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*President:* Mr. Gaston THORN  
(Luxembourg).

AGENDA ITEM 3

**Credentials of representatives to the thirtieth session of the General Assembly (concluded):\***  
(b) **Report of the Credentials Committee**

**SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

1. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Assembly will first consider the second report of the Credentials Committee. I invite the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Mr. Edouard Longerstaey of Belgium, to present the report.

2. Mr. LONGERSTAEY (Belgium), Chairman of the Credentials Committee (*interpretation from French*): I have the honour to submit to the General Assembly the second report of the Credentials Committee, contained in document A/10270/Add.1, of 9 December 1975. It seems to me that this report calls for no comment on my part and I shall confine myself to drawing the attention of the Assembly to the draft resolution recommended for approval in paragraph 8.

3. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): As no representative has asked to explain his vote, we shall now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. The Credentials Committee adopted the draft resolution unanimously. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 3367 B (XXX)).*

\* Resumed from the 2369th meeting.

4. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I invite the Rapporteur of the Second Committee to submit the reports of the Committee on agenda items 55, 61 and 67.

5. Mr. KARIM (Bangladesh), Rapporteur of the Second Committee: I have the honour to submit to the General Assembly the reports of the Second Committee on agenda items 55 [A/10405], 61 [A/10345] and 67 [A/10468].

6. In connexion with item 55, in paragraph 10 of its report, the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution which the Committee adopted without a vote.

7. In connexion with item 61, in paragraph 11 of its report, the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly a draft resolution which the Committee adopted without a vote.

8. In connexion with item 67, in paragraph 10 of its report, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution which the Committee adopted without a vote.

*Pursuant to rule 66 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee.*

9. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): We shall now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report [A/10405]. The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/10453. The Second Committee adopted

the draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 3459 (XXX)).*

10. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): Since no delegation wishes to explain its vote before the voting, we shall now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report [A/10345]. In the Committee the draft resolution was adopted without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 3460 (XXX)).*

11. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I call on the representative of Finland to explain his vote after the voting.

12. Mr. BREITENSTEIN (Finland): The position of my Government in respect of the proliferation of funds and programmes for development and co-operation has been stated on many occasions in various contexts and is therefore, I trust, well known. Finland has consistently advocated the concentration of multilateral aid funds to the United Nations Development Programme, and we continue to adhere to this policy of concentration.

13. We have however been able to give our support to the draft resolution just adopted, since recent developments indicate that the United Nations Special Fund may indeed be able to generate multilateral resources which in other circumstances might not have been forthcoming.

14. I must add, however, that because of our basic policy position, and owing to the extremely strained economic situation prevailing at present in Finland, my Government will not be in a position to make a contribution to the Special Fund at the forthcoming Pledging Conference.

15. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): Before we conclude our consideration of agenda item 61, I wish to draw the attention of members of the Assembly to the note of the Secretary-General in document A/10414 concerning the confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Special Fund. May I consider that the Assembly takes note of the information provided in that document?

*It was so decided.*

16. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Assembly is called upon to consider next the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 67 [A/10468].

17. We shall now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report. The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 3461 (XXX)).*

18. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I call on the representative of India who wishes to make an announcement.

19. Mr. MISHRA (India): I have the honour to inform the Assembly of the unanimous decision taken by the jury for the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for the Promotion of Peace and International Understanding, that the award for the year 1974 be given to Mr. Raúl Prebisch of Argentina in recognition of the meritorious service he has rendered to the world community in promoting the understanding of issues of international economic development.

20. This award was instituted by the Government of India in 1964 and is administered by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. To date, distinguished international personalities such as U Thant, Martin Luther King, Yehudi Menuhin, Mother Teresa, Kenneth Kaunda, Marshal Tito and André Malraux have been given this award.

21. As the first Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development [UNCTAD], Mr. Prebisch made a remarkable contribution towards promoting the cause of the third world. He has imparted shape and content to the spirit and the will of developing countries to achieve economic freedom. By dint of his imagination and his organizational skill, he has elevated UNCTAD to the position of a world forum for promoting understanding of developmental issues and of economic co-operation. He has been a pioneer in this respect and has brought to his task a missionary zeal and dedication above and beyond that expected of an international civil servant. It is a standing testimony to his dynamism and his direction that the unity of the developing countries as forged by him continues to play a dominant role in projecting their views as a whole, despite their differing economic and social systems and the varying stages of their development.

22. As the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America [ECLA], Mr. Prebisch also played a notable role in forging varied and diverse forms of economic co-operation among the Latin American States.

23. Mr. Prebisch gave a new dimension to modern economic thinking when he promoted the concept of economic and social justice and of the rights of the underprivileged. From him have emanated ideas and programmes which are taken for granted today, such as the generalized system of preferences, the concept of the transfer of resources from the developed to the developing countries and diverse modes of co-operation.

24. The award to Mr. Prebisch, is, therefore, a tribute to his lifelong dedication to the ideals of international harmony and understanding, to his efforts to secure for the underprivileged a fairer share of the bounties of this earth. In this larger context, he has, as an economic expert, given a practical shape to the convictions of Jawaharlal Nehru that the economic development of the underprivileged areas of the world is essential to restore a balanced economic world order which will ensure real peace and security.

25. Mr. OLIVERI LÓPEZ (Argentina) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Allow me to take a few minutes of the Assembly's time to associate my delegation and, no doubt, my people too in an expression of profound emotion at the announcement just made by

the representative of India in connexion with the tribute paid to one of the greatest Argentinians.

26. Mr. Raúl Prebisch, whose career in furthering the cause of the third world has been so eloquently described by the representative of India, has played a very effective and fundamental role, first at the head of ECLA and then as Secretary-General of UNCTAD, where his firm and lucid leadership aroused the awareness of the Latin American countries and the third world in regard to the problems that impede their total development and, more important still, in regard

to the search for short-term and long-term solutions to their particular problems.

27. Possibly it is due to the creative, imaginative, persistent, pioneering and visionary actions of men like Mr. Raúl Prebisch that the international community and the United Nations are today committed to the establishment of a new international economic order that is more equitable and takes fully into account the special problems and needs of the developing countries.

*The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.*