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MEETING**

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Chairman: Mr. Zenon ROSSIDES (Cyprus).

Statement by the Chairman

1. The CHAIRMAN said it had always been one of his deepest convictions that the development of international law and order was an absolute necessity if war and conflict were to be avoided and peace and progress to be established. He was therefore particularly proud to have been called upon to preside over the Sixth Committee which had done so much in the past for the progressive development and codification of international law. In conjunction with the International Law Commission, the Sixth Committee had played a dominant role in the organization of conferences which had codified the traditional law of nations in such important fields as the law of the sea, diplomatic and consular relations, and the law of treaties. The Sixth Committee had also contributed to the development of the law of the United Nations and to the elucidation of the principles of the Charter, in particular through finishing in 1970 the consideration of the Declaration on Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and recommending its approval by the General Assembly (resolution 2625 (XXV)).

2. That much had been done in the past was not to say that there was still not a great deal more to do. He was sure that the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly would provide the Sixth Committee with another opportunity for fruitful work, particularly in the field of relations

between States and international organizations, international trade law and the definition of aggression.

3. The Committee also had before it a particularly important item relating to the role of the International Court of Justice. He stressed that, if the United Nations was to make the best possible contribution to the development of international law and order, greater use must be made of the International Court by States and by the United Nations.

Election of the Vice-Chairman

4. Mr. TAMMES (Netherlands) nominated Mr. Duke E. E. Pollard (Guyana).

Mr. Pollard (Guyana) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Election of the Rapporteur

5. Mr. IGUCHI (Japan) nominated Mr. Alfons Klafkowski (Poland).

Mr. Klafkowski (Poland) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

6. Mr. OSMAN (Egypt), speaking on behalf of the group of African States, congratulated the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur on their election.

The meeting rose at 4.40 p.m.