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Chairman: Prince WAN WAITHAYAKON (Thailand).

Statement by the Chairman

1. The CHAIRMAN expressed confidence that the Committee would seek to resolve the questions on its agenda in a spirit of co-operation and goodwill. He was especially hopeful that it might reach a solution of the question of the admission of new Members.

Election of the Vice-Chairman

2. Mr. FORSYTH (Australia) nominated Mr. Mackay (Canada).

3. Mr. NISOT (Belgium) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Mackay (Canada) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Election of the Rapporteur

4. Mr. RIBAS (Cuba) nominated Mr. King (Liberia).

5. Mr. DAOUDY (Syria) and Mr. RAMADAN (Egypt) seconded the nomination.

Mr. King (Liberia) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

6. Mr. WADSWORTH (United States of America) congratulated the Chairman and the other officers upon their election, and expressed confidence in their ability to guide the Committee in its work.

Order of discussion of agenda items (A/AC.80/2)

7. Mr. de SOUZA GOMES (Brazil), drawing attention to the list of items allocated to the Committee (A/AC.80/2), proposed that the question of the admission of new Members should become the last item. The relaxation of tension among the permanent members of the Security Council gave promise that a satisfactory solution of the problem might be in sight.

8. The other three items of the agenda might be discussed in the following order: (1) the question of race conflict in South Africa; (2) report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Pales-

tine Refugees in the Near East; and (3) treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa.

9. As the necessary documents became available, the Chairman, at his discretion, might further alter the order of items.

10. Mr. BELAUNDE (Peru) strongly supported the suggestion that the question of the admission of new Members should be taken up last. Neither the final report of the Committee of Good Offices nor the report of the Security Council was ready. Without them the Committee had no basis for dealing with that question.

11. Mr. JUNG (India) also supported the Brazilian proposal regarding the question of the admission of new Members.

12. With respect to the suggested order for the remaining items, he would have preferred to give the treatment of people of Indian origin in South Africa first place. However, he would not press the point, leaving it to the Chairman's discretion to effect any further changes in the order of items which might become necessary.

13. The Chairman might also bear in mind that the third report of the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa (A/2953), which related to the first agenda item, was long; ample time should be given representatives for detailed study of it, especially as some points might have to be referred to Governments.

14. Mr. JORDAAN (Union of South Africa) reiterated his Government's position of principle: the two items affecting South Africa had no place on the agenda. However, since the Assembly had decided to include them, he would not press an objection and had no preference regarding the order of their consideration.

15. Mr. DAOUDY (Syria) pointed out that there might be some delay in the drafting of the joint report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the Advisory Commission, and the document might not be available in time for the Committee to take up the question of Palestine refugees as the second item of its agenda. The Chairman might have to alter the order of items on that account.

16. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the order of items suggested by the Brazilian representative should be adopted, on the understanding that the Committee would make any necessary adjustments as the basic documents became available.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.