



GROUP OF FIFTEEN
The Summit Level of Developing Countries

THIRD MEETING OF THE
MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GROUP OF FIFTEEN
Geneva, 6 February 1992

SUMMARY RECORDS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Meeting was Chaired by H. E. Mr. Djibo Laity Ka, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senegal. A list of delegates appears as Annex A.

Opening the Meeting, the Chairman welcomed all delegates and introduced the Director General of the United Nations, Mr. Jan Martenson whom he thanked for the facilities provided by the UN for the holding of this Meeting. The Chairman emphasized the importance of the subject under discussion and stressed that the UN system and the UN family must continue to play an important role in the creation of the New World Order and in the search for peaceful solutions to world problems. The G-15 itself intends to play an active role in this regard and to the fostering of an international dialogue aimed at achieving global peace and security.

Mr. Martenson, in his reply, thanked the Chairman, and assured the Group of his organization's fullest support. He welcomed the exemplary contribution being made by the G-15 towards closer South-South cooperation and the enhancing of an international dialogue aimed at achieving global peace and development. The Director-General emphasized the importance of the inter-related aspects of Human Rights, Democracy and Development in light of the unprecedented changes taking place today in the world. The Right to Development is a fundamental human right and development itself should not be measured in monetary terms alone but in terms of the quality of human life which is determined by social justice as well.

The Chairman thanked the Director General and proceeded to the matters at hand. The Draft Agenda was reviewed briefly and adopted.

Item 1. Summary Record of the Chairman of the Tenth Meeting of Personal Representatives of the Heads of State (DOC/FM/92/1/I)

- I. The Chairman referred to the above document which was provided as background information for the Meeting.

Item 2. Report of the Seventh Meeting of the Steering Committee, in particular, the Preliminary Draft for Position Paper of the Group of Fifteen on the New World Order (DOC/FM/92/1/III)

- I. The Chairman stated that in compliance with instructions given by the Heads of State/Government at the Caracas Summit, Senegal had prepared a "Preliminary Draft for Position Paper of the Group of Fifteen on the New World Order" for circulation to Members of the Group. This draft had been discussed and revised first by the Permanent Representatives of the Steering Committee in Geneva and subsequently by the Steering Committee itself at its last meeting in New York on 30 January 1992. This document had now to be adopted by the Foreign Ministers of the Group before being placed before the Heads of State/Government prior to being public.
- II. The Meeting congratulated the Chairman for an excellent draft which contained most points of substance and interest and provided a good basis for the formulation of a final document.
- III. A few clarifications were sought as to the objective and purpose of the document in question. In this regard, it was agreed that the document constituted both a Declaration and a Position Paper and would necessarily reflect the Group's views on the current and future state of the world and trends in international relations together with concerted positions on specific items of interest and concern to member Countries.
- IV. It was agreed that the final version should be concise, focussed and action-oriented. It should, by necessity, reflect the principles agreed to at the Caracas Summit, but must also take into consideration international developments that have taken place since then, particularly the Summit Level Meeting of the UN Security Council of 31 January 1992. For purposes of achieving the maximum profile, it was agreed that the final document should be given the widest dissemination possible.
- V. The draft document was discussed comprehensively. General comments on the language and structure of the document were followed by detailed suggestions on its substantive aspects. It was agreed that drafting suggestions would be provided by delegations in writing, to the TSF for incorporation in the document.
- VI. The Chairman informed the Meeting that the document would, once again, be reviewed by the Permanent Representatives of the Steering Committee in Geneva on the following Monday before being sent to Member-Country Missions in Geneva for forwarding to their Capitals. Responses should be sent to Dakar, Senegal no later than two weeks from the date of the document being received by Missions in Geneva. Following the receipt of responses from Member-Country Capitals, the document will be finalized and distributed by H. E. Abdou Diouf, the President of Senegal on behalf of all G-15 Heads of States/Government.

Item 3. Programme and calendar of activities of the G-15 for 1992 (DOC/FM/92/1/I)

- I. The Chairman informed the Meeting of the decision taken by the Steering Committee in New York with regard to dates for the holding of subsequent Meetings of the Steering Committee in 1992. The date of 26 September was proposed for the holding of the next G-15 Foreign Ministers Meeting New York to coincide with the Annual Meeting of the

United Nations General Assembly. The proposed calendar of Meetings of the Personal Representatives of Heads of State/Government was reviewed briefly. The dates for the holding of the Third Summit will be communicated to other Heads of State/Government by H. E. President Diouf.

Item 4. Any other business

- I. The Meeting was referred to the decisions taken by the Heads of State/Governemtn at their retreat in Guri, Venezuela during the last Summit (DOC/FM/921/V) and, in particular, to the decision regarding the appointment of a Coordinator for the TSF. Positive and urgent action on this matter was required if the Caracas mandate was to be fulfilled.
- II. The Chairman informed the Meeting that Mr. Muchkund Dubey had been proposed and accepted as the most suitable candidate and had the necessary experience, capabilities and negotiating skills to be effective in this post. The Meeting was also informed of a letter written by Mwalimu Julius Nyerere to H. E. President Diouf, suggesting that Mr. Dubey should be appointed as Coordinator of the TSF on the same basis as the former Secretary-General of the South Commission.
- III. The Chairman stated that H. E. President Diouf would be writing to Mr. Dubey shortly. Mr. Dubey's rank and duration of contract would, however, be dependent on budgetary factors. In this regard, the Meeting was referred to the agreement reached in Guri for the payment of annual contributions of US\$200,000 each by Member Countries. The recent contributions made by Jamaica (US\$20,000) and Mexico (US\$60,000) were welcomed.
- IV. The Meeting took note of decisions contained in the Caracas Communiqué for the convening of two other Meetings namely:
 - Meeting of G-15 Economic Experts on Primary Commodities.
 - Meeting of Financial experts on Debt.
- V. While it was agreed that the Permanent Representatives of Member Countries in Geneva could decide on dates for the convening of the Experts Meeting on Commodities, the Indonesian delegation informed the Meeting that arrangements were being made for the holding of the latter Meeting in Jakarta in the third week of May, 1992.
- VI. The Malaysian delegation informed the Meeting that Mr. Salleh Masduki had been appointed as Executive director of SITTDEC and invited other Members of the Group to suggest names for Directors and Alternate Directors to be appointed to the Board.
- VII. The Malaysian delegation also infomed those present that a Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development was being convened in Kuala Lumpur on 27 April 1992 and requested that the G-15 make a special effort to be represented in full.
- VIII. A Press Conference of Ministerial delegates to this Meeting was scheduled for 17:00 hours.
