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- OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE BEIJING CONFERENCE.
1. ON 5-11-94, AMB ALBRIGHT MET WITH GERTRUDE MONGELLA, THE SYG OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN BEIJING 4-15 SEPT 1995, AND WORLD RENOWNED OPERA STAR JESSYE NORMAN TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF NORMAN PERFORMING AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE CONFERENCE. TINA JORGENSEN, CHIEF OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS IN THE UN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING.
2. MONGELLA ISSUED AN INVITATION TO NORMAN TO PERFORM AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE CONFERENCE ON 3 SEPT 1995, AND POSSIBLY LATER IN THE CONFERENCE IN ACTIVITIES CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN. MONGELLA HOPED THAT THE PERFORMANCE WOULD HIGHLIGHT POWERFUL WOMEN THROUGHOUT HISTORY AND TODAY. NORMAN STATED THAT SHE WOULD BE HONORED TO PERFORM AT THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE OR AT OTHER CEREMONIES DURING THE CONFERENCE. SHE SAID SHE WOULD SPEAK WITH COLLEAGUES CONCERNING THE LOGISTICS OF PERFORMING IN CHINA, SUCH AS ORCHESTRATION, MUSIC ETC. SHE NOTED SHE WOULD NEED TO ARRIVE IN BEIJING 5 OR 6 DAYS BEFORE HER PERFORMANCE.
3. NORMAN WILL ATTEMPT TO FIND A SPONSOR TO UNDERWRITE HER PLANE FARE AND EXPENSES. MONGELLA FELT THE CHINESE WOULD MOST LIKELY PROVIDE FREE ACCOMMODATIONS. MONGELLA IS EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO CHINA IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES, AT THIS TIME SHE WILL DISCUSS NORMAN'S INTEREST IN PLAYING A PART IN THE CEREMONIES. ALBRIGHT
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- CABLE NO. 4: GENDER EQUALITY
SUMMARY

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TAGS: AORC, EAID, ECON, SOCI, UNICEF
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SUMMARY

1. DURING ITS 1994 ANNUAL SESSION MAY 2-6, THE UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD REVIEWED AND ADOPTED A NEW POLICY ON GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS. THE NEW POLICY PLACES WOMEN SOLIDLY AT THE CENTER OF UNICEF'S APPROACH TO SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, MARKING A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN UNICEF POLICY ON GENDER EQUITY FROM JUST "DOING" WOMEN'S PROGRAMS TO INCORPORATING ENHANCEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND THE GIRL CHILD THROUGHOUT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL UNICEF PROGRAMS. DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED WIDE-RANGING SUPPORT FOR UNICEF'S RESPONSIVENESS ON GENDER ISSUES AND TO ITS INNOVATIVE FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL. IN A STRONG STATEMENT FOR THE U.S. THAT WENT RIGHT TO THE HEART OF THE ISSUE, ALTERNATE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD DR. WILLIAM FOEGE STRESSED THAT WE MUST STOP TALKING AND START ACTING. OTHER DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE U.S. FOR ITS STRONG STANCE AND LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

2. IN AN ADDRESS TO THE BOARD, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN GERTRUDE MONGELLA THANKED UNICEF FOR ITS STRONG SUPPORT TO THE SECRETARIAT AND TO PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL. SHE EMPHASIZED THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOALS FROM THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR CHILDREN WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT UNICEF CONTRIBUTION TO ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS.

3. THIS IS REPORTING CABLE NO. 4 ON THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNUAL SESSION IN NEW

YORK, MAY 2-6, 1994. END SUMMARY.

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4. THE 1993 EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB) REQUESTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ED) TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE 1994 ANNUAL SESSION ON UNICEF POLICY ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS. THE BOARD ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE REPORT INCLUDE THE UNICEF CONTRIBUTION TO THE PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE OF WOMEN IN SEPTEMBER 1995. DURING ITS 1994 ANNUAL SESSION, MAY 2-6, THE EB DISCUSSED THE SECRETARIAT'S PAPER ON GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS UNDER AGENDA ITEM 8 AND FOUND THE PRIORITIES AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS FOR FUTURE ACTION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT TO BE COMPREHENSIVE AND FORWARD-LOOKING.

AREAS OF PRIORITY ACTION

5. DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED WIDE-RANGE SUPPORT FOR THE INNOVATIVE METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK ("THE WOMEN'S EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT FRAMEWORK"). SPECIFICALLY, THE FRAMEWORK DEMONSTRATES THE VARIOUS LEVELS AT WHICH PROGRAMMATIC OBJECTIVES MAY BE SITUATED, FROM WELFARE AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT TO PROGRAMS WHICH AIM TO INCREASE WOMEN'S AWARENESS, PARTICIPATION, AND CONTROL OF ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS FUNDAMENTAL GENDER INEQUALITIES.

6. DELEGATIONS CITED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED AREAS OF PRIORITY ACTION OUTLINED IN THE FRAMEWORK:

- REVIEW OF EXISTING COUNTRY POLICIES AND STRATEGIES;
 - SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GENDER-SENSITIVE NATIONAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS WHICH ADDRESS THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW);
 - ADVOCACY AND ACTIONS FOR THE GIRL CHILD;
 - COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF GENDER DISAGGREGATED DATA AND ESTABLISHMENT OF APPROPRIATE MONITORING SYSTEMS;
 - DEVELOPMENT OF INDICATORS TO ASSESS GENDER-RESPONSIVENESS OF PROGRAMS;
 - BUILDING NATIONAL CAPACITIES FOR GENDER ANALYSIS AT ALL LEVELS;
 - ADVOCACY AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION FOR INNOVATIVE POLICIES AND GENDER-SENSITIVE LEGAL PROVISIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES;
 - PROVISION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE
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AT ALL LEVELS THROUGH IMPROVED ACCESS BY WOMEN AND GIRLS TO EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION; AND

- BUILDING ALLIANCES AMONG GOVERNMENT'S NGOS, WOMEN LEADERS, SOCIAL ACTIVISTS AND OTHERS TO CREATE AN EMPOWERING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN.

DISCUSSION

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7. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE UK DEL ENCOURAGED UNICEF TO DO MORE IN THE AREAS OF PROTECTING WOMEN FROM VIOLENCE AND IN EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING GIRLS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM HIV/AIDS AND OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STDs). THE UK SUGGESTED THAT THE ED REVIEW THE PROPORTION OF RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO SUPPORTING GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF GIRLS AND WOMEN PROJECTED IN THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN (1994-1997) IN ORDER TO TAKE SPECIFIC ACCOUNT OF THE POLICY REVIEW. (FYI: THIS WAS RAISED IN THE CONTEXT THAT PROJECTED RESOURCES ARE GOING DOWN WHILE UNICEF'S PLANNED ACTIVITIES ARE INCREASING. END FYI.) THE FINAL DECISION INCORPORATED THIS SUGGESTION.

8. WHEN ASKED BY DENMARK WHETHER ANY ECONOMIC OR INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS WERE AFFECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK, UNICEF'S ADVISOR ON WOMEN'S ISSUES MISRAK ELIAS RESPONDED THAT DEVELOPING GENDER SENSITIVE TARGETS AND INDICATORS IS A CHALLENGE WHICH UNICEF, WORKING WITH THE UN STATISTICAL OFFICE, IS TAKING UP.

9. CANADA REMARKED THAT THE FRAMEWORK WAS CONCEPTUALLY A POWERFUL TOOL AND ENCOURAGED UNICEF TO PUT THE IDEAS CONTAINED IN THE FRAMEWORK INTO PRACTICE. SUPPORTING THE UK'S INTERVENTION, CANADA URGED UNICEF TO ENSURE THAT ENOUGH RESOURCES WERE MADE AVAILABLE SO AS TO BRING GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT ISSUES CLOSER TO THE CENTER OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

10. THE PHILIPPINES CONGRATULATED THE ED FOR TAKING A MAJOR POLICY STEP FORWARD, BUT CAUTIONED UNICEF TO BE AWARE OF THE CULTURAL CONTEXT IN WHICH THIS POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. THE PHILIPPINES REMINDED BOARD MEMBERS THAT GENDER AWARENESS SHOULD NOT BE JUST SOMETHING ADDRESSED IN DOCUMENTS, BUT AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR DAILY LIVES AND ATTITUDES. IN THIS REGARD, THE PHILIPPINES DEL ENCOURAGED UNICEF NOT TO FORGET THE ROLE OF MEN IN THE PROCESS. IN ITS FINAL DECISION, THE BOARD UNCLASSIFIED

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INCORPORATED THESE CONCERNS BY "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND, INTER ALIA, THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN."

11. TANZANIA COMMENTED THAT THE LACK OF EQUALITY IN EDUCATION IS THE ROOT CAUSE OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT. MAKING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES MORE AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO GIRLS WILL, IN THE LONG RUN, IMPROVE THE NATIONAL CAPACITIES OF GOVERNMENTS.

12. DR. WILLIAM FOEGE, MAKING A STRONG STATEMENT FOR THE US DEL, EMPHASIZED THAT IF RHETORIC WERE ENOUGH, THE GENDER EQUALITY ISSUE WOULD HAVE BEEN SOLVED LONG AGO. NOTING THAT ARISTOPHANES WAS SO DISCOURAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE THAT HE CALLED ON WOMEN IN 411 B.C. TO TAKE OVER AND FIX IT, FOEGE STRESSED THAT WE MUST NOT FALSELY BELIEVE THAT WORDS WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. INSTEAD, HE CONTINUED, WE MUST HOLD OURSELVES TO ACTIONS AND INDICATORS. FOEGE FURTHER ENCOURAGED BOARD MEMBERS TO ENDORSE THE PROPOSED POLICY FRAMEWORK, IMPLEMENT ITS

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION, AND MOVE TOWARDS A WORLD THAT OPENS POSSIBILITIES TO EVERY PERSON (INCLUDING FATHERS) AND IN TURN BENEFITS FROM THE TALENTS OF EVERY MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY.

WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

13. GERTRUDE MONGELLA, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (CSW) TO BE HELD IN BEIJING IN SEPTEMBER 1995, ALSO SPOKE TO THE BOARD, NOTING THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOALS OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR CHILDREN WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT UNICEF CONTRIBUTION TO BENEFIT GIRLS, AS THEY ARE THE MOST DISADVANTAGED AMONG CHILDREN. SHE COMPLIMENTED THE SECRETARIAT ON ITS POLICY PAPER ON "GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS," ESPECIALLY THE SECTION ON THE PROMOTION OF EQUALITY WITHIN THE FAMILY AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF FATHERS IN CHILD REARING AND IN THEIR PARENTAL ROLE.

14. MONGELLA ALSO THANKED UNICEF FOR SECONDING A STAFF MEMBER TO THE CSW SECRETARIAT FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND FOR SUPPORTING PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL, BEGINNING WITH THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY CONFERENCE IN JAKARTA IN JUNE. THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, WHICH MET IN MARCH, UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPORTED AN EARLIER PROPOSAL OF THE UNICEF EB TO FOCUS ON ISSUES CONCERNING GIRL CHILDREN BY REFERENCE TO STANDARDS SET IN BOTH THE WOMEN'S AND CHILD RIGHTS CONVENTIONS AND CALLED FOR A CLOSER LINK BETWEEN THE MONITORING COMMITTEES SET UP UNDER THESE TWO IMPORTANT INSTRUMENTS.

DECISION

15. FOLLOWING PLENARY DISCUSSION AND A DRAFTING SESSION, THE EB ADOPTED THE PROPOSED POLICY ON GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF GIRLS AND WOMEN IN A DECISION THAT PLACES WOMEN SOLIDLY AT THE CENTER OF UNICEF'S APPROACH TO SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, STARTING WITH EMPOWERMENT OF THE GIRL CHILD. IT IS A POLICY THAT EXPECTS FAR MORE OF MEN, AND OF FATHERS, IN REDRESSING GENDER INEQUITIES AND IN ASSUMING FAMILY AND CHILD-REARING RESPONSIBILITIES OFTEN LEFT TO WOMEN. THE DECISION ALSO REQUESTS THE ED TO REVIEW THE PROPORTION OF RESOURCES PROJECTED IN THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR 1995-97 FOR PLANNING, ADVOCACY AND MONITORING AND PROGRAM SUPPORT IN LIGHT OF THE NEW POLICY, AND CALLS ON THE ED TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN VIEW OF THIS POLICY.

16. THE NEW POLICY MARKS A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN UNICEF'S APPROACH ON GENDER EQUITY, MOVING UNICEF AWAY FROM JUST "DOING" WOMEN'S PROGRAMS (E.G., INFORMAL

EDUCATION AND INCOME GENERATION) TO AN APPROACH DIRECTED AT ENHANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND THE GIRL CHILD, BEGINNING IN THE HOME WHERE GENDER DISCRIMINATION OFTEN FIRST OCCURS. GENDER EQUITY IS NOW ENVISIONED AS CENTRAL TO ALL UNICEF PROGRAMS, BOTH IN PLANNING AND IN IMPLEMENTATION. AN ILLUSTRATION OF THIS PHILOSOPHY IN UNICEF PROGRAMS WOULD BE WATER PROGRAMS WHERE THE IMPACT ON WOMEN AS WELL AS THEIR ROLE IN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF SYSTEMS WOULD BE CENTRAL. THIS PHILOSOPHY WILL BE WOVEN THROUGHOUT UNICEF PROGRAMMING. EQUALLY IMPORTANT WILL BE SOCIAL MOBILIZATION EFFORTS TO CREATE GREATER AWARENESS OF GENDER EQUITY ISSUES AND NECESSARY ACTIONS, AT ALL LEVELS, TO BRING ABOUT A NEW ETHIC FOR THE GIRL CHILD AND WOMEN.

COMMENT

17. IN A LETTER TO USAID ADMINISTRATOR ATWOOD DATED MAY 2, FIVE FEMALE U.S. SENATORS CITED A DECEMBER 1993 GAO REPORT WHICH SAID THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE STRONG LEADERSHIP AT THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA IN PROMOTING GENDER ISSUES. DR. FOEGE'S STATEMENT WAS WELL RECEIVED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND UNICEF STAFF ALIKE. UNICEF'S WOMEN'S EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT FRAMEWORK WILL GO A LONG WAY TO ADDRESS THE LEADERSHIP VACUUM AT THE UN TO WHICH THE GAO REPORT REFERS. THE BOARD'S DECISION TO ENDORSE THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE POLICY REVIEW AND REQUEST THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY AND GENDER-SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS CLEARLY INDICATES THE BOARD'S INTENTION TO GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO INTEGRATING GIRLS AND WOMEN INTO UNICEF'S OVERALL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES. THE FACT THAT THE ED AND LEADING PROPONENT OF GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT IN UNICEF, JIM GRANT, AND DR. FOEGE, WHOSE STATEMENT WENT RIGHT TO THE HEART OF THE ISSUE (I.E., STOP TALKING AND START ACTING), ARE BOTH AMERICANS SHOULD BE VIEWED AS SOLID EVIDENCE THAT THE U.S. IS PROVIDING STRONG LEADERSHIP AT THE UN IN THIS AREA. END COMMENT.

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- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

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U.S. STATEMENT AT THE 49TH ANNUAL SESSION
1. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS THE TEXT OF THE PRINCIPAL
U.S. STATEMENT, DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR DANIEL SPIEGEL,
ON THE OPENING DAY (APRIL 18) OF THE 49TH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE.
2. BEGIN TEXT OF STATEMENT:
MR. CHAIRMAN AND DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES:
THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS 49TH
SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE. WE WANT
TO EXPRESS OUR PARTICULAR APPRECIATION TO YOU MR.
CHAIRMAN, TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU, TO YOUR
OUTSTANDING NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND DEPUTY EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY, AND TO THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THE ECE
SECRETARIAT FOR THE EXCELLENCE OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR
THIS SESSION. AND WE WELCOME WITH PARTICULAR PLEASURE
ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS, MOST RECENTLY KAZAKHSTAN.
MR. CHAIRMAN, THE ECE'S ORIGINAL MANDATE CALLED FOR THE
ORGANIZATION "TO FACILITATE CONCERTED ACTION FOR THE
ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE, FOR RAISING THE LEVEL
OF EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND FOR MAINTAINING AND
STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES BOTH AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH OTHER COUNTRIES
OF THE WORLD." THE CONTEXT IN 1947 WAS DIFFERENT, BUT
THE MANDATE COULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN YESTERDAY. THE
PRESENT CHALLENGES IN OUR REGION TODAY PRESENT
SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES TO THE ECE TO MAKE PRODUCTIVE
CONTRIBUTIONS.
ALL OF OUR MEMBER STATES CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE ECONOMIC
ADJUSTMENTS AND DIFFICULTIES, WITH SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

FOR BOTH BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND FOR WORKING MEN AND WOMEN. THOSE FOR WHOM LIFE IN A MARKET ECONOMY IS A NEW EXPERIENCE OFTEN FIRST SENSE INSECURITIES, RATHER THAN THE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH COME WITH MAJOR REFORM. INEVITABLY, THE BENEFITS OF REFORM ARE UNEVENLY DISTRIBUTED. BUT REFORM ITSELF IS COMPELLING. IN THE UNITED STATES, OUR ECONOMY TODAY IS STRONGER THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST DECADE -- IN TERMS OF GROWTH, DIMINISHING BUDGET DEFICITS, AND LOW INFLATION. PRESIDENT CLINTON IS PURSUING AN AMBITIOUS INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY AGENDA. IN THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND IN THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND, THE PRESIDENT HAS OVERCOME THE FORCES OF NEO-ISOLATIONISM, THUS ASSURING THAT AMERICA WILL REMAIN AN ANCHOR FOR A GLOBAL SYSTEM OF LIBERAL TRADE. WE HAVE STRENGTHENED AMERICA'S ENDURING LINKS TO EUROPE AS WELL. WE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC AND MARKET-ORIENTED REFORMS THROUGH OUR "SUPPORT FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES" PROGRAMS AND THROUGH HUMANITARIAN AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW INDEPENDENT STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION. THIS YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION IS ASKING CONGRESS TO PROVIDE \$900 MILLION TO SUPPORT REFORM IN THE FORMER SOVIET STATES. ROUGHLY HALF OF THIS AMOUNT WOULD PROMOTE PRIVATIZATION, MARKET AND DEMOCRATIC REFORM IN RUSSIA, AND THE REST WOULD GO TO UKRAINE, KAZAKHSTAN AND THE OTHER NEW INDEPENDENT STATES. WE ARE ASKING AN ADDITIONAL \$380 MILLION FOR THE NEW DEMOCRACIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE. IN ADDITION TO EFFORTS TO WIDEN MARKET ACCESS, WE ARE PROMOTING WESTERN INVESTMENT AND HELPING THESE COUNTRIES STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND ABSORB THE SOCIAL COSTS OF REFORM. MR. CHAIRMAN, MY GOVERNMENT HAS A HIGH REGARD FOR THE ECE, FOR ITS MANDATE, POTENTIAL, PERSONNEL AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. BUT, IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF TRANSFORMATION IN OUR REGION, THE ECE MUST KEEP ITS EFFORTS FOCUSED IN THOSE AREAS WHERE IT HAS A CLEAR COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE. IT MUST BROADEN ITS CAPACITY BY COOPERATING WITH OTHER REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY OTHER UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES. FINALLY, IT MUST FOLLOW THE PATH OF REFORM BEGUN WITH COMMISSION UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 GENEVA 04624

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ECE OVER THE PAST YEAR CAN BE PROUD OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS. IN PARTICULAR, WE NOTE THE ECE'S STRONG CONTRIBUTION TO THE LUCERNE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE "ENVIRONMENT FOR EUROPE." THE TRADE FACILITATION PROGRAM EDIFACT HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS. WORK ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS, VEHICULAR SAFETY, CUSTOMS TREATMENT OF POOL CONTAINERS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS ALSO PROGRESSED WELL. BUT SOME WORK HAS SUFFERED, AS THE TRADE COMMITTEE DISCOVERED LAST MONTH, FROM PROBLEMS OF PRIORITIZATION

AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION. WE SHALL WANT TO LOOK CLOSELY AT RESOURCE ALLOCATION ISSUES DURING THIS SESSION.

MR. CHAIRMAN, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE ECE TODAY IS DEFINITELY NOT A "CLUB" OF WEALTHY AND EVER MORE PROSPEROUS NATION STATES. AND ALL OF US -- NEW AND OLD MEMBERS ALIKE -- HAVE DIFFERING EXPECTATIONS OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS SECRETARIAT.

THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS FURTHER STEPS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION. AND, WE BELIEVE THERE ARE WAYS TO IMPROVE THE ECE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS END, CONSISTENT WITH ECE'S COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES. NO ORGANIZATION SHOULD REMAIN STATIC IN AN ENVIRONMENT AS FLUID AS OUR REGION TODAY, BUT NEITHER SHOULD AN ORGANIZATION ABANDON ITS STRENGTHS.

I NOW WOULD LIKE TO OFFER SOME SUGGESTIONS TO BETTER FOCUS OUR EFFORTS IN THE COMING YEAR:

-- WE FIRST SHOULD ENCOURAGE EACH PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODY TO FIND WAYS TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE TRANSITION COUNTRIES, TO REPORT ON THEIR FINDINGS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION AT OUR NEXT SESSION;

-- WE ALSO SHOULD ENCOURAGE COOPERATION AMONG ECE'S PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES, TO APPROACH THE CHALLENGES OF TRANSITION SYNERGISTICALLY AND TO DEVELOP MORE CAPACITY; AND

-- FINALLY, WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE GREATER COOPERATION AMONG PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS FAMILY IN OUR REGION. WHERE APPROPRIATE, WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT INTEGRATED WORK PLANS, JOINT MEETINGS AND SHARED DATA TO UTILIZE MORE EFFICIENTLY THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE. IN THIS RESPECT, THE ECE'S CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS, IN ITS WORK WITH THE OECD AND EUROSTAT, IS A MODEL FOR OTHER PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF OUR COMMISSION.

EACH OF THESE INITIATIVES CAN FREE UP RESOURCES THAT COULD BE DIRECTED TO THE PRIORITY AREAS OR, TO NEW INITIATIVES FOR THE COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION.

WE ALSO WELCOME IDEAS AND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE CHANGES HE BELIEVES ARE NECESSARY IN THE ECE OVER THIS DECADE. THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT OPPOSE A FRESH REVIEW OF THE "PRIORITY" ACTIVITIES, IF AND WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WERE TO JUDGE SUCH RE-EVALUATION TO BE PRUDENT.

THE ANNUAL SESSION IS OUR FORUM IN WHICH TO EXAMINE THE OVERALL DIRECTION OF THE WORK OF THIS ORGANIZATION. IT IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE TOGETHER AS WELL AS ADDRESS ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS FACING THE ECE. WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO REACH CONSENSUS ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF THIS ORGANIZATION'S LIMITED RESOURCES. THIS MUST BE OUR LODESTAR.

DURING THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE SPECIAL WORKING GROUP IN 1990, THE UNITED STATES ARGUED FOR DISCONTINUING THE ACTIVITIES OF SOME BODIES WHICH NO LONGER SERVE THE PRESSING NEEDS OF OUR REGION. THESE ACTIVITIES WERE NOT TERMINATED. RATHER, THEY HAVE LIMITED STAFF AND MEET UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 GENEVA 04624

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INFREQUENTLY. THE GRADUAL WITHERING AWAY OF THESE
LOW-PRIORITY ACTIVITIES IS ALSO SAPPING RESOURCES FROM
MORE IMPORTANT WORK. WE MUST LOOK AGAIN AT ELIMINATING
THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE OF MARGINAL VALUE.
IN THE MEANTIME, WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE FIVE PRIORITY
AREAS RECEIVE THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO FURTHER THEIR
VITAL WORK FOR THE BENEFIT ALL COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.
WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REITERATE THAT THE ECE SHOULD
PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING, FROM WITHIN EXISTING
RESOURCES, FOR THE CONVENING OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING
FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. WE WOULD ALSO
LIKE TO INVITE ALL ECE MEMBERS STATES TO MAKE VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING.
MR. CHAIRMAN, THE UNITED STATES IS EAGER TO FOSTER
COOPERATION IN OUR REGION. OUR BELIEF IN REGIONAL
COOPERATION FLOWS FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCE AFTER WORLD
WAR II. ONE OF THE CENTRAL FEATURES OF THE MARSHALL
PLAN AND THE INTEGRATION OF WESTERN EUROPE WAS THE
DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION AMONG STATES. IT HELPED TURN
WARY NEIGHBORS INTO STAUNCH ALLIES. WE SEE ECONOMIC
COOPERATION AS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD EUROPE'S BROADER
INTEGRATION. AND WE BELIEVE THAT OUR COMMISSION CAN
MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION.
MEMBERS NEED TO DECIDE NOT ONLY WHAT THEY WANT FROM THE
COMMISSION, BUT WHAT THE COMMISSION IS IN A POSITION TO
PROVIDE. I ENCOURAGE MY FELLOW DELEGATES TO KEEP THAT
CONSIDERATION IN MIND DURING OUR DELIBERATIONS HERE.
THANK YOU.

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SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION

1. THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE) HELD
ITS ANNUAL SESSION APRIL 18-26. THE SESSION FOCUSSED ON
THE ECE'S ROLE IN ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS OF CENTRAL AND
EASTERN EUROPE AND THE FORMER SOVIET UNION, AND ON
INTERNAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES. A MAJOR THEME OF THE
SESSION WAS THE "NEW EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURE," AND HOW TO
INTEGRATE THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES (CEE),
THE NEW INDEPENDENT STATES (NIS) AND REGIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ECE INTO IT. ANOTHER MAJOR THEME
WAS "REFORM FATIGUE" -- THE GROWING PUBLIC DISCONTENT

AND DISILLUSIONMENT IN THE TRANSITION COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIC REFORM AND ITS CONSEQUENCES. USDEL, HEADED BY AMBASSADOR DANIEL SPIEGEL, UNDERLINED BOTH THE NEED FOR ECE TO BECOME MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE TRANSITION COUNTRIES AND U.S. WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER AN EVENTUAL RE-EVALUATION OF THE DESIGNATED ECE AREAS OF PRIORITY ACTIVITY (TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, TRADE FACILITATION AND STATISTICS), SHOULD THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DETERMINE THAT SUCH RE-EVALUATION IS WARRANTED. THE U.S. ALSO ACTIVELY WORKED DURING THE SESSION FOR GREATER SYNERGY AMONG BOTH ECE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND WITHIN THE ECE SECRETARIAT.

2. OVERALL, THE SESSION WAS SATISFACTORY. THE OPENING "POLICY SEGMENT," WHICH INCLUDED NATIONAL STATEMENTS, REVIEW OF ECE ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION (CITS) AND ECE/CSCE COOPERATION WAS WELL-ORGANIZED AND RAN SMOOTHLY. THE "PROGRAM AND COORDINATION SEGMENT," WHICH THEN REVIEWED THE WORK OF EACH ECE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODY (PSB), WAS LESS SUCCESSFUL. AS PART OF AN ONGOING REFORM PROCESS, TRADITIONAL (AND LENGTHY) PRESENTATIONS ON EACH ECE PROGRAM WERE EXCISED FROM THE AGENDA TO ALLOW FOR DISCUSSION AMONG DELEGATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, MOST DELEGATIONS LACKED INSTRUCTIONS (OR AUTHORITY OR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE) TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON MOST OF THE ECE'S TECHNICAL PROGRAMS. THE FORMAT HAD THE UNINTENDED EFFECT OF MAKING THE REVIEW OF ECE ACTIVITIES ANYTHING BUT TRANSPARENT.

3. NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DRAFT DECISIONS SPILLED OVER INTO THE ANNUAL SESSION AND WERE NOT COMPLETED UNTIL THE END. TEN DECISIONS WERE ADOPTED, MOST FOLLOWING THE LINES OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS ON SUCH TOPICS AS THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORT (INCLUDING CONVENING A REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT), AND ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION. THERE WERE SEVERAL NEW TOPICS IN THE DECISIONS, INCLUDING ONE ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN AND ANOTHER INITIATED BY RUSSIA TO PROMOTE THE EXPANSION OF TRADE ("MARKET

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4. ATTENDANCE BY COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION (CITS), THE ECE'S NEWEST MEMBERS AND THE FOCUS OF INCREASING INTEREST, WAS POOR. FROM THE FORMER SOVIET UNION, ONLY RUSSIA, BELARUS AND UKRAINE SENT DELEGATIONS. NONE OF THE BALTIC STATES SENT DELEGATIONS. THE DELEGATIONS FROM SLOVENIA, SLOVAKIA AND CROATIA ATTENDED SPORADICALLY. KEY TO THE POOR ATTENDANCE WAS LACK OF FUNDING FOR TRAVEL. THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION REQUESTED MORE FUNDING FOR CIT DELEGATIONS TO ATTEND ECE MEETINGS. (COMMENT: THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION, BY FAR THE LARGEST, CONSISTED OF 24 MEMBERS -- 14 FROM MOSCOW -- UNDERCUTTING ITS ARGUMENT THAT CITS COULD NOT AFFORD TO SEND DELEGATES TO ECE MEETINGS. HOWEVER, MOST OF THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION HAVE CONSIDERABLE RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS. NEVERTHELESS, A FEW OF THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION DID SEND DELEGATIONS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) ANNUAL SESSION WHICH OVERLAPPED WITH THE ECE MEETING. END COMMENT)

OPENING SESSION AND NATIONAL STATEMENTS

5. IN THEIR NATIONAL STATEMENTS, DELEGATIONS FOCUSSED MAINLY ON CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE (CEE) AND THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES (NIS) OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION. THE DELEGATION FROM THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (FYROM) DECLARED ITS INTENTION IN ITS OPENING NATIONAL STATEMENT TO PRESENT A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE LIFTING OF THE GREEK ECONOMIC EMBARGO AGAINST FYROM, BUT THE RESOLUTION NEVER MATERIALIZED.

6. ECE CHAIRMAN LUDWIK DEMBINSKI (POLAND) STARTED THE SESSION WITH A CALL TO EXPAND ECE INTO SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ANALYSES, ARGUING THAT ECE'S PRIOR NARROW FOCUS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES ALONE HAD NOT PRODUCED EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF TRANSITION. THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT AN EXPANSION OF ECE FOCUS WOULD TAKE ECE A BIT BEYOND ITS CHARTER, BUT HE SAID THIS COULD BE JUSTIFIED UNDER A MORE EXPANSIVE DEFINITION OF "ECONOMIC."

7. THE NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, YVES BERTHELOT, NOTED TWO PHENOMENA OCCURRING IN THE ECE REGION: THE GROWTH OF SUB-REGIONAL GROUPS (E.G., THE BLACK SEA COUNCIL) AND THE EXISTENCE OF THREE ECONOMIC/SOCIAL PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT THE REGION: HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, AGING POPULATIONS, AND THE DIFFICULTY OF ADJUSTMENT TO BOTH THE WORLD ECONOMY AND THE EU ECONOMIC SPHERE.

8. FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT: THERE WAS BROAD AGREEMENT UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 10 GENEVA 04696
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AMONG DELEGATIONS ABOUT THE NEED FOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT,
BUT THE CIT STATES REACTED SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVELY TO THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S OPENING REMARKS ON THIS TOPIC. BERTHELOT
SAID UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT "FOLLOWS
REFORM AND DOES NOT PRECEDE IT," AND THAT THE CITS WITH THE
MOST FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT WERE "STABLE, REFORM-MINDED"
STATES. APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE, UKRAINE, ROMANIA AND RUSSIA
DEFENDED THEIR INVESTMENT CLIMATES AT GREAT LENGTH.

9. PRIVATIZATION: THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NOTED THAT
PRIVATIZATION IS ADVANCED IN SERVICES, BUT LAGS IN
MANUFACTURING AND OTHER LARGE, STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES.
BERTHELOT ALSO NOTED THAT ANY PRIVATIZATION LIKELY WILL FAIL IF
IT IS NOT PART OF AN OVERALL INDUSTRIAL PLAN AND CARRIED OUT AS
AN INTRINSIC PART OF A MAJOR STRUCTURAL REFORM. FEW
DELEGATIONS MENTIONED PRIVATIZATION, EXCEPT TO DESCRIBE ONGOING
PROGRAMS. HUNGARY NOTED THAT IN ITS EXPERIENCE, THE MAIN
EFFICIENCY FACTORS IN PRIVATIZATION WERE SPEED, COORDINATION
WITH NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL POLICIES, AND EFFECTIVE, ORDERLY
FOLLOW-THROUGH TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF
PRIVATIZATION.

10. ECE NORMS AND STANDARDS: THERE WAS MUCH BACK-PATTING
OVER THE ECE'S WORK ON STANDARDS, PROTOCOLS AND CONVENTIONS.
ALL DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING THE U.S.) SPOKE VERY HIGHLY OF ECE'S
WORK IN THIS AREA, AND SEVERAL SAID THIS SHOULD REMAIN ONE OF
ECE'S NICHES IN ANY RESTRUCTURING OF ORGANIZATION FUNCTIONS.
SEVERAL WESTERN DELEGATIONS CALLED FOR CITS TO ADOPT ECE
CONVENTIONS, AND SEVERAL CITS LISTED OUT THE ECE CONVENTIONS
AND PROTOCOLS THEY EITHER SUBSCRIBED TO OR WERE IN THE PROCESS
OF JOINING. THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION HARGUED THAT NON-COMPLIANCE
WITH ECE CONVENTIONS WAS A TRADE BARRIER AND SHOULD BE TREATED
AS SUCH WITHIN THE REGION.

COOPERATION WITH CSCE

11. THERE WAS BROAD SUPPORT FOR THE ECE SECRETARIAT TO
COORDINATE WITH THE CSCE SECRETARIAT ON SIMILAR WORK,
PARTICULARLY SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS TO ASSIST CITS. EMPHASIS
HERE WAS ON AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF EFFORT GIVEN SCARCE
RESOURCES TO FUND SEMINARS BY EITHER ORGANIZATION. NORWAY
SUPPORTED ECE COORDINATION NOT ONLY WITH CSCE, BUT WITH ALL
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE REGION. THE SECRETARIAT
SAID MEMBER GOVERNMENTS MUST DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT ECE AND CSCE
TO DO, OR THERE WOULD BE DUPLICATION DUE TO OVERLAPPING
MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES. FINLAND NOTED AN "UNFORTUNATE"
LACK OF FOCUS ON CONCRETE ACTIONS IN CSCE ECONOMIC FORUM, WHICH
IT SUGGESTED MIGHT BE AIDED BY THE ECE'S GREATER EXPERTISE.
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NOTED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF CSCE AND
ECE WERE NOW NEARLY IDENTICAL, AND THAT THE EXPANSION OF CSCE
INTO ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CREATED THE POSSIBILITY OF OVERLAP AND

DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS.

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12. GENERALLY, THE EAST ATTACKED AND THE WEST DEFENDED ITS POLICIES OF AID TO CITS. RUSSIA SPOKE OF A "GROWING GAP BETWEEN WESTERN RHETORIC AND REALITY" ON ASSISTANCE. RUSSIA SAID THERE WAS TOO LITTLE AID, GIVEN IN SUCH A DISORGANIZED FASHION IT CAUSED DUPLICATION OF PROGRAMS, AND THE AID WAS TOO SLOW IN ARRIVING. WESTERN COUNTRIES RESPONDED THAT REGARDLESS OF AID, CIT PROBLEMS WOULD ONLY BE RESOLVED WITH THE RIGHT POLICY MIX, AND WITH ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN WESTERN MARKETS.

13. ATTEMPTING TO SHOW HOW GOOD THEY WERE TO THE CITS, AUSTRIA ANNOUNCED IT PROVIDED A GREATER SHARE OF GNP IN ASSISTANCE TO CITS THAN ANY OTHER ECE MEMBER, WHILE THE EUROPEAN UNION SAID IT TOOK 30 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF EXPORTS THAT THE UNITED STATES DID FROM THE CITS.

14. THE ONLY CONSENSUS REACHED ON THIS ISSUE WAS ON THE NEED TO USE AN "INTEGRATED" OR "SYNERGISTIC" APPROACH TO BOTH AID AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION. USDEL AND SWISS DEL PROPOSED SIMILAR APPROACHES IN THEIR NATIONAL STATEMENTS, AND RUSSIAN AND UKRAINIAN DELEGATIONS RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THE IDEA. THE RUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN AND BELARUS DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED ESTABLISHING AN AID COORDINATOR POSITION WITHIN ECE. THE USDEL SAID IT WELCOMED SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON THE CHANGES IN THE ECE THE CIT BELIEVE ARE NECESSARY TO BETTER MEET THEIR NEEDS. USDEL ALSO MADE THE POINT IN ITS NATIONAL STATEMENT THAT IT WOULD NOT OPPOSE A FRESH REVIEW OF ECE'S PRIORITY ACTIVITIES IF AND WHEN BERTHELOT JUDGED SUCH RE-EVALUATION TO BE PRUDENT. AFTER THE U.S. INTERVENTION, THE HEAD OF THE RUSSIAN DEL PRODUCED A COMPLETE TEXT OF HIS NATIONAL STATEMENT IN ENGLISH WHICH INCLUDED SEVERAL CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS (FAXED TO IO/E - DE LAURENTIS).

MARKET ACCESS

15. HERE AGAIN, WESTERN COUNTRIES WERE ON THE DEFENSIVE AGAINST EASTERN ATTACKS. WESTERN COUNTRIES ARGUED THAT THE FORMATION OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND WESTERN ECONOMIC RECOVERY WERE THE TWO BEST HOPES FOR INCREASED MARKET ACCESS BY CITS. IN ITS "NATIONAL" STATEMENT, THE EUROPEAN UNION TRIED TO

ARGUE THAT MARKET ACCESS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE ECE TRADE COMMITTEE, BUT THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION INTERVENED TO POINT OUT THAT THEY TRIED TO RAISE THIS AT THE LAST TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING AND WERE TOLD THE ISSUE HAD TO BE RAISED AT THE ECE ANNUAL SESSION.

16. RUSSIA LED THE ASSAULT ON ALLEGEDLY CLOSED WESTERN MARKETS, ATTACKING BOTH QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND "COLD WAR LAWS AND ANTI-DUMPING RESTRICTIONS" WHICH PREVENT THEM FROM SELLING WHAT THEY CAN PRODUCE. THE RUSSIANS DIRECTLY LINKED MARKET ACCESS TO CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC REFORMS, ARGUING CLOSED MARKETS UNDERMINED PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR INTEGRATION WITH THE WORLD ECONOMY. FINLAND ARGUED ALSO THAT LACK OF ACCESS THREATENED POPULAR SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC REFORM.

ECE ECONOMIC SURVEY

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17. ALL DELEGATIONS ACCEPTED THE ACCURACY OF THE DESCRIPTIONS AND STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM IN THE CITS. UKRAINE TOOK ISSUE WITH STATEMENT THAT THERE WAS "NO HOPE" FOR RADICAL REFORM IN UKRAINE, WHILE AGREEING WITH THE SURVEY'S DESCRIPTION OF UKRAINE'S ECONOMY.

18. DELEGATES ARGUED WITH THE SECRETARIAT STAFF OVER STATEMENTS IN THE SURVEY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AT START OF TRANSITION PROCESS IN REACHING CURRENT ADVANCED STATUS. SWEDEN ATTACKED THIS PORTION OF SURVEY AS DENIGRATING THE IMPORTANCE OF RAPID AND RADICAL REFORMS. THE SECRETARIAT REPLIED IT HAD NOT INTENDED TO SAY STARTING POSITION WAS THE SOLE OR EVEN THE MAIN DETERMINANT OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS TODAY, BUT FELT IT WAS A LEGITIMATE FACTOR IN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS.

19. ALL DELEGATES WHO ADDRESSED THE ISSUE AGREED THAT THE SURVEY'S DIVISION OF CITS INTO "ADVANCED" AND "OTHER" GROUPS WAS A REFLECTION OF REALITY AND SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. HUNGARY, ONE OF THE "ADVANCED" GROUP, INTERVENED TO SAY THAT "AS ONE OF THE SO-CALLED ADVANCED COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION," HUNGARY STILL HAD A LONG WAY TO GO IN ITS REFORMS. THE POLISH DELEGATION, IN A LATER INTERVENTION, SIMILARLY SAID THAT POLAND HAD ONLY BEGUN THE ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION PROCESS.

ROUNDTABLE ON ROLE OF ENTERPRISE IN EUROPEAN SOCIETIES

20. OFFICIALS FROM RUSSIA, HUNGARY, BELGIUM AND GERMANY PARTICIPATED IN A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE ROLE OF THE ENTERPRISE IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN SOCIETIES. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED GUENNADY MELIKIAN, MINISTER OF LABOUR OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION; LASZLO FODOR, GENERAL DIRECTOR, WALLIS HOLDING LTD., BUDAPEST; AND TWO WESTERN ACADEMICS: ALEXIS JACQUEMIN OF THE UNIVERSITE CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN AND HEIRICH VOGEL, DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR RUSSIAN, EASTERN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, COLOGNE, GERMANY. THE PRESENTATIONS FOCUSED ON THE COMPLEX INTERPLAY OF PROBLEMS RELATING TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN TRANSITION COUNTRIES.

21. THE CONTENT OF THE ROUNDTABLE WAS UNDISTINGUISHED, THE DISCUSSION MINIMAL AND THE TIMING (FRIDAY AFTERNOON) EVEN WORSE. MOST DELEGATIONS RECOGNIZED THE EXERCISE AS A TIME FILLER FOR ECE STAFF TO FINALIZE DOCUMENTATION. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BERTHELOT OPENED THE PROGRAM WITH A NUMBING FORTY-FIVE MINUTE LECTURE ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF PRIVATIZATION. THOSE WHO REMAINED AWAKE THROUGH THE ORDEAL SAW A CERTAIN IRONY TO A PANEL OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS LECTURING TO OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ABOUT THE NEEDS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

REVIEW OF ECE ACTIVITIES

22. TWO DAYS WERE DEVOTED TO REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION'S PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES (PSBS) AND SECRETARIAT. THIS PART OF THE ANNUAL SESSION -- THE PROGRAM UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 10 GENEVA 04696
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AND COORDINATION SEGMENT -- WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. THE FIRST PART (VERTICAL SESSION) FOCUSED ON THE WORK OF EACH COMMISSION SUBPROGRAMME (E.G. TRANSPORT, TRADE FACILITATION, ETC). MOST DELEGATIONS WERE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE TECHNICAL AND SPECIALIZED ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE THE ECE'S FORTE AND WHICH PSB CHAIRPERSONS HAD COME PREPARED TO ADDRESS. A FEW DELEGATIONS MADE GENERAL STATEMENTS BUT THERE WAS NO REAL DISCUSSION. WHERE APPROPRIATE, USDEL RAISED SPECIFIC ISSUES AND CONCERNS REGARDING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES (E.G. ECE LEADERSHIP ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE CIT, CODEX/ECE RELATIONS, AND TRADE FACILITATION). USDEL ALSO HAMMERED AWAY ON THE ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED BY BETTER COORDINATION WITHIN THE ECE AND WITH OTHER REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; AND ON THE NEED TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE PRIORITY AREAS EVEN IF IT MEANS

DISCONTINUING LOW-PRIORITY PROGRAMS.

23. THE SECOND PART OF THE SEGMENT (HORIZONTAL SESSION) ADDRESSED "CROSS SECTORAL ISSUES." THESE INCLUDED ECE COORDINATION OF ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION, THE FEASIBILITY OF CONVENING A REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT (SEE PARA 27), ECE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. AGAIN, THERE WAS LITTLE EXTEMPORANEOUS DISCUSSION. DELEGATIONS, FOR THE MOST PART, FOLLOWED THEIR PREPARED SCRIPTS.

DRAFT DECISIONS: PREPARATION PROCEFI NEEDS REFORM

24. NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED ON DRAFT DECISIONS THROUGHOUT THE ANNUAL SESSION. THIS PARALLEL SESSION WAS UNPLANNED AND UPSETTING TO MOST DELEGATIONS WHOSE MEMBERS WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM PLENARY PROCEEDINGS. WITH THE CHAIRMAN'S SUPPORT, USDEL MADE A STRONG INTERVENTION AT THE END OF THE ANNUAL SESSION ON THE NEED TO REFORM THE PROCESS BY WHICH DRAFT DECISIONS ARE ELABORATED. VIRTUALLY ALL DECISIONS INCLUDED LANGUAGE ON THE NEED FOR COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITHIN THE ECE AND WITH OTHER REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE OPTIMAL USE OF EXISTING RESOURCES AND TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF WORK. THE FOLLOWING WERE AMONG THE DECISIONS ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL SESSION.

OMNIBUS DECISION ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION

25. THE COMMISSION ADOPTED AN OMNIBUS DECISION (PREPARED BY THE EU) ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS FUTURE ACTIVITIES WHICH REAFFIRMED THE ECE'S COMMITMENT TO REFORM DECISIONS FROM THE RESUMED 45TH SESSION IN 1990 -- DECISIONS O(45) AND P(45). THE ECE ALSO REQUESTED ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN THEIR WORK THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE RELEVANT CSCE DOCUMENTS AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO FOLLOW-UP ON THE CSCE ECONOMIC FORUM. THIS DECISION ALSO INCLUDES A REFERENCE TO UNGA RESOLUTIONS 47/166 AND 48/204 ON INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION TO ALLEVIATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF WAR IN CROATIA AND TO FACILITATE ITS RECOVERY. CROATIA AGREED TO FORGO A SEPARATE DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT.

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26. THE DECISION ALSO CALLS ON THE ECE TO HOLD A MEETING OF EXPERTS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A SCHEDULED ECE MEETING ON

PROPOSALS FOR A POSSIBLE EUROPEAN INDUSTRY CHARTER, AS WELL AS THE FEASIBILITY OF ARRANGING A EUROPEAN FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. USDEL SUCCEEDED IN NEGOTIATING A SCALED-BACK VERSION OF THIS HUNGARIAN INITIATIVE. HUNGARY AGREED TO FORGO A SEPARATE DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT.

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

27. THE DECISION (PREPARED BY THE NETHERLANDS) CALLS ON ALL ECE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES "TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"; CALLS ON MEMBER STATES, AS APPROPRIATE, TO CONSIDER RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION TO FOUR ECE ENVIRONMENTAL CONVENTIONS; ENDORSES THE CREATION BY THE ECE OF A WORKING GROUP OF SENIOR GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TO SERVE AS THE CENTRAL COORDINATING BODY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE "ENVIRONMENT FOR EUROPE" PROGRAM AND TO OVERSEE THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE LUCERNE CONFERENCE AND THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEXT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN SOFIA; WELCOMES THE DECISION BY THE LUCERNE CONFERENCE TO DEVELOP AND GRADUALLY EXTEND, IN COOPERATION WITH THE ECE, THE OECD ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW PROGRAMME TO CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND INVITES THE ECE TO PROGRESSIVELY INCREASE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA.

28. FINALLY, THE DECISION INCORPORATES EXPLICIT LANGUAGE CALLING ON THE ECE'S INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY TO COOPERATE IN THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE WORK PLANS.

ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

29. MALTA AGAIN SPONSORED A DECISION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IN LIGHT OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE. THE DECISION CALLS FOR FURTHER ECE EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE MEDITERRANEAN ECOSYSTEM; CALLS ON THE SECRETARIAT TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES ON COOPERATION IN THE AREA; CALLS FOR CONTINUING ECE COOPERATION WITH OTHER RELEVANT UN ENTITIES AND WELCOMES UPCOMING MEETINGS ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION.

ECE ACTIVITIES FOR COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION

30. THE COMMISSION AGAIN APPROVED A RUSSIAN/ROMANIAN-SPONSORED DECISION ON ASSISTING COUNTRIES OF THE REGION IN TRANSITION TO A MARKET ECONOMY AND THEIR INTEGRATION WITH THE EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL ECONOMY. THE DECISION CALLS FOR THE CREATION OF A LIST OF EXPERTS ON THE PROBLEMS OF PRIVATIZATION AND OF TRANSITION OF DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS TO MARKET CONDITIONS AND FOR THE CONTINUATION OF WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS ON THESE ISSUES; INVITES CLOSER COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES WITH THE OECD, CSCE, EBRD, UNDP, UNCTAD, AND THE WORLD BANK; INVITES UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 10 GENEVA 04696
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POTENTIAL DONORS TO THE ECE TRUST FUND FOR ASSISTING COUNTRIES
IN TRANSITION TO HELP FINANCE ECE WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS; AND
RECOMMENDS THAT THE ECE FACILITATE AN EXCHANGE AMONG THE
COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION OF THEIR EXPERIENCES IN MOVING TO
MARKET-ORIENTED ECONOMIES.

MARKET ACCESS

31. RUSSIA DRAFTED A DECISION ON PROMOTING THE EXPANSION OF
TRADE FOR PRODUCTS FROM THE COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION IN
INTERNATIONAL MARKETS. THIS DECISION PROVOKED THE LIVELIEST
DEBATES DURING THE DRAFTING PROCESS, MOSTLY BETWEEN THE
RUSSIANS, WHO WANTED EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE PROBLEMS OF
MARKET ACCESS, AND THE EU, WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES PREFERRED TO
FOCUS ON THE CONCEPT OF "COMPETITIVITY." THE CONSENSUS
DECISION URGES MEMBERS STATES TO EXAMINE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE
CIT FOR PROMOTING THE EXPANSION OF TRADE, INCLUDING
IMPROVEMENTS IN MARKET ACCESS AND IN MARKET COMPETITIVENESS;
AND REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO PREPARE A STUDY ON WAYS
OF PROMOTING THE EXPANSION OF TRADE AMONG THE COUNTRIES IN
TRANSITION.

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT

32. GERMANY, ON BEHALF OF THE EU, AGAIN THIS YEAR DRAFTED
THE TRANSPORT DECISION. THE COMPREHENSIVE DECISION INTER ALIA
CALLS FOR A REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT IN
1996 UNDER ECE AUSPICES WITH THE FIRST PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
MEETING TO BE HELD IN JUNE 1994; ENDORSES PREPARATIONS FOR THE
SECOND EUROPEAN ROAD SAFETY WEEK IN SPRING 1995; REITERATES
WORK UNDERTAKEN TO UPDATE THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE
CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY INLAND WATERWAYS (ADN) AND URGES
CONTINUED WORK ON RESTRUCTURING OF THE ANNEXES TO THE
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD (ADR);
ENCOURAGES SIGNATURE OF A NEW CONVENTION ON CUSTOMS TREATMENT
OF POOL CONTAINERS; UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT ROAD AND RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE (TEM AND
TER); SUPPORTS THE ONGOING WORK ON THE REVISION OF THE 1958
AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM CONDITIONS OF
APPROVAL AND RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF APPROVAL FOR MOTOR
VEHICLE EQUIPMENT AND PARTS AND EXPRESSES THE VIEW THAT THE
REVISION BE FINALIZED IN 1994; AND CALLS UPON THE INLAND
TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO INTENSIFY ITS ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST CITS
IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC REFORMS IN ALL INLAND
TRANSPORT SECTORS, INCLUDING PRIVATIZATION, THE ADAPTATION OF
RESPECTIVE LEGISLATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT
INFRASTRUCTURE INTERLINKED AND COMPATIBLE WITH OTHER EUROPEAN
NETWORKS.

33. OTHER DECISIONS INCLUDED THE ECE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE

PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, A UKRAINIAN-SPONSORED DECISION ON THE ECE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN AND AN ACCOMPANYING RUSSIAN DECLARATION ON THE SAME ISSUE. USDEL WAS SUCCESSFUL IN DELETING REFERENCE TO THE EUROPEAN UNION FROM THE UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 10 GENEVA 04696
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LANGUAGE F THE DECISION. THE USDEL OPINED THAT THERE WAS N PARTICULAR REASON FOR THE ECE TO STRESS COORDINATION WITH THE EU AND NOT WITH THE ECE'S MEMBERSTATES ON A MATTER INVOLVING THE IMPLEMENTATIONOF THE UN CHARTER.

BUREAU ELECTION

34. DELEGATIONS, LED BY THE EU, RUSSIA AND THE US, REACHED CONSENSUS EASILY TO RE-ELECT THE CURRENT BUREAU. POLISH AMBASSADOR DEMBINSKI, WHO BECAME CHAIRMAN IN NOVEMBER 1993 UPON THE RESIGNATION OF BERNARD MIYET (FRANCE), HAD INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO REMAIN CHAIR FOR A FULL YEAR TERM. ROMULUS NEAGU (ROMANIA), CHRISTER MANHUSEN (SWEDEN) AND ULRICH ROSENGARTEN (GERMANY) WILL CONTINUE AS VICE-CHAIRMEN. SINCE FILLING THE BUREAU IS ALSO A MATTER OF FINDING AMBASSADORS WILLING TO TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY, THE U.S. DID NOT OBJECT TO THE VICE CHAIRS CONTINUING FOR A SECOND YEAR IN THE BUREAU, WHICH ALSO ADDS AN ELEMENT OF CONTINUITY TO THE MEMBER'S OVERSIGHT OF THE SECRETARIAT. USDEL INDICATED IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS THAT IT REMAINS OPPOSED TO ALTERNATING THE ECE CHAIR BETWEEN "EAST" AND "WEST" IN THE FUTURE.

COMMENT

35. EUROPEAN UNION: THE EU'S INCREASING INFLUENCE OVER WESTERN EUROPEAN MEMBER STATES IN ECE PROCEEDINGS IS STRIKING. FEW MEMBER STATES MADE INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL STATEMENTS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE UK, FEW WESTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS MADE ANY INTERVENTIONS AT ALL. THE EU LEADS ON DRAFT DECISION NEGOTIATIONS, ESPECIALLY DURING EXPERT-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS. OVERALL, THE PRINCIPAL ACTORS IN MOST PROCEEDINGS ARE NOW THE EU, US AND RUSSIA. OTHER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY AUSTRIA AND THE NORDICS, ENGAGE ONLY ON AN ISSUE-SPECIFIC BASIS. ONCE THEY JOIN THE EU, THE DYNAMIC WILL SHIFT FURTHER IN FAVOR OF THE EU. THE USDEL FOUND ITSELF THROUGHOUT THE DRAFTING PROCESS CONTINUALLY WORKING TO DELETE UNNECESSARY AND NUMEROUS EXPLICIT

REFERENCES TO THE "EUROPEAN UNION" THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS TEXTS.

36. RUSSIA: THE 24-MEMBER DELEGATION FIELDDED BY RUSSIA DWARFED ALL OTHERS. IT ALSO WAS NOT PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE IN THE CORRIDORS. THE PRINCIPAL RUSSIAN SUCCESS AT THE SESSION WAS TO TABLE AND ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON A DRAFT DECISION DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS OF MARKET ACCESS AND MARKET COMPETITIVENESS FOR CITS (SEE PARA 31). BUT, THIS WAS NEGOTIATED IN THE EXPERT-LEVEL, PARALLEL SESSION, IN WHICH THE VISITING DELEGATION DID NOT PARTICIPATE. MEANWHILE, IN THE PLENARY, THE DONOR-DONEE DYNAMIC CONTINUES, WITH RUSSIA LEADING CIT CHARGE FOR MORE ASSISTANCE. UNFORTUNATELY, WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OTHER NEW INDEPENDENT STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION, THE DEBATE ON INCREASING ECE ASSISTANCE TO THE CITS BECOMES SKEWED AND RUSSIAN CONCERNS SOUND SHRILL AND SELF-SERVING.

37. REFORM: REFORMS INITIATED IN 1990 WITH DECISION O(45) TO PRIORITIZE AND STREAMLINE ECE ACTIVITIES ARE NOW FULLY IMPLEMENTED. THE 49TH SESSION WAS THE FIRST TO BENEFIT FULLY

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SUBJECT: UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE):

FROM ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO BETTER PREPARE, SHORTEN AND TO STREAMLINE THE ANNUAL SESSION, WHICH WERE DESIGNED BY THE SWISS ECE CHAIR IN 1992-93. THE MEETING IS BETTER STRUCTURED, PARTICULARLY IN INCREASING THE COMMISSION'S REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE INCREASED TRANSPARENCY PREVENTED A MEMBER OF THE BUREAU OF THE TIMBER COMMITTEE FROM SLIPPING THROUGH A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MEETING TIME IN 1994 IN ORDER TO HANDLE SOME UNCED FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, MOST DELEGATIONS ARE NOT PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES OF MOST PSBS IN A FORMAL SETTING. MOST FALL BACK ON PREPARED TEXTS AND NO POLICY DISCUSSION TAKES SHAPE. THE RESULT IS THAT THE SESSIONS BUILT IN TO THE AGENDA FOR A FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS FEELS CONTRIVED, EVEN AWKWARD, WITH MOMENTS OF DEAFENING SILENCE.

38. THE 50TH ANNUAL SESSION IS SCHEDULED APRIL 3-11, 1995.

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