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Chair: Mr. Santos Pais (Vice-Chair)

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In the absence of Ms. Abdo Rocholl, Mr. Santos Pais (Vice-Chair) took the Chair.

The public part of the meeting was called to order at 5.35 p.m.

Adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly

Draft report of the Human Rights Committee on its 138th, 139th and 140th sessions (CCPR/C/140/R.2)

1. **Ms. Šurlan** (Rapporteur), introducing the draft report of the Human Rights Committee on its 138th, 139th and 140th sessions (CCPR/C/140/R.2), said that the draft report outlined the Committee's activities at the current and previous two sessions.

2. As noted in chapter I of the draft report, the number of States parties to the Covenant currently stood at 174, as South Sudan had acceded to the Covenant on 5 February 2024. The chapter also included information on the activities of the country report task forces and the activities of the Committee in relation to concluding observations, follow-up to concluding observations, communications and follow-up to Views. Attention was drawn to the duty of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide the Committee with the necessary staff and facilities for the effective performance of its functions. In that regard, the Committee reiterated its concern regarding the shortage of staff resources and emphasized the importance of allocating adequate staff resources to service its sessions. It also strongly encouraged States parties to provide sustainable contributions to support the digital transformation agenda of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, which was of critical importance to the work of the Committee and the future of the human rights system.

3. Chapter II contained information on the Committee's thirteenth informal meeting with the States parties to the Covenant. In the same chapter, it was also noted that the Committee had adopted, at its current session, a strategy aimed at addressing its backlog of individual communications and reducing the time taken by the Committee to reach a decision on each case.

4. **The Chair** said he took it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft report, subject to its completion by the secretariat.

5. *The draft report of the Human Rights Committee on its 138th, 139th and 140th sessions was adopted on that understanding.*

The meeting rose at 5.45 p.m.