

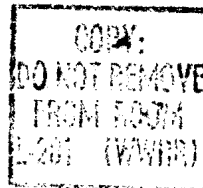
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Chairman: Mr. MUBAREZ (Yemen)



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The meeting was called to order at 10.50 a.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (continued)

1. Mr. OULD SIDI AHMED VALL (Mauritania) reported that consultations were still under way in the African Group on the nomination of an African representative as second Vice-Chairman of the Committee.
2. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee postpone the election of the second Vice-Chairman to its next meeting.
3. It was so decided.
4. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee postpone the election of the Rapporteur to its next meeting.
5. It was so decided.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK (A/SPC/37/L.1)

6. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the tentative time-table for the Committee's work contained in document A/SPC/37/L.1. The time-table had been drafted taking into account the availability of documentation, the consideration of related items in the plenary and other bodies, and the number of meetings devoted to each item at previous sessions.
7. Mr. KUBBA (Iraq) said that he had been informed that so far no final decision had been taken on the organization of the work of the plenary. In particular, no date had been set for the consideration in the plenary of item 3 entitled "Question of Palestine", which had a bearing on items 61, 65 and 68 entrusted to the Special Political Committee. The plenary would also be discussing the Israeli aggression against Iraqi nuclear installations (item 24) and he hoped that the Committee's time-table would enable members to attend the plenary debate on that item.
8. The CHAIRMAN assured the representative of Iraq that the tentative time-table had been drawn up in such a way as to ensure that the consideration of items in the Committee did not clash with the consideration of related items in the plenary. The necessary degree of flexibility would be exercised to ensure that members' concerns on that score were duly accommodated. Item 24 was in fact to be considered sometime during the first two weeks of December; any clash with the discussion of related items in the Special Political Committee would be avoided.
9. Mr. BATAINAH (Jordan) recalled that, at previous sessions, documents on the item on Israeli practices in the occupied territories had always been issued late. Since that was an extremely important item, the Secretariat should have tried to ensure that the relevant documentation became available as soon as possible. Once again, however, the documentation on item 61 was to be issued late.

10. The CHAIRMAN observed that the availability of documentation had been taken into account in drawing up the tentative time-table, at which time it had been understood that the report referred to in item 61 would be available by 29 October. In any case, it was the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories that was responsible for the late publication of the report in question, not the Secretariat.
11. If heard no objections, he would take it that the Committee approved the programme of work set out in document A/SPC/37/L.1.
12. It was so decided.
13. The CHAIRMAN announced that, in addition to the 12 items on the Committee's programme of work, the Assembly had decided, in connexion with item 33 entitled "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa" which was to be considered directly in plenary, that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee. The Committee would devote two meetings to such hearings on 5 and 8 or 9 November. He wished to suggest that the Committee adopt the following procedure in relation to those hearings: organizations or individuals wishing to be heard by the Committee should submit their requests in writing to the Chairman of the Committee by no later than Friday, 29 October. Communications containing requests for hearings would be circulated as Committee documents and considered by the Committee at a subsequent meeting prior to the hearings. Organizations and individuals approved by the Committee would be informed by the Secretariat of the date of the meeting.
14. If he heard no objections, he would take it that the Committee agreed to that procedure.
15. It was so decided.
16. The CHAIRMAN, referring to the submission of draft resolutions on items before the Committee, reminded members that by its decision 34/401 the General Assembly had decided to impose a mandatory deadline of 1 December for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications, and had further decided that a minimum period of 48 hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of any draft resolution involving expenditure. He therefore urged members to submit draft resolutions as early as possible to allow time for the requisite consideration of their financial implications. In particular, delegations intending to submit draft resolutions on items near the end of the Committee's agenda should be aware that any resolutions with financial implications must be considered by the Committee before 1 December.

The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.