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The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. The CHAIRMAN said that the subject of human rights and fundamental freedoms topped the important list of items before the Third Committee. Unfortunately, in the year marking the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, millions of people were suffering and even dying every day in their fight against oppression, occupation, exploitation and all forms of racism, including the aberrant system of apartheid.

2. Other important issues before the Third Committee at the current session were the status of women, youth, the rights of the child, old people and disabled persons, refugees and displaced persons, crime prevention and control, drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking, and scientific and technological development for the economic and social advancement of peoples.

3. He was sure that the spirit of co-operation and consensus which was so precious to the work of the Third Committee would again prevail at the current session.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4. Mr. LABERGE (Canada) nominated Mr. Carlos Jativa (Ecuador) for the office of Vice-Chairman.

5. Mr. TAHA (Sudan) nominated Mr. Mohamed Noman Galal (Egypt) for the office of Vice-Chairman.

6. Mr. Jativa (Ecuador) and Mr. Galal (Egypt) were elected Vice-Chairmen by acclamation.

7. Mr. TARMIDZI (Indonesia) nominated Mr. Carlos Casajuana (Spain) for the office of Rapporteur.

8. Mr. Casajuana (Spain) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.