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Chairman: Mr. Gonzalo ORTIZ MARTIN (Costa Rica).

Statement by the Chairman

1. The CHAIRMAN thanked the members of the Sixth Committee for the honour which they had done to him by electing him to the Chair and expressed his gratitude to the outgoing Chairman, Mr. Herrarte, for speaking so highly of him. He went on to say that only law could guarantee security. Stressing that respect for the views of others should be the guiding principle in all debates, particularly among jurists, he expressed the hope that the Committee's work would be crowned with success.

2. Mr. CACHO ZABALZA (Spain) congratulated the Chairman on his election, which had given great satisfaction to the Spanish Government, since Costa Rica, a country of Spanish stock, was an exemplary nation with a great civilist tradition. The Spaniards were proud of the fact that the Latin American countries, after becoming independent, had been able to forge with Spain links of lasting friendship based on moral values.

Election of the Vice-Chairman

3. Mr. URQUIA (El Salvador) nominated Mr. Rosenne (Israel).

4. Mr. NISHIBORI (Japan) and Mr. HSU (China) supported the nomination.

Mr. Rosenne (Israel) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Election of the Rapporteur

5. Mr. CASTAÑEDA (Mexico) nominated Mr. Nedbailo (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic).

6. Mr. LACHS (Poland) and Mr. EL-ERIAN (United Arab Republic) supported the nomination.

Mr. Nedbailo (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

Order of discussion of agenda items (A/C.6/361)

7. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should consider the three agenda items allocated to it in the order indicated in the letter from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.6/361). The report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its twelfth session (A/4425) had been circulated in English, French, Russian and Spanish and could therefore be considered first, whereas the document dealing with chapter VII, paragraph 645 of the report of the Economic and Social Council—which constituted the third item—had not yet been issued. Moreover, that last item would have to be considered first in the Second and Third Committees.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4 p.m.