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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Agenda item 95: Macroeconomic policy questions
(continued) (A/C.2/56/L.3 and L.52)

(c) Science and technology for development
(continued)

Draft resolutions on the World Summit on the Information Society (A/C.2/56/L.3 and L.52)

1. **Ms. Kelley** (Secretary of the Committee) said that paragraph 3 of the draft resolution should be replaced with the following: “Invites the International Telecommunications Union to assume the leading managerial role in the Executive Secretariat of the Summit and its preparatory process;”.

2. **Mr. Mbayu** (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.52, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.3; it had no programme budget implications. With the new paragraph 3 just read out by the Secretary of the Committee, agreement had been reached on the draft resolution.

3. **The Chairman** announced that Mauritania had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.3.

4. *Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.52, as orally revised, was adopted.*

5. *Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.3 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 97: Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (continued)
(A/C.2/56/L.21, L.23 and L.63)

(a) Women in development (continued)

Draft resolutions on women in development
(A/C.2/56/L.21 and L.63)

6. **Mr. Barnwell** (Guyana), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.63, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.21.

7. *Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.63 was adopted.*

8. *Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.21 was withdrawn.*

(d) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade
(continued)

Draft resolution on the Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/C.2/56/L.23)

9. **Mr. Barnwell** (Guyana), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.23. In the first line of paragraph 2, the words “issue of” should be inserted between the words “the” and “further”.

10. *Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.23, as orally revised, was adopted.*

Agenda item 98: Environment and sustainable development (continued) (A/56/115 and Corr.1-E/2001/92 and Corr.1; A/C.2/56/L.15, L.20, L.62 and L.65)

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction
(continued)

Draft resolutions on the Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its twenty-first session (A/C.2/56/L.20 and L.65)

11. **Mr. Djumala** (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.65, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.20, and recommended its adoption.

12. *Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.65 was adopted.*

13. *Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.20 was withdrawn.*

14. **The Chairman** proposed that the Committee should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (A/56/115 and Corr.1-E/2001/92 and Corr.1).

15. *It was so decided.*

Draft resolutions on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/C.2/56/L.15 and L.62)

16. **Mr. Djumala** (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.62, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.15.

17. *Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.62 was adopted.*

18. *Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.15 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 103: Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (continued)

Draft resolutions on the Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), including the proposal to establish a world solidarity fund for poverty reduction (A/C.2/56/L.5 and L.61)

19. **Mr. Djumala** (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.61, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.5. It had no programme budget implications.

20. **Ms. Serwer** (United States of America) said that her delegation viewed poverty alleviation as an extremely important part of the international community's development work and it was happy to join the consensus on that important resolution. She reaffirmed her country's commitment to the full and effective implementation of the enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative, which sought to promote discernible poverty reduction, growth-oriented economic reform and enhanced prospects for debt sustainability. The United States would also continue to work with countries that were not covered by the Initiative but sought debt treatment through the appropriate existing mechanisms. However, actual decisions on appropriate debt treatment measures for specific cases would continue to be made in the established venues for such decision-making. In particular, the United States consideration of debt-reduction measures envisaged as part of the enhanced HIPC Initiative would be reserved for indebted countries meeting enhanced HIPC criteria.

21. *Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.61 was adopted.*

22. *Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.5 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 99: Operational activities for development (continued) (A/C.2/56/L.64)

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (continued)

Draft decision on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (A/C.2/56/L.64)

23. **The Chairman** said that, although the report of the Secretary-General on the issue had not been considered, he took it that the Committee agreed, on an exceptional basis, to allow the representative of Namibia to introduce the draft decision, which was purely procedural.

24. *It was so decided.*

25. **Mr. Uanivi** (Namibia), speaking on behalf of the Southern African Development Community, introduced the draft decision and expressed the hope that it would be adopted.

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.