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Chair: Mr. Hilale(Morocco)

In the absence of the Chair, Mr. Fiallo Karolys (Ecuador), Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.

Election of the officers of the Main Committees

Election of the Chair and the Bureau of the First Committee

The Acting Chair (*spoke in Spanish*): In accordance with rules 99 (a) and 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, this meeting has been convened to elect the Chair and other members of the Bureau of the First Committee for the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly.

We shall first take up the election of the Chair of the First Committee for the forthcoming seventy-seventh session. Members will recall that, pursuant to resolution 72/313, of 17 September 2018, which established the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third sessions, the Chair of the First Committee at the seventy-seventh session is to be nominated by the Group of Asia-Pacific States. In that regard, I understand that the Group has decided to nominate His Excellency Ambassador Magzhan Ilyassov of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the position of Chair of the First Committee at its seventy-seventh session.

Ambassador Magzhan Ilyassov is an accomplished diplomat of his country and has served as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations since October 2020. Prior to his current

assignment, he served as his country's Ambassador to the Netherlands since 2016. From 2013 to 2016, he was an adviser to the President of Kazakhstan, and from 2007 to 2016 he was Head of the Presidential Administration's Foreign Policy Centre. He has held a number of other positions since first entering Government service in 1996, including as an attaché with the International Organizations and International Economic Relations Department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Since there are no other nominations from the Group of Asia-Pacific States, may I take it that, in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and established practice, the First Committee wishes to dispense with a secret ballot and to elect by acclamation Ambassador Magzhan Ilyassov of the Republic of Kazakhstan as Chair of the First Committee for the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly?

It was so decided.

The Acting Chair (*spoke in Spanish*): I hereby declare Ambassador Magzhan Ilyassov of the Republic of Kazakhstan elected by acclamation as Chair of the First Committee for the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly. On behalf of all delegations, I warmly congratulate Ambassador Ilyassov on his election. I am sure that he will receive the support and cooperation of each and every delegation in exercising his mandate to guide the work of the First Committee at its seventy-seventh session.

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We will now proceed with the election of other members of the Bureau of the First Committee for the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly, beginning with the Vice-Chairs. It is my pleasure to present to the Committee the following nominations.

The Group of Eastern European States has nominated Mrs. Szilvia Balázs, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations; the Group of Western European and other States has endorsed Mr. Daniel Roethlin, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations; and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States has nominated Mr. Marcelo Zambrana Torrelío, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations.

Bearing in mind rule 103 of the rules of procedure and recalling paragraph 16 of decision 34/401, may I take it that the Committee wishes to dispense with a secret ballot and elect the candidates by acclamation?

It was so decided.

The Acting Chair (*spoke in Spanish*): With respect to the position of Rapporteur, the Group of African States has endorsed Mr. Nazim Khaldi, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations. May I take it that the Committee wishes to elect Mr. Nazim Khaldi of Algeria by acclamation as Rapporteur of the First Committee for the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly?

It was so decided.

The Acting Chair (*spoke in Spanish*): On behalf of the Committee, I should like to express my warmest congratulations to Mrs. Szilvia Balázs of Hungary, Mr. Daniel Roethlin of Austria and Mr. Marcelo Zambrana Torrelío of the Plurinational State of Bolivia on their election as Vice-Chairs of the First Committee, and to Mr. Nazim Khaldi of Algeria on his election as its Rapporteur.

Before adjourning this meeting, on behalf of all delegations, I would like to thank the Chair of the First Committee at its seventy-sixth session, His Excellency Mr. Omar Hilale of Morocco, for his outstanding leadership, and the other members of the Bureau, including the Vice-Chairs — Mr. Amir Hamzah Bin Mohd Nasir of Malaysia and Mr. Saša Milanović of Bosnia and Herzegovina — as well as the Rapporteur, Ms. Sanna Leena Orava of Finland, for their outstanding contributions in guiding the work of the Committee to a successful conclusion.

Moreover, on behalf of the Chair of the First Committee, Ambassador Omar Hilale, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate his heartfelt thanks to all delegations for their support and cooperation throughout his tenure as Chair of the First Committee at its seventy-sixth session, as well as their support for Ecuador and myself as Vice-Chair of the Committee, and to express special thanks to the Secretariat.

The meeting rose at 11.10 a.m.