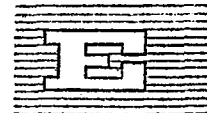


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Chairman: Mr. OTUNNU (Uganda)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION (agenda item 3) (continued)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited delegations that wished to do so to explain their vote on draft decision E/CN.4/1983/L.63, which had been adopted at the preceding meeting.
2. Mr. BYKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had objected to the last-minute amendment of draft decision E/CN.4/1983/L.63 which would provide for an additional 5 meetings beyond the 15 which would be authorized for future sessions of the Commission. His delegation noted, however, the request made in the draft decision to the Chairman of the next session to make every effort to avoid having to resort to the additional meetings. The estimated cost of the additional meetings was, in his view, excessive and, in any case, all additional expenditure should be met from within the available resources without in any way increasing the United Nations budget.
3. It was his delegation's position that any decisions and resolutions having financial implications that were adopted by the Commission should be implemented with resources already available; if necessary, resources should be redeployed from programmes and activities which had been completed or were obsolete or of marginal effectiveness.

ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE SUB-COMMISSION (agenda item 27) (E/CN.4/1983/39)

4. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of members to document E/CN.4/1983/39, which contained a note by the Secretary-General and the curriculum vitae of a candidate for election to the Sub-Commission. In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, all elections were to be held by secret ballot unless the Commission should decide otherwise. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Commission wished to elect the proposed candidate without a ballot.
5. It was so decided.
6. Mr. CHOWDHURY (Bangladesh), supported by Mr. FOLI (Ghana), welcomed the election of Mr. John Carey and paid a tribute to him for his long service with the Sub-Commission and for the intellectual abilities and innate courtesy which he had consistently demonstrated.
7. Mr. SCHIFTER (United States of America) expressed the gratitude of his delegation for the confidence which the Commission had shown in Mr. Carey. He would convey to Mr. Carey the tribute paid by the representatives of Bangladesh and Ghana.
8. The CHAIRMAN announced that, in accordance with the usual practice, the consideration of agenda item 28, entitled "Report to the Economic and Social Council on the thirty-ninth session of the Commission", would not receive summary record coverage.

The discussion covered in the summary record ended at 10.15 a.m.