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Chairman: Mr. Adam MALIK (Indonesia).

Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the twenty-sixth session: item proposed by Algeria, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, Dahomey, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, the Niger, Nigeria, the People's Republic of the Congo, Senegal, Sierra Leone, the Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Upper Volta, Zaire and Zambia (A/8494 and Corr.1 and Add.1)

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the request (A/8494 and Corr.1 and Add.1) by 36 African States for the inclusion in the agenda of an item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: holding of meetings of the Security Council in an African capital".

2. Mr. MWAANGA (Zambia) said that the request had been made in a letter, dated 15 November 1971, addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the representatives of the 36 countries. The item had already appeared on the agenda of the General Assembly, namely at the twenty-fourth session, in connexion with the Manifesto on Southern Africa,<sup>1</sup> adopted on 16 April 1969 by the leaders of East and Central African States at Lusaka. With a view to promoting further co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, the Heads of States of the African countries had instructed their representatives at the United Nations to request the inclusion in the agenda of the current session of an item on the possibility of the Security Council's convening one of its meetings in Africa to discuss one of the urgent issues

that were still unresolved. He drew attention to the explanatory memorandum accompanying the request for the inclusion of the item.

3. Mr. TÉRENCE (Burundi) said that the fact that the letter had been signed by 36 African representatives did not mean that the other five States were not associated with the request.

4. There were obvious reasons for the request. The Heads of State at the 1969 summit meeting at Lusaka, which he had attended, had decided unanimously to invite the Security Council to hold a meeting or meetings in Africa in order to consider racial and colonial problems. It was felt that the Security Council, as the body responsible for ensuring and maintaining peace, should realize that those problems constituted real threats to peace and security in Africa. It would be advisable for one or more meetings to be held as soon as possible in view of the gravity of the situation particularly in southern Africa.

*The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: holding of meetings of the Security Council in an African capital" should be included in the agenda.*

5. Mr. MWAANGA (Zambia), speaking on behalf of the signatories, proposed that the item should be considered, as on previous occasions, without reference to a Main Committee.

6. Mr. TÉRENCE (Burundi) seconded the proposal. The problem merited discussion at the plenary level in view of its nature and importance.

*The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered in plenary meeting.*

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 106, document A/7754.

*The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.*