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Temporary Chair: Ms. Kohonen Sheriff (Representative of the Secretary-General)

Chair: Mr. Hilale (Morocco)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Opening of the meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General

1. **The Temporary Chair**, speaking on behalf of the Secretary-General, said that the Third Meeting of the States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance would elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to replace those whose terms would expire on 30 June 2015.

2. She provided a brief update on the activities of the Committee since the Second Meeting of the States Parties two years previously, as detailed in the Committee's annual reports to the 69th and 70th sessions of the General Assembly (documents [A/69/56](#) and [A/70/56](#)).

Election of the Chair

3. **Ms. Briens** (France) nominated Mr. Hilale, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations, for the post of Chair of the Third Meeting of States Parties to the Convention.

4. *Mr. Hilale (Morocco) was elected Chair of the Meeting by acclamation.*

5. *Mr. Hilale took the Chair.*

Adoption of the agenda (CED/SP/3/1)

6. **The Chair** drew attention to the provisional agenda contained in document (CED/SP/3/1). Delegations had proposed that the panel discussion on the implementation of the Convention, listed as item 6 on that agenda, should not take place at that time. He suggested that item 6 should be removed from the provisional agenda.

7. *It was so decided.*

8. *The agenda, as orally amended, was adopted.*

9. **The Chair**, drawing attention to rules 2 and 3 of the rules of procedure, noted that the Secretary-General had yet to receive proper credentials from some of the States parties represented at the Meeting. He proposed that, in accordance with rule 3, the representatives of those States parties should be entitled provisionally to participate in the meeting and urged them to see to it that their credentials were submitted to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

10. *It was so decided.*

Election of other officers of the Meeting

11. **The Chair** said that, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure, the Meeting would elect one to four Vice-Chairs. He had been informed that the Group of Western European and other States had nominated Mr. Oppenheimer (Netherlands).

12. *Mr. Oppenheimer (Netherlands) was elected Vice-Chair.*

Election, in accordance with article 26 of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, of five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to replace those whose terms were due to expire on 30 June 2015

13. **The Chair** recalled that, in accordance with article 26 of the Convention, five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances were to be elected by secret ballot, from a list of persons nominated by States parties contained in documents (CED/SP/3/2) and (CED/SP/3/2/Add.1), for a four-year term to replace those whose terms were due to expire on 30 June 2015. He drew attention to article 26, paragraph 1, which stated that in the election of new members of the Committee, "due account shall be taken of [...] balanced gender representation" and noted with regret that only two women had been nominated and that the Committee had only one woman member; he hoped that that imbalance would be addressed in future elections.

14. *At the invitation of the Chair, Ms. DeKeyser (Belgium) and Mr. Ivezaj (Montenegro) acted as tellers.*

The meeting was suspended at 10.40 a.m. and resumed at 11.10 a.m.

15. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	45
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	45
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	45
<i>Required majority:</i>	23
Mr. Figallo Rivadeneyra (Peru)	33
Ms. Janina (Albania)	32
Mr. Decaux (France)	29
Ms. Huhle (Germany)	24
Ms. Galvis Patiño (Colombia)	23

Mr. Garretón (Chile)	23
Mr. Camara (Senegal)	20
Mr. Valladares Lanza (Honduras)	20
Mr. Zongo (Burkina Faso)	10
Mr. Kamara (Mauritania)	8

16. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Figallo Rivadeneyra (Peru), Ms. Janina (Albania), Mr. Decaux (France) and Ms. Huhle (Germany) were elected members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances. To elect a fifth member of the Committee, a second ballot restricted to the two candidates who had each received 23 votes took place.*

17. *At the invitation of the Chair, Ms. DeKeyser (Belgium) and Mr. Ivezaj (Montenegro) again acted as tellers.*

The meeting was suspended at 11.20 a.m. and resumed at 11.35 a.m.

18. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	45
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	45
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	45
<i>Required majority:</i>	23
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Ms. Galvis Patiño (Colombia)	29
Mr. Garretón (Chile)	16

19. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Galvis Patiño (Colombia) was elected a member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances.*

The meeting rose at 11.40 a.m.