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The meeting was called to order at 6.05 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 92: ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (continued) (A/46/3 (chap. IV, sect. A), A/46/18, 166, 183, 184, 344, 391, 447, 465, 493 and 501; A/C.3/46/2; E/1991/39)

AGENDA ITEM 93: RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION (continued) (A/46/166, 184, 292, 294, 304, 344, 459 and 501)

1. Mr. JAAFARI (Syrian Arab Republic), speaking in exercise of the right of reply, said that as far back as 1947, Israel had been **massacring** Palestinians living in the part of Palestine allotted to them in accordance with the United Nations partition plan, evicting villagers and settling Jews in their place, just as today, it was settling Soviet immigrants in the occupied territories. It was an irony of history that one of the leading participants in the recent Zionist attacks **against** the homes of Palestinian citizens in occupied East Jerusalem, a deputy in the Israeli Knesset, had been none other than Geula Cohen, who in 1948, as a member of the Stern Gang, under the command of the current Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, had been active in **massacres** of Palestinians, assassinations of British officers and the bombing of the King David Hotel.

2. Concerning the Israeli allegation that Arab Jews had sought refuge in Israel from Arab oppression, even Jewish historians had acknowledged that before the advent of Zionism, the Jews had been well treated in Arab countries. Then, in the **1950s**, David **Ben-Gurion**, the founder of Israel, had ordered Israeli intelligence to commit **acts** of sabotage against Jewish and American interests in Baghdad and Cairo so as to prompt Arab Jews to emigrate to Israel.

3. A number of Syrians of Jewish origin were being held in prison because they had been in contact with a State at war with Syria. **No** one could interfere in Syria's internal affairs. Israel must allow the 200,000 inhabitants of the Syrian Golan Heights and the millions of Palestinians deported from occupied Palestine to return to their homes and recover their land.

4. Mr. MARKS (United States of America) said that the remarks of the delegation of Cuba did not merit a reply, because they were not true,

5. For the sake of the Haitian people, one piece of disinformation must not be allowed to pass. President Bush, **Secretary** of State Baker and Ambassador Pickering had all condemned in unequivocal **terms** the recent assault on Haiti's democratically elected Government and the people of Haiti. The United States would not **recognize** the self-appointed junta **or** any other Government that might result from that illegal situation. Furthermore, it subscribed fully to **the** action of the Organization of American States on that **issue**. Support for democratic government everywhere in the world was a fundamental principle of the foreign policy of the United States.

6. Mr. BURCUOGLI (Turkey) said that the distorted allegations made concerning Cyprus were contrary to the facts and were inconsistent with **Security** Council resolutions 649 (1990) and 716 (1991). The real issue was how to get the island's Turkish and Greek communities, which were politically equal, to settle their differences and cooperate on creating a federal republic of Cyprus. It was important to refrain from any action or statement that was inconsistent with the goal of establishing a new federal, **bi-zonal** and bi-communal Cypriot State in which the two communities had equal powers and attributions. Turkey had been accused of fostering cessation: the opposite was **true**. His Government had been cooperating with the Secretary-General in his mission of good offices, and it was Turkey that had proposed the meeting referred to in paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 716 (1991). It was unfortunate that the Greek Cypriots continued to use the same vain rhetoric they had been using for the last 28 years.

7. Mr. HUSSAIN (Pakistan) said that, the allegations of the Indian delegation notwithstanding, Kashmir remained a disputed territory and was **recognized** as such by the United Nations. The relevant resolutions of the Security Council calling for a determination of Kashmir's future through a free and impartial plebiscite under United Nations auspices remained as relevant and operative as ever. As far back as 1951, the then Indian Prime Minister Nehru had stated categorically that India had given its pledge to the people of Kashmir and to the United Nations to let the people of Kashmir decide.

8. In an **attempt** to divert attention from the atrocities being committed in the territory and the repressive measures adopted by India to suppress the **Kashmiri** demand for self-determination, the Indian delegation had made baseless allegations of interference by Pakistan. His Government reiterated its long-standing proposal, which India had consistently rejected, to establish a neutral mechanism under the United Nations auspices to monitor and investigate such accusations. India had also made the unfounded assertion that Pakistan had been abetting terrorism. The only terrorism in Kashmir was the one that had been unleashed by the Indian forces, who had introduced a ruthless reign of terror and repression that had been responsible for the deaths of more than 5,000 **civilians** and large-scale human rights violations, as documented by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Asia Watch and even human rights organizations in India.

9. The **Simla** Agreement, to which reference had been made, had in no way altered the status of the disputed territory. It specifically provided that the United Nations Charter was to govern relations between the parties and did not exclude resorting to peaceful means to settle disputes. It was therefore incorrect to say that Pakistan had departed from the letter and **spirit** of the Agreement.

10. The Prime Minister of Pakistan, who had taken a number of initiatives to engage India in a constructive dialogue on the Kashmir dispute, had sent a special envoy to India to convey the **message** that a peaceful settlement of the

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Kashmir dispute would **reduce** tension in the South Asian region and enable Pakistan and India to **concentrate** on economic development.

11. Mr. KASOULIDES (Cyprus) said that his Government had consistently complied with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council **on** Cyprus. **Notwithstanding the mandatory** provisions of Security Council resolution 541 (1983), **Turkey was** the only country in the world that continued to occupy part of a sovereign **State** and Member of the United Nations.

12. Mr. SERGIWA (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) referring to the **baseless** accusation **made that morning** by the **Zionist** representative, said that although **Arabs** rejected Zionism, which was a **racist, expansionist and colonialist movement**, that **did not mean that they were** anti-Semitic. Jews had always lived and **worshipped in** Libya and other Arab countries and had been tolerated in the same way **as** any other minority. The Arab **countries** had granted refuge to **large** numbers of Jews fleeing **nazism** and many **Jews** still lived in those Arab **countries**. Libya **welcomed** any Jews of Libyan origin who wished to return to **their** Libyan **homeland**, including the Zionist representative himself, who had **said** that he was a Jew of Libyan origin.

13. Unlike the **muslim** faith, which made no distinction between peoples, Zionism, with its notion of the "chosen people", **was** a supremacist doctrine **based** on religious intolerance towards non-Jews.

14. Mr. MORA GODOY (Cuba), referring to a statement made in the afternoon of the previous **day**, said that, while the statement itself had not made any reference to **Cuba**, the text which had subsequently been **distributed** to all delegations, contained a paragraph which **was** devoted **exclusively** to Cuba. **His** delegation wondered whether that had been an oversight or just one **more** anti-Cuban provocation. He did not wish to mention the country by name, **but** it had been conducting a policy of aggression against Cuba for 30 years, had imposed a blockade upon Cuba, had invaded and **continued** to interfere in its domestic affairs.

15. The CHAIRMAN said that the Third Committee had thus concluded its consideration **of** agenda items 92 and 93.

The meeting rose at 6.35 p.m.