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at 5.30 p.m.

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## SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 10th MEETING

Chairman: Mr. SALIM (President of the General Assembly)

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The meeting was called to order at 5.30 p.m.

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1. The CHAIRMAN said that he had asked for a suspension of the meeting of the plenary Assembly that was in progress in order to discuss the future conduct of its work with the General Committee.
2. Unfortunately, although the end of the calendar year 1979 had been reached, the obligation of the General Assembly to elect five non-permanent Security Council members for the next two years remained undischarged, notwithstanding major efforts by all concerned. Thus, when the Security Council held its first meeting in 1980, it would not have its full complement of members unless further action by the General Assembly changed that situation. All were aware that an important Security Council meeting was scheduled for 7 January 1980. In view of the General Assembly's important Charter responsibility, it might be helpful to have a further round of voting in the plenary Assembly before the Security Council itself convened.
3. He thought the best course of action would be to propose, at the meeting of the plenary Assembly that was about to resume, that the General Assembly should recess for a few days to give serious consideration to the experience thus far accumulated, and that there should be further balloting on Friday morning and afternoon, 4 January, to be continued if necessary on Monday, 7 January, as well. The General Assembly could then consider recessing for two to three weeks before resuming to deal with the situation.
4. He said that he would take it, if he heard no objections, that the General Committee concurred with his tentative recommendations.
5. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 5.35 p.m.