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Chairman: Mr. Erik SUY (Belgium).

***Tribute to the memory of Sir Kenneth Bailey and
Mr. Wolfgang Friedmann***

1. The CHAIRMAN paid tribute to the memory of the late Sir Kenneth Bailey, the eminent Australian lawyer and diplomat, who had been one of the founders of the United Nations and had participated actively in its work for a quarter of a century. He paid tribute also to the memory of Mr. Wolfgang Friedmann, a professor on the faculty of the Columbia University School of Law, who had been the victim of a cowardly murder in the streets of New York, and he read out the cable of condolence which he had sent the previous day, on behalf of the Committee, to the Dean of the Columbia University School of Law.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the members of the Committee observed a minute's silence in tribute to the memory of Sir Kenneth Bailey and Mr. Wolfgang Friedmann.

2. Mr. BUTLER (Australia) expressed appreciation to the Chairman for the tribute he had paid to the late Sir Kenneth Bailey and said that he would transmit the Committee's condolences to the family of the deceased and to the Australian Government.

Statement by the Chairman

3. The CHAIRMAN, recalling that the Sixth Committee had the reputation of being a forum for debate at a high technical level and in a calm atmosphere, said that certain tasks were assigned to a committee of lawyers because it was hoped that they would make a contribution of a legal nature that would advance international understanding and peace by a strengthening of the law.

4. The items before the Committee for consideration made it certain that the twenty-seventh session would go down in the annals of the Organization.

5. Under item 85 of the provisional agenda relating to the report of the International Law Commission, the Committee would be considering two draft articles of conventions of great contemporary relevance concerning, on the one hand, succession of States in respect of treaties and, on the other, the prevention and punishment of crimes against diplomatic agents and other internationally protected persons. In respect of item 87 the Committee would also be considering the draft articles of a convention on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations and,

as regards item 86, the draft Convention on Prescription (Limitation) in the International Sale of Goods, which was contained in the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. Then there were also the items traditionally allocated to the Sixth Committee, such as the role of the International Court of Justice, the question of defining aggression, the review of the Charter of the United Nations and relations with the host country. Finally, in view of the recrudescence of violence and terror that was a focal concern of world public opinion at the present time, the Committee, particularly when considering the draft convention on the protection of diplomats and the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, would have to deal with the problems raised by criminal acts which not only affected innocent individuals but also presented a serious threat to security and normal transnational relations.

6. Despite such a full work programme, he hoped that with united efforts and general co-operation the Committee would be able to contribute, by the high level of its debates and by the quality and realism of its work, to the Organization's ideal of inaugurating a reign of justice, love and peace among men, peoples, nations and States.

7. In conclusion, he paid heartfelt tribute to Mr. Rossides, the outgoing Chairman, whose authority and competence fully justified his election to the International Law Commission.

Election of the Vice-Chairmen

8. The CHAIRMAN, invoking rules 105 and 112 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, invited the Committee to proceed to the election of the Vice-Chairmen.

9. Mr. INSANALLY (Guyana) nominated Mr. Luis R. Velasco Arboleda (Colombia) and Mr. Andreas J. Jacovides (Cyprus).

Mr. Velasco Arboleda (Colombia) and Mr. Jacovides (Cyprus) were elected Vice-Chairmen by acclamation.

Election of the Rapporteur

10. Mr. KLAFKOWSKI (Poland) nominated Mr. Bashiru A. Shitta-Bey (Nigeria).

Mr. Shitta-Bey (Nigeria) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

11. Mr. ROSSIDES (Cyprus), speaking on behalf of the Committee, warmly congratulated the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur on their election. The Committee

was once again called upon to do productive and far-reaching work, for at the current session it would have to deal with such important items as the review of the role of the International Court of Justice, the possible review of the Charter and the question of defining aggression, which, like

terrorism, was a form of violence which the Committee must combat by helping to build a world order based on respect for the law.

The meeting rose at 5.20 p.m.