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**Chairman:** Mr. Leopoldo BENITES (Ecuador).

Statement by the Chairman

1. The CHAIRMAN thanked the Committee for the honour which it had conferred upon his country in electing him to the Chair. The members of the Committee could be sure that he would strive to conduct its proceedings with the utmost objectivity and impartiality.

2. Before taking up the election of the other officers he had a few suggestions to make which he thought might facilitate the Committee's work. First, he would like to draw attention to the appeal made by the President of the General Assembly for punctuality: if meetings began on time the number of meetings required to complete consideration of each item would be reduced. Secondly, he supported the suggestion that draft resolutions should be submitted as early as possible so as to give a better opportunity for the discussion of each item as it was taken up. Finally, he hoped that the Committee would maintain a high level of debate and do its best to avoid long procedural discussions. He noted further that a procedural matter which was particularly time-consuming was that of points of order. In the absence of a definition of that term in the rules of procedure, members should bear in mind that points of order were points relating to the order of the discussions and to the correct application of the rules of procedure. As the Chair had the obligation to rule immediately on points of order he hoped that members would show an attitude of co-operation and understanding in that regard.

Election of the Vice-Chairman

3. Mr. SANZ BRIZ (Spain) nominated Mr. Fukushima (Japan).

4. Mr. GALLEGOS (Ecuador) and Mr. DOSUMU-JOHNSON (Liberia) supported the nomination.

*Mr. Fukushima (Japan) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.*

5. Mr. FUKUSHIMA (Japan) thanked the Committee for the honour which it had conferred upon him and his country.

Election of the Rapporteur

6. Mr. JANTUAH (Ghana) nominated Mr. Lannung (Denmark).

7. Mr. CHAKRAVARTY (India) and Mr. SOSA RODRIGUEZ (Venezuela) supported the nomination.

*Mr. Lannung (Denmark) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.*

8. Mr. LANNUNG (Denmark) expressed to the Committee his appreciation of the honour which it had shown to him personally and to his country in electing him to the office of Rapporteur.

Order of discussion of agenda items (A/SPC/66)

9. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to the letter from the President of the General Assembly containing the list of items allocated to the Special Political Committee (A/SPC/66).

10. As the documentation required for the discussion of the item entitled: the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, listed in document A/SPC/66 as item 4, was complete, that item could be taken up first. Similarly, the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (A/5216), listed as item 1, was ready in English and would soon be completed in the other languages; the Committee might therefore find it convenient to deal with it as the second item. The question of boundaries between Venezuela and the territory of British Guiana, listed as item 5, could be scheduled third. As the discussion of those three items would occupy the Committee for quite some time, the order in which the remaining items were to be taken up could be decided as the relevant documentation became available. If he heard no objections he would take it that the Committee was in favour of those suggestions.

*It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.