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President: Mr. Salim Ahmed SALIM
(United Republic of Tanzania).

AGENDA ITEM 7

Assessment of the progress made in the establishment of the new international economic order and appropriate action for the promotion of the development of developing countries and international economic co-operation (continued):

- (a) New international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade;
- (b) Global negotiations relating to international economic co-operation for development;
- (c) Other matters

1. The PRESIDENT: As you are aware, the eleventh special session of the General Assembly was scheduled to conclude this afternoon. Intensive efforts have been continuing since our last meeting and I wish to pay a tribute to the many representatives who have laboured tirelessly, late into the night and on week-ends, in an effort to arrive at an agreed outcome. However, despite those efforts it is not yet possible to conclude our work.

2. I have been in frequent contact with the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, the Chairmen of the two Working Groups and other members of the Bureau of that Committee, as well as with numerous delegations. It is quite apparent at this point that a significant gap remains to be bridged before we can consider that an accommodation has been reached.

3. Given the critical importance of the topic under consideration, I trust Members will agree with me that additional time should be granted the negotiators to continue with their efforts. We still face, for example, the need to arrive at an agreed definition of the extent of responsibility of the global negotiating forum and there are also several key issues in the elaboration of an international development strategy that remain to be resolved. In addition, consultations are going on with respect to two resolutions: one resolution dealing with measures to meet the critical situation in the least developed countries [A/S-11/AC.1/L.4] and the other resolution dealing with the suggestions by the Secretary-General to overcome the critical economic situation of many developing countries [A/S-11/AC.1/L.5].

4. Despite the complexity of the tasks yet before us, we cannot, of course, ignore the fact that the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly is scheduled to commence next Tuesday.

5. Taking all these factors into account, I propose that we extend this session until Friday, 12 September. In the meantime, I would urge all Members to co-operate fully with the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Committee and his Bureau in one last effort to overcome the remaining obstacles.

6. May I take it that the General Assembly agrees to extend the session until 12 September?

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4.05 p.m.

