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Chairman: Mr. Mohammad MIR KHAN (Pakistan).

Statement by the Chairman

1. The CHAIRMAN thanked the General Assembly for the honour it had done his country in electing him as Chairman of the Second Committee. He welcomed the representatives of new Member States and expressed the hope that the Committee would discuss the important economic questions before it in the same objective and friendly manner as in previous years.

Election of the Vice-Chairman

2. Mr. AHMED (Pakistan) nominated Mr. Lychowski (Poland).
3. Mr. CHERNYSHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. FLERE (Yugoslavia) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Lychowski (Poland) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Election of the Rapporteur

4. Sir Alec RANDALL (United Kingdom) nominated Mr. Bannier (Netherlands).
5. Mr. O'NAGHTEN (Cuba), Mr. ARDALAN (Iran) and Mr. WOULBROUN (Belgium) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Bannier (Netherlands) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

Order of discussion of agenda items (A/C.2/190, A/C.2/L.277)

6. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.2/L.277 which listed the items referred to the Committee in the order in which he would suggest that it should deal with them.

7. Mr. CHERNYSHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) thought it essential that there should be a general discussion on the problems of economic development as a whole.

8. Mr. HALIQ (Saudi Arabia) hoped that item 27 (b) (International tax problems) would be discussed separately.

9. Mrs. MONTEJO (Costa Rica) asked for the consideration of item 28 (Establishment of a world food reserve) to be postponed until January because the Costa Rican expert on that subject would not be in New York before the Christmas recess.

10. After a brief exchange of views in which Sir Alec RANDALL (United Kingdom), Mr. RECABARIEN (Chile), Mr. QUEUILLE (France), Mr. BANNIER (Netherlands), Mr. HOFFMAN (United States of America), Mr. HALIQ (Saudi Arabia) and Mr. CHERNYSHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) participated, the CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should, in general, approve the proposal in his note (A/C.2/L.277), on the understanding that there would be a general discussion of the economic problems of the under-developed countries as a whole when the Committee took up agenda item 27, and that a decision would be taken before the end of the month on the Costa Rican delegation's request.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4.20 p.m.