ing" in the draft title prepared by the working group.

36.   The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed to the title proposed by the working group in document A/C.6/L.975.

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 104

Inclusion of Arabic among the official and working languages of the General Assembly, its committees and sub-committees

37.   The CHAIRMAN said the only item that remained to be discussed was agenda item 104. The Fifth Committee would not be considering the matter until the following week. He would therefore ask the Vice-Chairman to convene a further meeting of the Sixth Committee if and when it should be necessary in the light of action taken by the Fifth Committee.

38.   After an exchange of courtesies, the CHAIRMAN declared that the Sixth Committee had completed its work for the twenty-eighth session, subject to the above consideration.

The meeting rose at 12.45 p.m.

1459th meeting

Monday, 17 December 1973, at 11.10 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. Sergio GONZÁLEZ GÁLVEZ (Mexico).

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In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Shitta-Bey (Nigeria), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

AGENDA ITEM 104

Inclusion of Arabic among the official and working languages of the General Assembly, its committees and sub-committees *(concluded)* **(A/C.6/426, A/C.6/ L.976, A/C.6/L.977)**

1.   Mr. YASSEEN (Iraq), introducing draft resolution A/C.6/L.977 on behalf of the sponsors, noted that the Fifth Committee had already recommended that the General Assembly should decide to include Arabic among the official and working languages of the General Assembly (see A/9464, para. 5). That recommendation took into account the role that Arabic had played in the process of culture and civilization, and gave due recognition to the speakers of Arabic throughout the world. The draft resolution which he introduced spoke for itself, and he commended it for unanimous approval by the Committee.

2.   The CHAIRMAN announced that Albania had been omitted from the list of original sponsors of the draft resolution, and that Australia, the Niger and Spain also wished to be listed among the sponsors. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed to adopt draft resolution A/C.6/L.977 by consensus.

It was so decided.

3.   Mr. ROSENNE (Israel) said that, if the draft resolution had been put to the vote, his delegation would have formulated its reservations by means of an abstention. Furthermore, his delegation's reservations extended to the basic decision of principle adopted by the Fifth Committee in draft resolution A/C.5/ L.1156. His delegation would also have abstained from voting on that draft resolution if it had been put to the vote. His delegation's reservations concerned the opportuneness of including Arabic .among the Assembly's official and working languages at the current juncture. He wished to request that Israel's position should be reflected in the report of the Sixth Committee on agenda item 104.

4.   His delegation also wished to express appreciation of the position taken by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the retention of the floor channel (A/9008/Add.29, para. 6).

5.   Mr. TESLENKO (Secretariat), noting that the draft resolution just adopted had incorporated the amendments to the rules of procedure consequent upon the decision to include Chinese among the working languages of the Assembly, suggested that the Committee should recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution as the only draft relating to both items 100 and 104, under the title: "Inclusion of Chinese among the working languages of the General Assembly, its committees and its sub-committees and inclusion of Arabic among the official and the working languages of the General Assembly and its Main Committees: amendments to rules 51 to 59 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly".

It was so decided.

Completion of the Committee's work

6.   The CHAIRMAN declared that the Sixth Committee had completed its work for the twenty-eighth session.

The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.