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The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 123: PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1994-1995
(continued)

1. Mr. OSELLA (Argentina) (Vice-Chairman), reporting on the informal consultations on agenda item 123, said that some delegations favoured authorizing interim appropriations in order to allow the Committee more time to study the budget proposals, but he did not think members were as yet ready to take a decision on the matter. He remained optimistic, however, that it would be possible to reach consensus in the days ahead if there was a radical change in the way delegations were approaching the negotiations.

AGENDA ITEM 127: SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS (continued)

2. Mr. MAYCOCK (Barbados), reporting on the informal consultations on agenda item 127, said that although wide agreement had been reached on a draft report on the item which he had prepared, some delegations still had difficulties with specific points. The negotiations were continuing and he hoped that it would be possible to reach agreement by 18 December, the date set for the conclusion of the informal consultations.

3. The CHAIRMAN appealed to all delegations to weigh any reservations they might still have against the importance of achieving consensus on the item.

AGENDA ITEM 168: PERSONNEL QUESTIONS (continued)

4. Mr. SPAANS (Netherlands), reporting on the consultations on agenda item 168, said that although members were close to a general agreement, the issue of the reaffirmation of General Assembly resolution 47/28 was still outstanding. Some delegations had shown great flexibility in the negotiations and were to be commended. He hoped it would be possible to reach complete agreement shortly.

The meeting rose at 11 a.m.