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The meeting was called to order at 9.40 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-NINTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

(a) REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS (A/39/243)

1. Mr. TROYANOVSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that, in proposing the inclusion in the agenda of an item entitled "Use of outer space exclusively for peaceful purposes for the benefit of mankind" (A/39/243), his delegation was seeking to prevent the arms race from spilling over into outer space. The Soviet Union was in favour of reaching agreement to eliminate all space attack systems with a view to prohibiting for all times the use of force in outer space and from space against Earth as well as from Earth against objects in outer space. By preventing the militarization of space it might eventually be possible to establish a world organization for the use of space for the benefit of mankind.

2. His delegation therefore proposed that the General Assembly should proclaim the historic responsibility of all States to ensure that the exploration of outer space was carried out exclusively for the benefit of mankind and recommend the adoption of specific measures to that end. He requested that the additional item be allocated to the First Committee.

3. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

4. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the First Committee.

(b) REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS (A/39/244)

5. Mr. TROYANOVSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had been prompted to propose the inclusion in the agenda of an item entitled "Inadmissibility of the policy of State terrorism and any actions by States aimed at undermining the socio-political system in other sovereign States" (A/39/244) out of concern at the increasing tendency on the part of some States to embark on military and other actions designed to undermine the socio-political system of other States. The United Nations must demand that all States take no actions whatsoever aimed at a forcible change in or the undermining of the socio-political system of sovereign States or the destabilization and overthrow of their legitimate Governments and condemn the use of State terrorism. States must observe the right of peoples to choose their socio-political system freely and to pursue their development independently. In that way the security of each State and international security as a whole could be strengthened. He requested that the additional item be allocated to the First Committee.

6. Mr. ROSENSTOCK (United States of America) said that although a number of items of a similar character were already on the agenda his delegation would not oppose the inclusion of the new item. It none the less wished to point out that the scope of such items could not be narrowed by an arbitrary selection of modifying clauses.

7. Mr. BUCCI (Italy) said that his delegation would have no objection to the inclusion of the proposed new item although it agreed with the comments of the representative of the United States. However, as the concept of State terrorism had yet to be defined, his delegation would prefer to see the item allocated to the Sixth Committee. The latter was moreover already dealing with a related item.

8. Mr. MILES (United Kingdom) said that his delegation was inclined to agree with the comments of the representative of Italy in so far as the proposed item related to State terrorism. However, he wondered whether the second part of the title fitted in with the first.

9. Mr. TROYANOVSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that the two parts of the title were closely linked. The First Committee seemed to be the obvious place for discussing the item, particularly since his delegation did not wish to see any document drafted in connection with the item.

10. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

11. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the First Committee.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION: LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES (A/39/482/Add.2)

12. The CHAIRMAN, after recalling that, in accordance with paragraph 34 of General Assembly decision 34/401, no subsidiary organ of the Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly, drew attention to the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/39/482/Add.2).

13. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against Apartheid in Sports and the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa should be authorized to meet during the current session.

The meeting rose at 9.55 a.m.