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(Romania)

Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative  
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The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 105: PROGRAMME PLANNING (continued) (A/47/3, A/47/6, A/47/16 (Parts I and II) and Add.1, A/47/32 and Add.1 and A/C.5/47/46)

Proposed revisions to the medium plan for 1992-1997 (continued)

Major programme V

Programme 25

1. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendation of CPC on programme 25, which was contained in paragraph 57 of its report A/47/16 (Part I).

2. It was so decided.

Programme 26

3. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendation of CPC on programme 26, which was contained in paragraph 61 of its report A/47/16 (Part I).

4. It was so decided.

Programme 27

5. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendation of CPC on programme 27, which was contained in paragraph 65 of its report A/47/16 (Part I).

6. It was so decided.

Programme 28

7. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the recommendation of CPC on programme 28 was contained in paragraph 155 of its report A/47/16 (Part II).

8. Mr. CLAVIJO (Colombia) said that it was wrongly stated in paragraph 155 (c) of the CPC report that CPC had recommended that subparagraph 2 should be given high priority. The proposal had not been adopted by CPC. The order of priority should therefore not be changed.

9. Mr. SPAANS (Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination) remarked that the conclusions and recommendations contained in paragraph 155 of the CPC report conformed with the decisions taken by that Committee during the session.

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10. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendation of CPC on programme 28, which was contained in paragraph 155 of its report A/47/16 (Part II), on the understanding that the comments made on that programme would be taken into consideration during the informal consultations.

11. It was so decided.

Programme 29

12. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendation of CPC on programme 29, which was contained in paragraph 70 of its report A/47/16 (Part I).

13. It was so decided.

Major programme VI

Programme 30

14. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendation of CPC on programme 30, which was contained in paragraph 165 of its report A/47/16 (Part II).

15. It was so decided.

Programme 31

16. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendation of CPC on programme 31, which was contained in paragraph 87 of its report A/47/16 (Part I).

17. It was so decided.

Programme 32

18. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendations of CPC on programme 32, which were contained in paragraph 95 of its report A/47/16 (Part I) and paragraph 172 of its report A/47/16 (Part II).

19. It was so decided.

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Programme 33

20. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendations of CPC on programme 33, which were contained in paragraph 101 of its report A/47/16 (Part I) and paragraph 174 of its report A/47/16 (Part II).

21. It was so decided.

Programme 34

22. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendation of CPC on programme 34, which was contained in paragraph 107 of its report A/47/16 (Part I).

23. It was so decided.

Major programme VII

Programme 35

24. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendation of CPC on programme 35, which was contained in paragraph 113 of its report A/47/16 (Part I).

25. It was so decided.

Programme 36

26. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendation of CPC on programme 36, which was contained in paragraph 177 of its report A/47/16 (Part II).

27. It was so decided.

Programme 37

28. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse the recommendation of CPC on programme 37, which was contained in paragraph 182 of its report A/47/16 (Part II).

29. It was so decided.

Major programme VIII

Programme 38

30. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the recommendation of CPC on programme 38 was contained in paragraph 195 of its report A/47/16 (Part II).

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31. Mr. MORET (Cuba) remarked that the questions concerning the Department of Public Information must be examined in greater detail and that the Department's mandate must not be changed, especially with regard to the information centres. His delegation did not support the proposal that the News Distribution Section should be transferred to the Department of Public Information. Moreover, as he had had occasion to make that observation with regard to other programmes, his delegation was opposed to the fact that the new paragraph 38.3 referred to the delivery of timely and comprehensive information regarding potential threats to peace and security without specifying that international peace and security were intended - which left the door open to interpretations which might be contrary to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of States. The same remark applied to item (h) of the new paragraph 38.7.

32. Mr. CLAVIJO (Colombia) shared the concerns of the Cuban delegation, stressing that the recommendation in paragraph 195 of the CPC report was conditional upon the recommendation in paragraph 194. The Colombian delegation could support the recommendations in question only in so far as the matter of institutional arrangements referred to in paragraph 194 was settled.

33. The CHAIRMAN stated that programme 38 would be taken up again in informal consultations.

The meeting was suspended at 11.40 a.m. and resumed at 12.05 p.m.

#### ORGANIZATION OF WORK

34. Mr. ACAKPOSATCHIVI (Secretary of the Committee) read out the work programme of the Committee for the current week, as formulated so far. Moreover, as for considering the Joint Inspection Unit item, he pointed out that the work of the Committee depended on the work of the Advisory Committee, whose report thereon would soon be available.

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.