

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THIRTIETH SESSION

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Summary records of the 1698th to 1774th meetings,
held at Headquarters, New York, from 17 September to 17 December 1975

1698th meeting

Wednesday, 17 September 1975, at 11.30 a.m.

Temporary Chairman: Mr. Gaston THORN (Luxembourg).

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ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

1. Mr. PAPOULIAS (Greece) nominated Mr. Christopher R. Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago).
2. In the absence of further nominations and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN declared Mr. Thomas elected Chairman by acclamation.

Mr. Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago) was elected Chairman by acclamation.

The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.

1699th meeting

Tuesday, 23 September 1975, at 3.30 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. Christopher R. THOMAS (Trinidad and Tobago).

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OPENING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. The CHAIRMAN said that he deeply appreciated the honour of being elected Chairman of the Committee. It was an honour not only to himself but also to his country and to the regional group of Latin American States.

2. Without prejudice to the important political considerations which determined the positions of members of the

Committee, he felt the Fifth Committee resembled a family, with domestic squabbles over money and how it should be disbursed. However, out of those squabbles had sprung, over the years, a strong bond of co-operation, as a result of which the family ties had been strengthened.

3. His experience in the Committee had taught him to accept differences, appreciate different policy positions and admire the sincerity of the disposition of members to work