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The meeting was called to order at 3.35 p.m.

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(continued) (A/BUR/36/1)

Section III. Adoption of the agenda (continued)

Item 131

1. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include item 131 in the agenda.

Item 132

2. Mr. JAMAL (Qatar) welcomed the inclusion of that question in the agenda. The Arab States had reached agreement on the major political and economic questions and had co-ordinated all their regional and international activities within the framework of the League of Arab States. They could therefore only hope that the fruitful co-operation which had started many years earlier between the Secretariat of the United Nations and that of the League would be strengthened and institutionalized. The existing co-operation with the Organization of African Unity demonstrated how much could be expected from such an undertaking.

3. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include item 132 in the agenda.

Items 133 and 134

4. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include items 133 and 134 in the agenda.

Section IV. Allocation of items

5. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee might wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401, as suggested by the Secretary-General in paragraph 24 of his memorandum (A/BUR/36/1).

6. It was so decided.

7. The CHAIRMAN invited members of the Committee to start by taking up the eight items which had not been considered previously by the General Assembly, as listed in paragraph 25 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

8. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should consider item 127 directly in plenary meeting.

9. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 128 should be allocated to the First Committee.

10. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 129 should be allocated to the Third Committee.

11. Mr. ABDALLA (Sudan) said that the recent armed attack by Israel on the Iraqi nuclear installations would have serious consequences for the maintenance of international peace and security. That act of aggression constituted a flagrant violation of international law and of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations. Accordingly, he endorsed the proposal that the item should be considered in plenary meeting.

12. Mr. JAMAL (Qatar) recalled that the Security Council had recognized, in its resolution 487 (1981), the right of all States to acquire nuclear capability in order to develop the country for peaceful purposes and had condemned the armed aggression by Israel against the Iraqi nuclear installations. Iraq was a party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and it applied the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards; Israel, on the other hand, had refused to place its nuclear installations under those same safeguards. Moreover, Israel's gratuitous aggression constituted a flagrant violation of international law and was a threat to peace and security in the Middle East and in the world as a whole. In view of the seriousness of the situation he supported the proposal that the item should be considered in plenary meeting.

13. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should consider item 130 directly in plenary meeting.

14. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should consider items 131, 132, 133 and 134 directly in plenary meeting.

15. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to the proposal in paragraph 26 of the Secretary-General's memorandum concerning item 8 (b).

16. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 8 (b) should be allocated to the fifth Committee with the suggestion that it be considered within the framework of item 105.

17. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should adopt the proposals in paragraph 27 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, which related to item 12.

18. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should adopt the proposal in paragraph 28 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, which related to item 19.

19. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should adopt the proposals in paragraph 29 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, which related to item 30.

20. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 32 should be considered directly in plenary meeting on the understanding that representatives

of the Organization of African Unity and of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity would be permitted to participate in the discussion in plenary meeting and that organizations having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee.

21. The CHAIRMAN said, in connexion with item 35, which was dealt with in paragraph 31 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, that, following the consultations had had, it was his understanding that there had been no change at all, since the thirty-fifth session, in the position of the delegations concerned on the question of the allocation of that item. He therefore proposed that the Committee should recommend that the General Assembly should defer a decision on the matter to a later date.

22. It was so decided.

23. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 36 should be considered directly in plenary meeting on the understanding that hearings of organizations concerned would be held in the Fourth Committee.

24. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/36/424), which was to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14 (a), should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connexion with its consideration of item 55.

25. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should adopt the proposals in paragraph 35 of the Secretary-General's memorandum on the understanding that, in its report to the Assembly, the Committee would mention the recommendations which had already been adopted and which might affect the proposed allocation of agenda items.

Items proposed for consideration in plenary meeting

26. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration in plenary meeting in the Secretary-General's memorandum, with the exception of items 8 (b) and 35 and with the addition of items 127, 130, 131, 132, 133 and 134, should be allocated to the plenary Assembly.

Items proposed for consideration by the First Committee

27. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration by the First Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum, with the addition of item 128, should be allocated to that Committee.

Items proposed for consideration by the Special Political Committee

28. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration by the Special Political Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum, with the addition of item 32 (see para. 20 above), should be allocated to that Committee.

Items proposed for consideration by the Second Committee

29. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration by the Second Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum should be allocated to that Committee.

Items proposed for consideration by the Third Committee

30. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration by the Third Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum, with the addition of item 129, should be allocated to that Committee.

Items proposed for consideration by the Fourth Committee

31. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration by the Fourth Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum, with the addition of items 19 and 36 (see paras. 16 and 23 above), should be allocated to that Committee.

Items proposed for consideration by the Fifth Committee

32. Mr. ABDALLA (Sudan) recalled that, although the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" had traditionally been considered by the Fifth Committee, several of the JIU reports referred to matters that had been allocated to other Main Committees. For example, under item 104, the General Assembly would have before it reports of the Joint Inspection Unit which also referred to items 67, 69 (i), 70, 72 (a), 101 and 107. The Committee should therefore recommend that the General Assembly should allocate item 104 to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that those reports of the Joint Inspection Unit which dealt with items that were to be allocated to other Main Committees would be drawn to the attention of those Committees also.

33. It was so decided.

34. The Committee decided to recommend that the items proposed for consideration by the Fifth Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum, with the addition of item 8 (b), should be allocated to that Committee.

Items proposed for consideration by the Sixth Committee

35. The Committee decided to recommend that the items proposed for consideration by the Sixth Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum should be allocated to that Committee.

Organization of the thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly (continued)

36. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to a letter addressed to him by the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/36/514) concerning the planning of meetings and conferences and said that the Committee might wish to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the letter.

37. It was so decided.

38. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly concerning the procedure for the designation of a substitute in the event that the Chairman of one of the Main Committees was unable to attend a meeting of the General Committee.

The meeting rose at 4.05 p.m.