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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 62nd MEETING**

Chairman: Mr. AMNEUS (Sweden)

Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and  
Budgetary Questions: Mr. MSELLE

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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

#### ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The CHAIRMAN said that, despite progress made in the course of informal consultations, some issues remained to be settled with respect to agenda items 122 and 124. With regard to the central budgetary issues (agenda items 41, 43, 115 and 116), a small drafting group had been convened to deal with outstanding elements of the draft text under consideration. The Committee was thus, for the first time, holding meetings which were not open to all its members, but it should not be inferred that there was any intention to abandon the objective of reaching the broadest possible agreement on the content and level of the budget. An unusually heavy agenda had been allocated to the Committee at the current session, involving an extraordinary combination of both budgetary and personnel questions, as well as elements relating to the financial crisis. The Committee was also imposing considerable constraints upon itself by ensuring that no more than one informal meeting was held at any one time. Nevertheless, the President of the General Assembly had expressed the view that the Committee should complete its work by 15 December, to allow time for the Secretariat to recast the budget before the General Assembly completed its work on 17 December.

2. Mr. MELTKE (German Democratic Republic) asked when the second reading of the budget was to take place.

3. The CHAIRMAN said that the second reading could not take place before the afternoon of 16 December. Recosting could be completed only after all outstanding budgetary issues had been settled.

4. Mr. MUDHO (Kenya), Mr. FONTAINE-ORTIZ (Cuba) and Mr. LOPEZ (Venezuela) said that, in view of the amount of work which remained to be completed, it would be wrong to impose an unrealistic deadline on the Committee.

5. The CHAIRMAN said that the timing of the Committee's next formal meeting would depend on the amount of progress made in the course of further informal consultations.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.