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**Chairman:** Mr. Frederick H. BOLAND (Ireland).

### Tribute to the memory of Mr. Pierre Ryckmans

1. The CHAIRMAN asked the members of the Committee to observe one minute's silence in tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Pierre Ryckmans, who had for ten years played a distinguished part as the representative of Belgium on the Fourth Committee and in the Trusteeship Council.

The Committee observed one minute's silence.

2. Miss TENZER (Belgium) thanked the members of the Committee for the honour they had done to the memory of her distinguished compatriot.

### Election of the Vice-Chairman

3. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that owing to the pressure of other assignments Mr. Rodzinski would be unable to resume his duties as Vice-Chairman. He accordingly asked the Committee to submit nominations for that office.

4. Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET (France) nominated Mr. Jerzy Michalowski (Poland) for the office.

5. Sir Claude COREA (Ceylon) supported the nomination.

Mr. Michalowski (Poland) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

6. Mr. MICHALOWSKI (Poland) thanked the members of the Committee for the confidence that had placed in him and for the honour they had done his country.

### Requests for hearings (A/C.4/394) (continued)

#### REQUESTS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEM 13 (A/C.4/394) (continued)

7. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had before it eighteen requests for hearings over and above the four which had been granted at its 842nd meeting, prior to the adjournment of the first part of the session. He suggested that the Committee should recess while the document listing the requests (A/C.4/394) was circulated, so that the members might examine it before deciding whether to grant the hearings.

The meeting was suspended at 11.25 a.m. and resumed at 11.40 a.m.

8. The CHAIRMAN, taking each request in turn, said that if there were no objections he would take it that the Committee was in favour of granting each of the hearings requested in document A/C.4/394.

It was so decided.

9. The CHAIRMAN recalled that it had been agreed at the 842nd meeting to impose a fifteen-minute time-limit on the oral statements of the petitioners whose requests for hearings had been granted previously, a limitation which would not apply to any written statements they might wish to submit or to the questioning period. If there were no objections he would take it that the Committee was in favour of applying the same limit to the remaining petitioners and of asking them to submit the text of their oral statements at least twenty-four hours before they were scheduled to speak, so that the statements might be circulated by the Secretariat in advance and delegations could thus prepare their questions without loss of time.

It was so decided.

### Organization of work

10. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to the time-table<sup>1/</sup> he had suggested, according to which the Committee would complete its work on 10 March 1959.

The Committee approved the time-table in principle.

11. Mr. ALEMAYEHOU (Ethiopia) suggested that it might be preferable not to begin the general debate early in the following week, as scheduled, but to wait until the petitioners had been heard.

12. Miss BROOKS (Liberia) endorsed the Ethiopian representative's suggestion. She also asked if there was any reason why those petitioners who were already in New York might not be heard before the date at present scheduled for the beginning of the hearings.

13. The CHAIRMAN replied that it had been thought that the petitioners themselves might prefer to wait until they were all present. If there were no objections, however, he would take it that the Committee was willing to leave it to the Chair to decide the matter in consultation with the petitioners already in New York.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.5 p.m.

<sup>1/</sup> Document circulated to members of the Committee only.