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Chairman: Mr. Carlet R. AUGUSTE (Haiti).

Organization of work (continued)

1. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that several representatives who were particularly interested in agenda item 77, now scheduled for discussion, had told him that they were not yet ready to speak. Noting that the Committee was already behind in its schedule, he asked if anyone had suggestions for expediting its work.

2. Mr. JHA (India) said that his delegation would be prepared to introduce agenda item 70 (Treatment of people of Indian and Indo-Pakistan origin in the Union of South Africa) the next morning if it was not possible to go ahead with item 77.

3. Mr. GHAZI (Afghanistan) said that as there appeared to be no other suggestions he would formally propose that the discussion of item 77 should be postponed and that item 70 should be taken up at the next morning's meeting.

The proposal was adopted unanimously.

4. Mr. JHA (India), suggested that, in order to avoid being confronted with the same difficulty when the discussion of item 70 was completed, the Committee might decide now the order in which it would take up the remaining items.

5. Mr. MASSOUD-ANSARI (Iran) felt that officers of the Committee might consult the delegations most directly interested in the remaining items on the agenda. After those consultations, the officers of the Committee might have an idea as to the order in which those items should be discussed, and so advise the Committee.

6. Mr. SOBOLEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) thought that fixing the order of the discussion in advance would not necessarily insure that delegations would be ready to speak on the various items when they were scheduled. He therefore suggested that the Chairman should be left free to consult with the delegations which were particularly interested in each item and, on the basis of those consultations, to inform the Committee what item could be taken up as soon as the discussion of item 70 was completed.

It was so decided.

7. The CHAIRMAN reminded the Committee that in sponsoring items for inclusion in the agenda delegations took upon themselves the responsibility to be ready to discuss them at any time. He therefore appealed to the delegations particularly interested in the remaining items to prepare their statements so that the Committee could proceed without further delays.

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.