections of the budget and to the budget as a whole.
- 7. Secondly, the Assembly will have noted from document A/C.2/224 that the Technical Assistance Committee at its 336th meeting on 25 November 1964 reviewed and approved the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the biennium 1965-1966, and authorized the allocation of the required resources to the participating organizations for the year 1965. Since the allocation of funds authorized by the Technical Assistance Committee requires the confirmation of the General Assembly, I trust it may also be assumed that such formal action is agreed to.
- 8. Mr. FEDORENKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translated from Russian): All questions concerning the financing of the United Nations are of course of very great importance, and the financial consequences of the decisions taken affect the interests of every Member of the Organization.
- 9. These questions were to have been discussed and decisions taken by the General Assembly in accordance with its normal procedure. The delegation of the Soviet Union has no objection to the approval, as a temporary measure prior to a decision to be taken at the resumed session, of permission for the Secretary-General to incur expenditure at the level of the 1964 budget.

- 10. However, in this connexion the Soviet delegation confirms once more its position of principle which we set out in detail at the eighteenth regular session and at the fourth special session of the General Assembly on the subject of the United Nations budget, that there should be a maximum reduction of expenditures which are not called for by the genuine interests of our Organization but which correspond only to the interests of a certain group of States. This also means that we shall not take part in the financing of United Nations organs like the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea or the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, and of certain other measures and organs which were established in violation of the United Nations Charter.
- 11. The Soviet Union will also make no contribution towards the covering of the loan illegally launched in the name of the United Nations, and will not participate in the special expenditures for maintenance of the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East.
- 12. The PRESIDENT: Members have heard the statement of the Secretary-General, and, since no objections have been raised, I shall assume that the Assembly accepts his proposals.

It was so decided.

ITEM 32 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

13. The PRESIDENT: In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly based on the statement by

the Secretary-General at our opening meeting, I understand that the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as an organ of the General Assembly is an action which may be taken without objection.

14. I therefore invite representatives to turn their attention to draft resolution A/L.449 and Corr.1. If I hear no objection to this draft resolution, I shall take it that the General Assembly adopts it.

It was so decided.

Statement by the President

- 15. The PRESIDENT: As the Assembly is about to recess for this year, I would like to suggest to all Member States that they take advantage of the recess to continue their consultations among themselves. It is my firm belief that we shall come back after the recess refreshed and determined to tackle, and solve, the many urgent problems that face us.
- 16. May I wish all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year.
- 17. I now declare the nineteenth session of the General Assembly recessed until 3 p.m. on 18 January 1965, when the Assembly will reconvene to proceed with its business.

The meeting rose at 8.5 p.m.