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Chairman: Mr. Luciano JOUBLANC RIVAS
(Mexico).

Statement by the Chairman

1. The CHAIRMAN thanked the members of the Committee for his election.
2. He expressed regret at the absence of the French delegation and hoped that it would soon be able to resume its place in the Committee.
3. He wished to convey to the United States delegation the Committee's heartfelt wishes for the full and speedy recovery of President Eisenhower.
4. Mr. PASTORE (United States of America) thanked the Chairman for his good wishes, which would be conveyed to President Eisenhower.

Tribute to the memory of Mr. Christian Oftedal

5. The CHAIRMAN said that in July last the members of the Committee had learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Christian Oftedal, of Norway. His death was a great loss to his country and to the United Nations. The Chairman asked the members of the Committee to rise in tribute to the memory of Mr. Oftedal.

The Committee observed one minute's silence.

6. Mr. INGEBRETSEN (Norway) thanked the members of the Committee for their tribute to the memory of Mr. Oftedal.

Election of the Vice-Chairman

7. The CHAIRMAN referred to rule 105 of the rules of procedure and called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.
8. Mr. Eskelund (Denmark) nominated Mr. Kaisr (Czechoslovakia).
9. Mr. MANI (India), Mr. RIFAI (Syria) and Mr. ALTMAN (Poland) supported the nomination.

Mr. Kaisr (Czechoslovakia) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

10. Mr. KAISR (Czechoslovakia) thanked the representatives of Denmark, India, Syria and Poland, and all the other members of the Committee.

Election of the Rapporteur

11. The CHAIRMAN referred to rule 105 of the rules of procedure and called for nominations for rapporteur.
12. Mr. DORSINVILLE (Haiti) nominated Mr. Massonet (Belgium).
13. Mr. TURGEON (Canada) supported the nomination.

Mr. Massonet (Belgium) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

14. Mr. MASSONET (Belgium) thanked the representatives of Haiti and Canada and the other members of the Committee.

Order of discussion of agenda items (A/C.4/301)

15. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the letter dated 3 October 1955 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fourth Committee (A/C.4/301), concerning the allocation of agenda items to the Fourth Committee. He asked whether any member had any comments to make concerning the order of the items as given in the President's letter.

16. Mr. HELB (Netherlands) observed that the Prime Ministers of Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles and the chairmen of the representative bodies of those two countries, who were members of the Netherlands delegation, were to come to New York and participate in the discussions on item 2 [32*], concerning the cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter. In view, however, of the impending State visit of Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands to Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles, they would be unable to leave until after 6 November, and he therefore hoped that consideration of the item could be postponed until the second week of November.

17. Mr. VERGARA (Chile) would also like the item to be taken somewhat later in the session in order to have time to study the documentation.

18. The CHAIRMAN suggested that item 2 should become item 6 on the Committee's agenda and should be considered after the report of the Trusteeship Council and before the debate on the Togoland unification problem.

It was so decided.

19. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that item 4 [34*], "Election, if required, to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-

* Indicates the item number on the agenda of the General Assembly.

Governing Territories", could not be considered until the General Assembly had decided whether or not to renew that Committee. Furthermore, it would be well to postpone the elections, in the event of the Committee's being renewed, until after the elections to the Councils. The position of the item on the Committee's agenda should therefore be regarded as provisional.

It was so decided.

20. Mr. RIVAS (Venezuela) suggested that, to save time, the Committee should consider item 1 [31*] and item 3 [33*] concurrently.

21. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that they were two separate items on the agenda of the General Assembly and suggested, therefore, that the Committee should retain them as separate items; nevertheless, members who wished to do so could of course deal with the question of the renewal of the Committee of Information during the general debate on the Committee's report.

Requests for hearings

22. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that five requests for hearings had been received from organizations in Trust Territories: a letter, dated 4 April 1955, from the National Secretary of Juvento Togoland under French administration; a telegram dated 13 September 1955 from the Secretary-General of the Somali Youth League; a letter dated 30 August 1955 from the Political Section of the Central Board of the Union démocratique des femmes camerounaises, Cameroons under French administration; a letter dated 3 September 1955 from the Executive Committee of the Jeunesse démocratique du Cameroun, Cameroons under French administration; and a letter dated 5 September 1955 from the Political Section of the Union des populations du Cameroun, Cameroons under French administration. He suggested that, in accordance with the usual procedure, those communications should be circulated as documents.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.30 a. m.