



*Chairman:* Mr. Carlos GIAMBRUNO (Uruguay).

*Statement by the Chairman*

1. The CHAIRMAN thanked the members of the Committee for the confidence they had shown in him and the honour that they had done his country, Uruguay, in electing him Chairman of an organ with such an important mission. He paid a tribute to Mrs. Sipilä for the devotion and competence with which she had directed the Committee's work at the twenty-sixth session.
2. The Committee was to consider the questions referred to it by the General Assembly. In some of the Main Committees it was the practice to study the most important questions towards the end of the session. In the case of the Third Committee, however, all the questions allocated to it were of the highest importance; they must be given equal attention and the work organized so that they could all be considered. He hoped that, thanks to the good will of all its members, the Committee would be able to conclude its work without difficulty.

*Election of the Vice-Chairmen*

3. Mr. MAHMASSANI (Lebanon) paid a tribute to the competence with which Mrs. Sipilä had directed the Committee's work at the twenty-sixth session and wished her every success in her new functions. He then nominated Mrs. Erica A. Daes (Greece) and Mr. E.K. Sekyiamah (Ghana) as Vice-Chairmen.
4. Mr. KABORE (Upper Volta) said that Mr. Sekyiamah and Mrs. Daes were most capable people and he supported the nomination.

*Mrs. Daes (Greece) and Mr. Sekyiamah (Ghana) were elected Vice-Chairmen by acclamation.*

5. Mrs. DAES (Greece) thanked the Committee for the honour that had been done to her personally and to her country and her delegation. The Chairman could count on her most sincere co-operation.
6. Mr. SEKYIAMAH (Ghana) thanked the Committee for the confidence it had shown in him; he would try to carry out his new functions to the best of his abilities, following the example set the previous session by Mr. Mahmassani, then Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

*Election of the Rapporteur*

7. Mr. MOUSSA (Egypt), after congratulating the Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen on their election and paying a tribute to the work done by Mrs. Sipilä and Mr. Mahmassani at the twenty-sixth session, nominated Mrs. Luvsandanzan-giin Ider (Mongolia) as Rapporteur.

*Mrs. Ider (Mongolia) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.*

8. Mrs. IDER (Mongolia) thanked the members of the Committee in advance for the co-operation she expected from them in carrying out her task, and she extended particular thanks to the representative of Egypt for nominating her and to the members of the Asian group of countries for supporting that nomination.

9. Mr. BREITENSTEIN (Finland) congratulated the Chairman, the two Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur on their election and thanked the Chairman and the representatives of Lebanon and Egypt for the appreciative words they had had for Mrs. Sipilä.

*Organization of work*

10. The CHAIRMAN suggested that, as document A/C.3/L.1930, containing the list of agenda items allocated to the Committee, had only just been distributed and the members of the Committee had not yet had time to study it, consideration of that document should be postponed to the next meeting.

*It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.*