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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

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BY VENEZUELA (A/35/243)

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to a request by Venezuela, on behalf of the Group of 77, for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional item entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic co-operation for development" (A/35/243).
2. Mr. KOROMA (Sierra Leone) said that he supported the inclusion of the additional item in the agenda, and endorsed the views expressed in the explanatory memorandum annexed to document A/35/243. The new Strategy could only be implemented if it was given extra impetus through global negotiations.
3. Mr. BUJ-FLORES (Mexico) said that he also supported the inclusion of the item in the agenda. The decision to submit the request, adopted at a recent Ministerial Meeting of the member States of the Group of 77, had been supported by the Mexican delegation.
4. Mr. NAID (Pakistan) said that his delegation, like those of Sierra Leone and Mexico, unreservedly supported the request submitted by Venezuela on behalf of the Group of 77. He endorsed the observations by the representative of Sierra Leone regarding the contribution which could be made by global negotiations to the implementation of the International Development Strategy.
5. Mr. KAMANDA wa KAMANDA (Zaire) said that his delegation also supported the inclusion of the item in the agenda, as it was in accordance with a decision taken at the eleventh special session of the General Assembly. He doubted whether there would be any opposition to the request, as it reflected the wishes of the General Assembly itself, and referred to a question which many Member States considered to be fundamental.
6. The CHAIRMAN said that the representative of Venezuela had asked to participate in the discussion in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.
7. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Sorensen Mosquera (Venezuela) took a place at the Committee table.
8. Mr. SORENSEN MOSQUERA (Venezuela) said that, as indicated in the letter dated 1 October 1980 from Mr. Pérez-Guerrero, Chairman of the Group of 77, to the Secretary-General (A/35/243), it was the wish of the members of the Group of 77 that the additional item whose inclusion in the agenda was being requested should be discussed in plenary meeting. That was an issue to which they attached considerable importance; indeed, it was a matter of priority. The General Assembly had taken note of paragraph 18 of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Eleventh Special Session (A/S-11/25) and had decided that all documents relating to the global negotiations on international economic co-operation for development

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(Mr. Sorensen Mosquera, Venezuela)

should be transmitted to the thirty-fifth session of the Assembly. That was why he supported the request for the inclusion of the item in the agenda.

9. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

10. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should consider the item in plenary meeting.

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11. The CHAIRMAN recalled that, at its 1st meeting, the Committee had decided to defer to a subsequent meeting its consideration of section X, entitled "Documentation", of the Secretary-General's memorandum, (A/BUR/35/1); in order to allow delegations more time for consultations and clarification. He had met the Chairmen of the regional groups and had provided them with some statistics. They had told him that they would report to him on the reaction of their groups to the recommendations of the Secretary-General.

12. He greatly hoped that the Committee would be able to meet in the near future to consider that question.

The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.