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(Argentina)

- Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: first report of the General Committee

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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

ITEM 8 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA (continued)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK: FIRST REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE (A/43/250)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): This morning the Assembly will consider the first report of the General Committee (A/43/250). I shall refer to specific paragraphs of the report which contain recommendations for consideration by the Assembly.

We shall begin with section I, "Introduction". The General Committee, in paragraph 2, draws the attention of the General Assembly to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI and VII of its rules of procedure.

May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of those provisions?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We come next to section II of the report, which deals with the organization of the session.

In paragraph 4, dealing with the rationalization of the work of the General Assembly, the General Committee draws our attention to recommendations 2, 3 and 7 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations.

In connection with recommendation 3 (c), in particular, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that, as at recent sessions, the holding of concurrent meetings of the Special Political and Fourth Committees should be avoided, to the extent possible, and with the necessary flexibility, during the forty-third session.

May I take it that the Assembly agrees to that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn next to paragraph 6, which relates to the closing date of the forty-third session. The General Committee recommends that, in view of the financial problems still faced by the United Nations, and in the context of the process of renewal and reform under way, no closing date should be decided upon at this time and every effort should be made to curtail to the maximum extent practicable the duration of the forty-third session.

May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In this connection, I wish to reiterate my appeal to all the Main Committees, without exception, to start their work as soon as possible.

Regarding the schedule of meetings, referred to in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9, the General Committee, in paragraph 7, recommends that all morning meetings of the plenary Assembly and the Main Committees during the forty-third session should start at 10 a.m. promptly.

May I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): I wish to inform representatives that I intend to ensure strict adherence to the 10 o'clock start for morning meetings upon which the Assembly has just decided.

In paragraph 8 the General Committee recommends that, in order to avoid the late starting of meetings and as a cost-saving measure, the General Assembly should waive, as it decided at its 3rd plenary meeting of the forty-second session, on Friday, 18 September 1987, the requirement of the presence of at least one third of

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the members before a plenary meeting can be declared open and the debate permitted to proceed and of at least one quarter of the members before a meeting of a Main Committee can be declared open and the debate permitted to proceed. This recommendation is made on the understanding that such a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the relevant provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure pertaining to the opening of meetings.

May I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In this connection the General Committee, in paragraph 9, recommends to the General Assembly that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring the effective and orderly organization of work and of achieving economies for the United Nations. I would repeat my intention to strive for full compliance with the recommendations we have just approved. May I take it that the General Assembly approves the recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In this connection I should like to assure the Assembly that I shall be in the Chair punctually at the scheduled time, and I urge the Chairmen of the Main Committees to do likewise. I trust that all delegations will co-operate in this regard.

We shall now turn to paragraphs 10 and 11, concerning the general debate.

May I consider that the General Assembly approves the recommendations contained in paragraph 10?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In view of the very large number of speakers already inscribed to speak, I shall urge representatives to speak in the order in which they appear on the list. Those who are unable to speak at the scheduled time will be put at the end of the list for that day.

In paragraph 11 the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to the decision taken by the Assembly at the 3rd plenary meeting of the forty-second session, namely, that the practice of expressing congratulations in the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered was prohibited, and recommends that that provision should also apply during the forty-third session.

May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We shall now turn to paragraphs 12 and 13, regarding explanations of vote, right of reply and length of statements.

In paragraph 12 the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of decision 34/401.

May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of those provisions?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In paragraph 13, regarding the length of statements, the General Committee, as it did at the forty-second session, draws the attention of the Assembly to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure, and to paragraph 22 of annex VI thereof, for appropriate action in plenary meetings and the Main Committees.

May I take it that the Assembly takes note of those provisions?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Paragraph 14 deals with records of meetings. May I take it that the Assembly approves the recommendations contained in paragraph 14?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In paragraph 15 the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 18 and 19 of its decision 34/401, whereby it recommended that the regional groups should agree on the distribution of chairmanships among them for the following session and that candidates for those chairmanships should be nominated as soon as possible. May I express the hope that those provisions will be fully implemented in order to facilitate the organization of work of the next session of the General Assembly?

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The General Committee also draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401, which is reproduced in paragraph 16, concerning concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees.

Paragraphs 17 and 18 of the report of the General Committee refer to questions related to the programme budget. In this connection the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 12 and 13 of decision 34/401.

The Committee also draws the Assembly's attention to paragraph 6 of resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, which deals with proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings, and to regulation 4.9 of the Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation: resolution 37/234.

As members are aware, this has been a serious problem, especially towards the end of the session. If the General Assembly succeeds in curtailing the duration of the forty-third session, the target date for the conclusion of the work of the Main Committees and the mandatory deadline for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with programme-budget implications should be adjusted accordingly.

May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of the provisions contained in paragraphs 17 and 18?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Paragraphs 19 and 20 refer to documentation. In paragraph 19 the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of decision 34/401.

In paragraphs 21 and 22 the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of decision 34/401 concerning resolutions, to subparagraph (f) of recommendation 3 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental

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Experts and to the relevant recommendations made by the Presidents of the General Assembly in the appendix to document A/40/377.

Paragraphs 23 and 24 relate to special conferences. The General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences adopted by the Assembly in paragraph (b) of decision 34/405 and to recommendations 2 (d) and 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts.

May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of those provisions?

It was so decided.



The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In paragraph 25 the General Committee, in the light of recommendations submitted by the Committee on Conferences, recommends to the General Assembly that the following subsidiary organs of the Assembly be authorized to hold meetings during the forty-third session: the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies; the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa; the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa; the Committee on Relations with the Host Country; the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People; the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa; the Special Committee against Apartheid; the United Nations Council for Namibia; the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; and the World Food Council.

May I take it that the General Assembly approves those recommendations?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): That completes our consideration of section II of the report, relating to the organization of the session.

We turn now to section III of the report, relating to the adoption of the agenda.

I remind members of the General Assembly that rule 23 of the rules of procedure provides that

"Debate on the inclusion of an item in the agenda, when that item has been recommended for inclusion by the General Committee, shall be limited to three speakers in favour of, and three against, the inclusion".

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I should also like to stress that at this time we are not discussing the substance of any item.

In paragraph 28 of its report, concerning item 113 of the draft agenda, entitled "Question of East Timor", the General Committee recommends that consideration of this item be deferred to the forty-fourth session and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

May I take it that the Assembly approves those recommendations?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn next to paragraph 29. Following the withdrawal by their respective sponsors of items 147, "Fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the Government of the Republic of Korea", and 150, "Situation on the Korean peninsula and implementation of the relevant resolution on the question of Korea adopted by the General Assembly at its thirtieth session", of the draft agenda, the General Committee decided to replace those items with an item entitled "Promotion of peace, reconciliation and dialogue in the Korean peninsula".

May I take it that the Assembly takes note of that decision of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn next to paragraph 30, concerning item 149 of the draft agenda, "Declaration proclaiming climate as part of the common heritage of mankind". The General Committee decided to revise the title of the item as follows: "Conservation of climate as part of the common heritage of mankind".

May I take it that the Assembly takes note of that decision?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn now to the agenda which the General Committee recommends for adoption by the General Assembly.

In conformity with past practice, we shall follow the numbering given in paragraph 31 of the General Committee's report (A/43/250) and consider several items together in groups where that seems appropriate. I should like to remind members once again that at present we are not discussing the substance of any item, except where such discussion can assist the Assembly in deciding whether or not to include an item in the agenda.

Items 1 to 6 have already been acted upon in plenary meeting and their inclusion has thereby been approved.

We shall turn therefore to items 7 to 29. May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to include those items in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We come next to item 30, "The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security". May I take it that the General Assembly, taking duly into account the statement made in the General Committee, decides to include item 30 in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn next to item 31. May I take it that item 31 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The next item, item 32, is entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte". May I take it that the General Assembly, taking duly into account the statement made in the General Committee, decides to include item 32 in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Next, we come to items 33 to 42. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to include those items in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn next to item 43, entitled "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986".

May I take it that the General Assembly, taking duly into account the statement made in the General Committee, decides to include item 43 in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): If there is no objection, I shall take it that the General Assembly wishes to include items 44 to 50 in the agenda.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We come now to items 51 to 73, including sub-item (k) of item 64. May I take it that those items are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn next to items 74 to 79. May I take it that those items are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn now to item 80, entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India".

Taking due account of the statements made in the General Committee, may I take it that item 80 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn now to item 81, entitled "Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations". May I take it that item 81 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We now come to items 82 to 86. May I take it that they are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We come next to items 87 to 107. May I take it that those items are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn now to items 108 to 112. May I take it that those items are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Items 113 to 124 have been recommended for inclusion in the agenda. May I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn next to items 125 to 138, which have been recommended for inclusion. May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Item 139 has been recommended for inclusion. May I take it that that item is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Item 140, "Science and peace", has also been recommended for inclusion. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to include it in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn next to item 141, "Implementation of the conclusions of the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and establishment of a preparatory committee for the fourth review conference". May I take it that the Assembly approves its inclusion in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Item 142, "Observer status for the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America in the General Assembly", has been recommended for inclusion. May I take it that item 142 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Item 143, "Responsibility of States for the protection of the environment and prevention of environmental pollution as a result of the accumulation of toxic and radioactive wastes, and strengthening of international co-operation for the purpose of resolving the problem", has been recommended for inclusion. May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Item 144 is entitled "Responsibility of States to ban in their territory, and to refrain from instigating or supporting in the territory of other States, chauvinistic, racist and other manifestations that may cause discord between peoples and involvement of Governments and the mass media in combating such manifestations and in educating peoples and youth in the spirit of peaceful co-operation and international entente; and evaluation of the implementation of the Declaration of the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples".

I should like to point out that in paragraph 31 of the Arabic, Chinese and English versions of the report of the General Committee (A/43/250), there is an error in this title, although the correct title appears in paragraph 34. A corrigendum will be issued for paragraph 31.

May I take it that the General Assembly, taking duly into account the statements made in the General Committee, and the correction to be issued to the title, decides to include item 144 in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We now come to item 145, entitled "Liability for the illegal transfer and/or use of prohibited weapons and weapons or substances which cause unnecessary human suffering".

May I take it that item 145 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Item 146, entitled "Promotion of peace, reconciliation and dialogue in the Korean peninsula", was also recommended for inclusion.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to include item 146 in the agenda?

It was so decided.



The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We now come to item 147, which has also been recommended for inclusion.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to include this item?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We now come to item 148, entitled "Conservation of climate as part of the common heritage of mankind", which was recommended for inclusion.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to include it in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We now come to item 149, entitled "Emergency assistance to Jamaica".

May I take it that item 149 is included?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We now turn to section IV, "Allocation of items".

In this connection, in paragraph 32, the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401, which states that

"Substantive items should normally be discussed initially in a Main Committee and, therefore, items previously allocated to plenary meetings should henceforth be referred to a Main Committee unless there are compelling circumstances requiring their continued consideration in plenary meeting."

The modifications indicated in paragraph 33 are reflected in the proposed allocation. We shall therefore consider them when we come to the relevant items under paragraph 34.

May I now invite members to turn to the list of items recommended by the General Committee for consideration in plenary meeting.

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We come first to the list recommended by the General Committee for discussion in plenary meeting. First, item 12, "Report of the Economic and Social Council". The General Committee recommends that a plenary meeting should be devoted to the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the World Health Organization on the morning of Thursday 27 October 1988.

May I take that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Regarding item 18, the General Committee recommends in paragraph 33 (a) (ii) that the Assembly should refer to the Fourth Committee all the chapters of the report of the Special Committee relating to specific Territories, so that the General Assembly may deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

May I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn now to the recommendation of the General Committee on the allocation of item 29 on the list, entitled "Question of Namibia". As indicated in paragraph 33 (a) (iii), the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that hearings of the organizations concerned would be held in the Fourth Committee.

May I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): I now invite members to consider item 34, entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)". In this regard, as stated in paragraph 33 (a) (iv), the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Fourth Committee in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

May I take it that the Assembly approves the recommendation of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): I now invite members to turn their attention to item 36 on the list, entitled "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa". In this regard, as stated in paragraph 33 (a) (v), the General Committee decides to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the representatives of the Organization of African Unity and of national liberation movements recognized by that organization would be permitted to participate in the discussion in plenary meeting and that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee.

May I take it that the General Assembly approves the recommendation of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn now to the recommendation of the General Committee on the allocation of agenda item 38, entitled "Fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights".

As indicated in paragraph 33 (a) (vi), the General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be considered directly in the plenary meeting on the morning of Thursday, 8 December 1988.

May I take it that the Assembly approves this recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): May I now invite the General Assembly to turn its attention to paragraph 33 (a) (vii), regarding the item entitled "Question of Cyprus".

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should defer a decision on the allocation of the item to an appropriate time in the future.

May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We come to paragraph 33 (a) (viii) concerning the item entitled "Observer status for the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America in the General Assembly". The General Committee recommended that this item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Next I invite the General Assembly to turn its attention to paragraph 33 (a) (ix), which concerns item 146, entitled "Promotion of peace, reconciliation and dialogue in the Korean peninsula".

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The General Committee decided to recommend that this item should be considered in plenary meeting and that the observers for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea might participate in the consideration of the item.

It may be recalled that, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly, observer non-member States may normally make statements in the Main Committees if the Committee concerned so decides and accordingly, by implication, in the Committee of the Whole at a special session. However, in order for these observers to make statements in plenary meeting, a decision of the General Assembly is required.

May I take it that the General Assembly, without setting a precedent for the future, decides to hear the observers for the two non-member States during the discussion of item 146 in plenary meeting during the forty-third session?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): I now invite members to turn their attention to paragraph 33 (a) (x), which concerns item 149, entitled "Emergency assistance to Jamaica". In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting and that the item be given priority consideration.

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt these recommendations?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Taking into account the decisions just adopted regarding the allocation of specific items for consideration in plenary meetings, may I now consider that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the 52 items listed in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee for consideration directly in plenary meetings?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We now turn to the list of items which the General Committee has recommended for allocation to the First Committee.

In connection with agenda item 64 entitled "General and complete disarmament", the General Committee has recommended in paragraph 33 (b) (i) that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 64.

May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In regard to sub-item (k) of item 64, entitled "Dumping of nuclear and industrial wastes in Africa", the General Committee decided, after rejecting a proposal to allocate the sub-item to the Second Committee, to recommend its allocation to the First Committee under agenda item 64.

May I take it that the Assembly agrees with that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): I now invite members to turn their attention to paragraph 33 (b) (ii), dealing with item 141, "Implementation of the conclusions of the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and establishment of a preparatory committee for the Fourth Review Conference". The General Committee recommends that this item should be allocated to the First Committee.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): I now invite members to turn their attention to paragraph 33 (b) (iii) of the report, dealing with agenda item 145, entitled "Liability for the illegal transfer and/or use of prohibited weapons and weapons or substances which cause unnecessary human suffering". The General Committee recommended that this item should be allocated to the First Committee.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Taking into account the decisions just adopted, may I also take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the 26 items proposed for the First Committee in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn now to the list of items which the General Committee has recommended for allocation to the Special Political Committee.

In connection with item 140, "Science and peace", which referred to paragraph 33 (c), the General Committee recommends that this be allocated to the Special Political Committee.

May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In the light of the decision just made, may I take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the 10 items proposed for the Special Political Committee in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn now to the list of items which the General Committee has recommended for allocation to the Second Committee.

Paragraph 33 (d) (i) refers to item 143, entitled "Responsibility of States for the protection of the environment and prevention of environmental pollution as a result of the accumulation of toxic and radioactive wastes, and strengthening of international co-operation for the purpose of resolving the problem".

The General Committee decided to recommend that this item be allocated to the Second Committee. May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.



The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): I now invite members to turn to paragraph 33 (d) (ii), which deals with the item entitled "Conservation of climate as a part of the common heritage of mankind".

The General Committee decided to recommend that this item be allocated to the Second Committee, on the understanding that the item be introduced at a plenary meeting before consideration by that Committee.

I take it that the Assembly adopts this recommendation.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In the light of the decisions that have just been made, may I take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the eight items proposed for the Second Committee in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We come now to the items proposed for allocation to the Third Committee

In connection with sub-item 95, "United Nations Development Fund for Women", the General Committee recommends, in paragraph 33 (e) (i), that the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the Fund be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 84, "Operational activities for development".

May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Next, I invite members to turn to paragraph 33 (e) (ii), which deals with item 144, entitled "Responsibility of States to ban in their territory, and to refrain from instigating or supporting in the territory of other States, chauvinistic, racist and other manifestations

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that may cause discord between peoples and involvement of Governments and the mass media in combating such manifestations and in educating peoples and youth in the spirit of peaceful co-operation and international entente; and evaluation of the implementation of the Declaration of the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples".

The General Committee recommends that this item be allocated to the Third Committee.

May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Taking into account the decisions just made, may I take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the 23 items proposed for the Third Committee in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn now to the items recommended for allocation to the Fourth Committee. If there are no comments or objections, I shall take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the nine items on the list to the Fourth Committee as proposed in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn now to the list of items recommended for allocation to the Fifth Committee.

The General Committee, in paragraph 33 (f) (i) recommends that item 49, "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that

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the report of the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the in-depth study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields would be considered directly in the plenary Assembly. I emphasize that such decision should in no way prejudge the arrangements to be made for future consideration of this matter.

May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We now turn to paragraph 33 (f) (ii), which concerns item 50, "Current financial crisis of the United Nations".

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that this item be allocated to the Fifth Committee on the understanding that such decision should in no way prejudice the arrangements to be made for the future consideration of the item.

May I take it that the Assembly agrees to that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Regarding item 118, entitled "Joint Inspection Unit", the General Committee recommends in paragraph 33 (f) (iii) that the item be allocated to the Fifth Committee on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject matters assigned to the other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

May I take it that the General Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Taking into account the decisions just adopted, may I take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the 17 items proposed for the Fifth Committee in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We come now to the items recommended for allocation to the Sixth Committee.

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May I take it that the Assembly approves the allocation of the 14 items proposed for the Sixth Committee in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of the first report of the General Committee. I wish to thank the members of the Assembly for their co-operation, which has made it possible for us to complete this task expeditiously and which I trust I shall continue to receive for the remainder of the forty-third session.

Each Main Committee will receive promptly the list of agenda items allocated to it so that it may begin its work as soon as possible, in accordance with rule 99 of the rules of procedure.

The meeting rose at 11.25 a.m.