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Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Wednesday, 18 September 1974, at 3.30 p.m.

<u>The Temporary Chairman:</u>	Mr. BOUTEFLIKA	(Algeria)
<u>The Chairman:</u>	Mr. ORTIZ DE ROZAS	(Argentina)

- Election of the Chairman

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ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN (interpretation from French): Rule 103 of the rules of procedure provides that each Main Committee shall elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. These officers shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, experience and personal competence. The elections shall be held by secret ballot unless the Committee decides otherwise in an election where only one candidate is standing. The nomination of each candidate shall be limited to one speaker, after which the Committee shall immediately proceed to the election. Furthermore, rule 110 of the rules of procedure provides that congratulations to the officers of a Main Committee shall not be expressed except by the Chairman of the previous session, or, in his absence, by a member of his delegation, after all the officers of the Committee have been elected.

We shall now proceed to the election of the Chairman of the First Committee. Are there any nominations?

Mr. GABOR (Denmark): First of all I should like to congratulate you, Sir, upon your unanimous election to the presidency of the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session. The people of Algeria and the African continent share the honour your personal qualities have justly earned, and we congratulate ourselves that your energy and talent through your presidency will be put at the service of the United Nations.

It is my privilege and honour to propose the candidature of Ambassador Carlos Ortiz de Rozas of Argentina to the chairmanship of the First Committee. As is well known, this Committee will, as in the past, deal with many of the most important items on the agenda of the Assembly, in particular questions of crucial political importance. In view of this, the guidance of the work of the First Committee provided through its chairman is specially important. I am confident that you will all agree that Ambassador Ortiz de Rozas, the Permanent Representative of his country to the United Nations, is eminently qualified for the post of chairman of the First Committee.

Ambassador Ortiz de Rozas is a highly qualified scholar and has served his country with distinction at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the field of bilateral diplomacy, notably as Minister in Cairo and London and as Ambassador to Austria.

Ambassador Ortiz de Rozas also has acquired great experience in the course of his valuable work within the United Nations, including several of its specialized organizations. Ambassador Ortiz de Rozas served with distinction as the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization from 1967 to 1970 and from 1970 as Permanent Representative of his country to the United Nations.

Since then, Ambassador Ortiz de Rozas has served with competence and distinction on the Security Council as the representative of his country during the period 1971-1972. I particularly wish to recall the valuable contribution Ambassador Ortiz de Rozas rendered as a member of the Advisory Group on Namibia appointed by the Security Council in 1972 and in the same year as chairman of the Security Council Sub-Committee for Namibia.

Ambassador Ortiz de Rozas' dedication to his work within the Organization is well known, and I should like to express -- on behalf of myself and of my Government -- gratitude and appreciation of the great efforts that Ambassador Ortiz de Rozas has always made to obtain the best solutions to the problems of the Organization.

(Mr. Gabor, Denmark)

I, for one, regret that I have known Ambassador Ortiz de Rozas for such a short time, but I am very much looking forward to co-operating with him. I know that Ambassador Ortiz de Rozas in his work in the United Nations has shown wisdom and great skill, and I feel convinced that he will continue his efforts in a most dedicated and effective way. I feel assured that he will do his utmost to strengthen the work of the Organization, thereby contributing to increase the reputation of the United Nations as an effective and fruitful organization in the world of today.

There is no doubt that the First Committee will greatly benefit by electing him as its chairman.

I formally propose that Ambassador Ortiz de Rozas of Argentina be elected Chairman of the First Committee for the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN (interpretation from French): Mr. Carlos Ortiz de Rozas of Argentina has been nominated by the delegation of Denmark.

Since only one candidate has been presented, I propose that under rule 103 the Committee decide not to have a secret ballot.

It was so decided.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN (interpretation from French): I therefore declare Mr. Ortiz de Rozas of Argentina elected Chairman of the First Committee by acclamation.

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.