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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. The CHAIRMAN expressed appreciation for the honour conferred on his country and on himself by the African Group's nomination of him for the post of Chairman of the Third Committee. That nomination showed the confidence which Africa placed in Egypt, and his election by Member States showed the confidence which they placed in Africa and in Egypt. He hoped that his chairmanship would be a credit to Africa, and he assured all Member States that he would exert every effort to conduct the Committee's work faithfully and effectively.
2. Under the presidency of His Excellency Mr. Salim Ahmed Salim, the General Assembly had begun its work in a way which augured well for a session marked by effectiveness, punctuality, a spirit of co-operation and a sense of responsibility.
3. He was confident that the spirit of co-operation and mutual understanding which had prevailed in his relations with all Member States and the Secretariat during his service as the representative of Egypt would continue and be deepened and strengthened during the term of his chairmanship.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4. The CHAIRMAN said he had just been informed that only one of the two Vice-Chairmen would be elected at the current meeting.
5. Mr. VAYENAS (Greece) nominated Mrs. Restrepo de Reyes (Colombia) for the office of Vice-Chairman.
6. Mrs. Restrepo de Reyes (Colombia) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

7. Mr. PAPADEMAS (Secretary of the Committee) made a statement concerning the rationalization of the Committee's programme of work.
8. The CHAIRMAN said the Director of the Interpretation and Meetings Division had informed him that despite the difficulty of providing all the conference services and meeting rooms required, everything possible would be done to provide all the facilities needed by the Third Committee and its working groups.
9. Mr. NYAMEKYE (Ghana) suggested that the Committee should authorize the Secretariat to prepare a tentative programme of work, taking into account the availability of documents and the programme followed at the thirty-third session. Such a document could form the basis for the Committee's discussion at its 3rd meeting and help to expedite its work.
10. The CHAIRMAN said that the usual procedure was for the Committee to be given an opportunity to express its views on the programme of work. On the basis of

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those views, the officers of the Committee, not the Secretariat, usually prepared the programme of work. He proposed to follow that procedure, which he hoped would not result in any waste of time. If the Committee could begin its 3rd meeting, scheduled for Monday, 24 September, on time and complete its discussion of the programme of work at that meeting, by Tuesday the officers should be able to formulate concrete proposals for consideration by the Committee as a whole.

11. Mr. NYAMEKYE (Ghana) said that he had no objection to that procedure. He had made his suggestion only because he sensed that the Committee was willing to follow a programme of work very similar to that followed at the thirty-third session.

12. The CHAIRMAN said he hoped that members of the Committee would inform him as soon as possible of their decisions concerning the composition of the working groups, so that the groups could be established and start work during the week beginning Monday, 24 September.

13. Mrs. SIKRI (India) inquired whether the Secretariat could give, before Monday, 24 September, a firm schedule for the issuance of documents.

14. Mr. PAPADEMAS (Secretary of the Committee) said that by Monday, 24 September, the document concerning the allocation of items to the Third Committee should be available. That document would give a complete list of the documents relevant to each item. Monday would be the appropriate time for him to give a full account of the status of documentation on the basis of the document which would then be before the Committee.

15. Mr. GAGLIARDI (Brazil) said that during the thirty-third session the Committee had been unable to avail itself of many meeting hours because of the unavailability of documents.

The meeting rose at 4 p.m.