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- 1. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): I call on the representative of Ghana on a point of order.
- 2. Mr. FOLI (Ghana): I am speaking on behalf of the African group of States to challenge the presence of South

Africa in our midst. The African group is thoroughly dismayed at the presence of South Africa which, since 1974, has not participated in the work of the General Assembly.

- 3. Sir, I do not need to remind you of the ruling of your predecessor in 1974 on the credentials of South Africa.¹ The African group believes that South Africa has no valid credentials to entitle it to be present here at the resumed thirty-third session of the United Nations General Assembly.
- 4. I repeat, the African group challenges the presence of South Africa at the resumed thirty-third session.
- 5. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In view of the statement just made by the representative of Ghana, I request the Credentials Committee to meet immediately to consider the credentials of South Africa and to report to the General Assembly, if possible not later than 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The meeting rose at 4.35 p.m.

¹ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Plenary Meetings, 2281st meeting.