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Chairman: Mr. MATHIAS (Portugal)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. The CHAIRMAN expressed his gratitude to the representatives for having elected him Chairman of the Committee and paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman, Mr. El-Choufi, of the Syrian Arab Republic, for the skill and impartiality with which he had guided the Committee's work during the previous year. He welcomed the representatives of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and of Zimbabwe, who were taking their seats in the Committee for the first time.

ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMEN

2. Mr. TUBMAN (Liberia) nominated Mrs. Kekeh (Togo) for the office of Vice-Chairman.

3. Mr. FIGUEROA (Argentina) nominated Mr. Mubarez (Yemen) for the office of Vice-Chairman.

4. Mrs. Kekeh (Togo) and Mr. Mubarez (Yemen) were elected Vice-Chairmen by acclamation.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

5. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the representatives to certain rules to be observed in order to ensure the smooth progress of the Committee's work. He called upon them to be punctual, to limit their requests for extra documents and to abide by the decisions of the General Assembly concerning the exercise of the right of reply and explanations of vote. He indicated that, as in previous years, the General Assembly had approved the General Committee's recommendation that the Special Political Committee should be able to obtain, on specific request, transcriptions of all or part of its debates: he was convinced that the Committee would not abuse that privilege. He hoped that delegations would have made sufficient progress in their preparatory work to be able to enter their names on the list of speakers when the debates on substantive issues began. In its resolution 34/401, the General Assembly had designated 1 December as the deadline for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions having financial implications. In that connexion, he reminded the Committee that a minimum period of 48 hours must be allowed between the submission of and the vote on any draft resolution having financial implications.

6. He then drew attention to a letter (A/SPC/35/1) in which the President of the General Assembly had communicated to him a list of the nine items allocated to the Committee and had informed him of other decisions of the Assembly which would have to be taken into consideration when the Committee drew up its programme of work. With regard to item 28, entitled "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa", the General Assembly had decided to consider that item directly in plenary meeting, it being understood that organizations having a special interest in that question would be permitted a hearing by the Special Political Committee, as had been the practice at previous sessions.

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(The Chairman)

7. He would draw up a tentative programme of work for consideration by the various regional groups before the Committee's next meeting, on 9 October, which would be devoted to the organization of work. Consideration of substantive items would not begin until the second week of October.

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.