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Chairman: Mr. AL-QAYSI (Iraq)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.05 a.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Mr. CALERO-RODRIGUEZ (Brazil) on behalf of the Group of Latin American States nominated Mr. Herrera Caceres (Honduras) for one of the posts of Vice-Chairman.
2. Mr. Herrera Caceres (Honduras) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.
3. The CHAIRMAN urged the regional groups and the delegations to expedite their consultations concerning the election of the second Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur, in order to enable the Bureau to be completed quickly.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

4. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of members to two documents before the Committee, namely, the letter from the President of the General Assembly, contained in document A/C.6/40/1, setting out the agenda items allocated to the Sixth Committee and the Secretariat note on the organization of work contained in document A/C.6/40/L.1.
5. Before turning to the organization of the Committee's work, he wished to remind members that the General Assembly had decided that statements made in a Main Committee should not be reproduced in extenso. Furthermore, the Committee was bound to observe paragraph 13 of General Assembly decision 34/401, on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, by which a mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be set for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications. Finally, he stressed the need to utilize the time and resources of the Committee efficiently and stated his intention to begin meetings on time. To that end, he asked for the co-operation of all delegations.
6. Since the above-mentioned documents had been distributed just before the meeting and delegations needed more time to study them and consult with each other, he suggested that, as was customary, the Committee might first consider the UNCITRAL report (agenda item 136). In that connection, he informed Committee members that the Chairman of UNCITRAL was in New York and would be available to introduce the UNCITRAL report at the next meeting, the following morning.
7. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed to begin its work the next day by taking up item 136, the discussion of which should be completed on Monday, 30 September, and to return later in the week to the question of the organization of work, after delegations had had an opportunity to study the above-mentioned documents and hold informal consultations.
8. It was so decided.

9. The CHAIRMAN asked members to inscribe their names on the list of speakers for the UNCITRAL item, so that the Committee could begin its substantive work immediately, use its time efficiently and not fall too far behind in its schedule.

10. He was convinced that a rational organization of work was essential to the success of the Committee's proceedings. As Chairman, he would mainly be guided by considerations of flexibility and efficiency and the concern to facilitate consensus whenever possible.

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.