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Chair: Ms. Chan Valverde (Costa Rica)

The meeting was called to order at 11.35 a.m.

Agenda item 5

Election of the officers of the Main Committees

Election of the Chair and the Bureau of the First Committee

The 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 eightieth session of the General Assembly.

We shall first take up the election of the Chair of the First Committee for the forthcoming eightieth 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 eightieth session is to be nominated by the Group of Western European and other States. In that regard, I understand that the Group has decided to nominate His Excellency Ambassador Maurizio Massari of Italy for the position of Chair of the First Committee at its eightieth session.

Ambassador Massari is a career diplomat who was appointed as Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations on 19 July 2021. He is currently Vice-President of the General Assembly and, since December 2023, a member of the Advisory Group of the Central Emergency Response Fund, established by the General Assembly in the framework of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, with a three year mandate. Ambassador Massari was Vice President of the Economic and Social Council from July 2022 to July 2023, and Vice-President of UN-Women's Executive Board in 2023. Since 2021, he has served as an International Gender Champion. He has also served as Permanent Representative of Italy to the European Union from June 2016 to May 2021, and Special Envoy for the Mediterranean and the Middle East of the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2012 to 2013.

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Since there are no other nominations from the Group of Western European and other 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 Maurizio Massari of Italy as Chair of the First Committee for the eightieth session of the General Assembly?

It was so decided.

The Chair (*spoke in Spanish*): I hereby declare Ambassador Maurizio Massari of Italy elected by acclamation as Chair of the First Committee for the eightieth session of the General Assembly. On behalf of all delegations, I warmly congratulate Ambassador Massari on his election. I am certain 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 eightieth session.

I now give the floor to the Chair-elect of the of the First Committee at its eightieth session, His Excellency Ambassador Maurizio Massari of Italy, to make a statement.

Mr. Massari (Italy): It is a profound honour for Italy to assume the chairmanship of the First Committee for the eightieth session of the General Assembly. This role carries symbolic importance for my country given Italy's long-standing commitment to multilateralism, which remains a guiding principle of our foreign policy.

Allow me also to pay tribute to the outgoing Chair for the dedication demonstrated in these challenging times. Ambassador Chan Valverde is not only an example of leadership in the field of international disarmament but also a champion of gender equality as the first female Chair of the First Committee.

Today international security continues to deteriorate and is marked by growing instability and the progressive erosion of the disarmament and non-proliferation architecture that previous generations have built over decades. In that context it is essential that we reinforce dialogue, promote inclusive participation, including that of civil society, and encourage innovative forward-looking approaches to the discussion of the First Committee. As Chair, I will work to forge constructive engagement and ensure the full and effective implementation of the resolutions we adopt. Let us join efforts to uphold the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, stem the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, address the emerging challenges in cyberspace, including those related to the advancement of artificial intelligence, and revitalize the disarmament agenda — not as an abstract goal but as a shared imperative for international peace and security.

The Chair (*spoke in Spanish*): I thank Ambassador Massari for his statement.

We will now proceed with the election of other members of the Bureau of the First Committee for the eightieth 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 African States has nominated Mr. Amr Essameldin Sadek Ahmed, Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations; the Group of Asia-Pacific States has nominated Ms. Pawinrat Mahaguna, Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations; and the Group of Eastern European States has endorsed Mr. Jakub Jaros, Third Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Poland 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 those candidates by acclamation?

It was so decided.

The Chair (*spoke in Spanish*): With respect to the position of Rapporteur, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States has endorsed Ms. Ana Maricela Ávila Becerril, Minister Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of the Costa Rica to the United Nations. May I take it that the Committee wishes to elect Ms. Ana Maricela Ávila Becerril of Costa Rica by acclamation as Rapporteur of the First Committee for the eightieth session of the General Assembly?

It was so decided.

The Chair (*spoke in Spanish*): On behalf of the Committee, I should like to express my warmest congratulations to Mr. Amr Essameldin Sadek Ahmed of Egypt, Mr. Jakub Jaros of Poland and Ms. Pawinrat Mahaguna of Thailand on their election as Vice-Chairs of the First Committee, and to Ms. Ana Maricela Ávila Becerril of Costa Rica on her election as Rapporteur.

Finally, on behalf of all delegations, let me thank the members of the Bureau of the seventy-ninth session — Vice-Chairs Mr. Abdulrahman Abdulaziz Al-Thani of Qatar, Mr. El Hadj Lehbib Mohamedou of Mauritania and Ms. Vivica Muenkner of Germany — as well as Rapporteur Mr. Pēteris Filipsons of Latvia, for their remarkable contributions in guiding the work of the Committee to a successful conclusion.

I would also like to use this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thanks once again to all delegations for their support and cooperation throughout my tenure as Chair of the First Committee during the seventy-ninth session.

The meeting rose at 11.50 a.m.