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The meeting was called to order at 3.35 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS 65, 66 AND 67 (continued)

The CHAIRMAN: This afternoon the Committee should take action on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65, 66 and 67 relating to the strengthening of international security, but I have been approached by the sponsors of all four draft resolutions which have been submitted under these items with a request that consideration of and action on them be postponed until tomorrow. I have been told that consultations are still going on, and it is hoped that they will result in draft resolutions that will command the broadest possible support acceptable to a large majority of the Committee - perhaps even draft resolutions that will be adopted by consensus.

I take it that all members of the Committee agree to this unanimous request from the sponsors to defer action until tomorrow. We shall therefore hold our final meeting - and I should like to emphasize that that must be the final meeting - tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

I ask the co-operation of all members of the Committee so that tomorrow we can consider and take action on the draft resolutions, as well as make concluding remarks, within the three-hour time-limit. I take it that the members of the Committee are prepared to co-operate in that.

I ask the sponsors of the draft resolutions to submit the revised texts to the Secretariat by 5 o'clock, so that they can be processed. Delegations would then receive them tomorrow morning in the pouch. If by accident they do not receive them, the revised draft texts will be available at the documents counter in the first basement and they can obtain them there.

Also, I recommend to delegations that they ask their capitals for flexible instructions so that they will be prepared to meet any eventuality with which we may be faced in the revised texts. I know that representatives have the confidence of their ministries, but warn them that they need flexible instructions in this instance.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.