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*President:* Mr. Yang ..... (Cameroon)

*In the absence of the President, Mr. Jackman (Barbados), Vice-President, took the Chair.*

*The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.*

## Agenda item 143 (continued)

### Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

#### Letter dated 28 March 2025 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/79/720/Add.4)

**The Acting President:** In keeping with established practice, I would like to invite the attention of the General Assembly to document A/79/720/Add.4, in which the Secretary-General informs the President of the General Assembly that, since the issuance of his communication contained in document A/79/720/Add.3, the Congo has made the payment necessary to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of the information contained in this document?

*It was so decided.*

### Tribute to the memory of His Excellency Mr. Amara Essy, President of the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session

**The Acting President:** It is my sad duty to pay tribute to the memory of the President of the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, His Excellency Mr. Amara Essy, of Côte d'Ivoire, who passed away on 8 April. On behalf of the General Assembly, I should like to convey our condolences to the Government and the people of Côte d'Ivoire and to the bereaved family of His Excellency Mr. Amara Essy.

I now invite representatives to stand and observe a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of His Excellency Mr. Amara Essy.

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*The members of the General Assembly observed a minute of silence.*

**Agenda item 13 (continued)**

**Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields**

**Draft resolution (A/79/L.71)**

**The Acting President:** We shall now proceed to consider draft resolution A/79/L.71.

I now give the floor to the representative of the Secretariat.

**Mr. Nakano** (Department for General Assembly and Conference Management): The present oral statement is made in the context of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. The present statement has also been distributed to Member States.

Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would welcome and accept with appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Turkmenistan to host the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries and would decide that the Conference will be held in Awaza for a duration of four days, from 5 to 8 August 2025, at the highest possible level, including Heads of State and Government, on the theme “Driving progress through partnerships”.

Should the Assembly adopt draft resolution A/79/L.71, there would be additional meetings and documentation workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and the Department of Global Communications, with a total estimated cost of \$254,700 in 2025. Every effort will be made to meet the requirements within their capacity, and there would be no programme budget implications for 2025. In this regard, the Secretariat wishes to inform the Assembly that its ability to implement the mandate will depend on the availability of adequate liquidity resources.

The Assembly may recall that, in accordance with its decision in its resolution 77/246 to convene the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries in 2024, provisions totalling \$345,500 were included in the programme budget for 2024 under section 2, “General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs and Conference Management”, and section 28, “Global Communications”. The unspent provisions owing to the postponement of the third United Nations Conference, as decided by the Assembly in its decision 79/537, will be returned in the context of the financial performance report for 2024 to be presented at the main part of the eightieth session of the General Assembly.

Also, pursuant to operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, it should be noted that the Government of Turkmenistan will need to defray the additional cost directly or indirectly involved, in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 40/243, which stipulates that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray such costs, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to the nature and possible extent of the actual and additional cost directly or indirectly involved.

I should like to announce that since the submission of the draft resolution, and in addition to the delegations listed in document A/79/L.71, the following countries have also become sponsors of the draft resolution: Austria, Belgium, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, the Central African Republic, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, El Salvador, Finland, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Paraguay,

the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Türkiye, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

**The Acting President:** I thank the representative of the Secretariat.

The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution A/79/L.71, entitled “Further modalities of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries”. May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt A/79/L.71?

*Draft resolution A/79/L.71 was adopted (resolution 79/279).*

#### **Agenda items 13 and 75 (continued)**

### **Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields**

#### **Oceans and the law of the sea**

##### **(a) Oceans and the law of the sea**

##### **Draft decision (A/79/L.73)**

**The Acting President:** The Assembly will now take action on draft decision A/79/L.73, entitled “Accreditation and participation of intergovernmental organizations in the 2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development”.

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt draft decision A/79/L.73?

*Draft decision A/79/L.73 was adopted (decision 79/558).*

**The Acting President:** The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 13 and sub-item (a) of agenda item 75.

#### **Agenda item 7 (continued)**

### **Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items**

**The Acting President:** Members will recall that the General Assembly concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 116 at its 38th plenary meeting, on 13 November 2024. In order for the Assembly to consider the reports of the Committee, it will be necessary to reopen consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 116. May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to reopen consideration of agenda item 116?

*It was so decided (decision 79/505 B).*

#### **Agenda item 116 (continued)**

### **Reports of the Fifth Committee**

**The Acting President:** The General Assembly will now consider the reports of the Fifth Committee on sub-items (b) and (1) of agenda item 116, agenda items 137, 139, 141, 144, 146, 150 and 151.

The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records. Therefore, if there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Committee that are before the Assembly today.

*It was so decided.*

**The Acting President:** Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote. May I remind members that, in accordance with decision 34/401, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee and that explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats. When there are multiple proposals under an agenda item, statements in explanation of vote before the vote on any or all of them should be made in one intervention, followed by action on all of them, one by one. Thereafter, there will be an opportunity for statements in explanation of vote after the vote on any or all of them in one intervention.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Committee, I would like to advise representatives that we will proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Committee, unless the Secretariat is notified otherwise in advance, aside from the recommendations resulting from secret ballot. I should therefore hope that we may proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Committee.

I would like to draw the attention of members to a note by the Secretariat entitled "Recommendations contained in the reports of the Fifth Committee for consideration by the General Assembly", which has been issued as document A/C.5/79/INF/3, to cover items other than sub-items (b) and (l) of agenda item 116.

Members are reminded that additional sponsors are no longer accepted now that the draft resolutions and decisions have been adopted by the Committee. Any clarification about sponsorship of the Committee reports should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee.

Furthermore, any corrections to the voting intention of delegations after the voting has concluded on a proposal should be addressed directly to the Secretariat after the meeting. I count on members' cooperation in avoiding any interruptions to our proceedings in that regard.

#### **(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions**

##### **Reports of the Fifth Committee (A/79/533/Add.1 and A/79/533/Add.2)**

**The Acting President:** The Assembly has before it recommendations by the Committee contained in its reports (A/79/533/Add.1 and A/79/533/Add.2). We will now take a decision on the recommendations.

May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to appoint the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for terms of office beginning today, 11 April 2025, and ending on 31 December 2026, Denis Piminov (Russian Federation), Benjamin Sieberns (Germany) and Fu Liheng (China)?

*It was so decided.*

**The Acting President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 116?

*It was so decided.*

#### **(l) Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee**

##### **Report of the Fifth Committee (A/79/835)**

**The Acting President:** The Assembly has before it a recommendation by the Committee contained in its report. We will now take a decision on the recommendation.

May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to appoint Eric Oduro Osae (Ghana) as a member of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for a term of office beginning today, 11 April 2025, and ending on 31 December 2026?

*It was so decided.*

**The Acting President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (l) of agenda item 116?

*It was so decided.*

#### **Agenda item 139**

##### **Proposed programme budget for 2025**

###### **Report of the Fifth Committee (A/79/652/Add.1)**

**The Acting President:** The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled “Special subjects relating to the programme budget for 2025”. The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 79/258 B).*

**The Acting President:** The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 139.

#### **Agenda item 141**

##### **Improving the financial situation of the United Nations**

###### **Report of the Fifth Committee (A/79/838)**

**The Acting President:** May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to take note of the report of the Committee?

*It was so decided.*

**The Acting President:** The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 141.

#### **Agenda item 144**

##### **Human resources management**

###### **Report of the Fifth Committee (A/79/839)**

**The Acting President:** The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled “Human resources management”. The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 79/280).*

**The Acting President:** The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 144.

#### **Agenda item 146**

##### **Joint Inspection Unit**

###### **Report of the Fifth Committee (A/79/840)**

**The Acting President:** The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled “Joint Inspection Unit”. The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 79/281).*

**The Acting President:** The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 146.

#### **Agenda items 137 and 150**

#### **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**

#### **Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services**

##### **Report of the Fifth Committee (A/79/648/Add.1)**

**The Acting President:** May I take it that the Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Committee?

*It was so decided (decision 79/550 B).*

**The Acting President:** The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 137 and 150.

#### **Agenda item 151**

#### **Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244, 59/272, 64/263, 69/253 and 74/257**

##### **Report of the Fifth Committee (A/79/649)**

**The Acting President:** The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244, 59/272, 64/263, 69/253 and 74/257”. The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 79/282).*

**The Acting President:** The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 151.

#### **Agenda item 137**

#### **Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**

##### **Report of the Fifth Committee (A/79/653/Add.1)**

**The Acting President:** The Assembly has before it a draft decision recommended by the Committee in its report. We will now take a decision on the draft decision entitled “Questions deferred for future consideration”. The Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

*The draft decision was adopted (decision 79/551 B).*

**The Acting President:** The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 137.

*The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.*