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Chairman: Mr. F. VAN LANGENHOVE (Belgium).

Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments: report of the Disarmament Commission (A/2444, A/C.1/L.72) (*continued*)

[Item 23]*

1. Mr. KYROU (Greece) recalled that his delegation had been a member of the Disarmament Commission ever since it had been set up. The Commission had, however, met only once in recent months and its brief report (DC/32) addressed to the Secretary-General under the symbol A/2444 noted that the situation was rather disappointing. Nevertheless, as disarmament presupposed a feeling of increased security, the report

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expressed the hope that a more favourable atmosphere might be created.

2. The first point to be agreed upon was that disarmament depended inevitably on the principle of reciprocity and supervision. If it did not, it could only imperil certain States and increase the risk of war. It was precisely because the Commission had been aware of those facts that it had preferred not to meet more often.

3. However, notwithstanding the apathy that might be engendered by too long a delay, the Commission had discovered certain encouraging symptoms, to which the United Kingdom representative also had referred (658th meeting). Accordingly, the fourteen-Power draft resolution (A/C.1/L.72), while taking care not to prejudice the substance of the problem, also mentioned recent events, requested the Commission to continue its efforts and called on all Member States to co-operate in its task on which was focused the attention of international public opinion.

4. The CHAIRMAN stated that the list of speakers would be closed at the end of the meeting to be held on the morning of 9 November.

The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.