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ORGANIZATION OF THE FORTY-THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS: MEMORANDUM BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/BUR/43/1 and Corr.1 and Add.1)

Section I. Introduction

1. The Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI and VII to its rules of procedure.

Section II. Organization of the session

2. The CHAIRMAN said that by decision 34/401, reproduced as annex VI to its rules of procedure, the General Assembly had adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing its procedures and organization. Many of those provisions had already been implemented at previous sessions. The Committee might, however, wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to those provisions which had not yet been or had been only partly implemented.

Paragraph 4 (General Committee)

3. The Committee took note of paragraph 4 of the Secretary-General's memorandum.

Paragraphs 5 to 8 (Rationalization of work)

4. The Committee took note of paragraphs 5 to 8 of the Secretary-General's memorandum and decided to draw the General Assembly's 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; it also decided to recommend that the holding of concurrent meetings of the Special Political Committee and the Fourth Committee should be avoided.

Paragraph 9 (Closing date of the session)

5. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that no closing date should be decided upon at the present time, but that every effort should be made to curtail to the maximum extent practicable the duration of the session.

Paragraphs 10 to 12 (Schedule of meetings)

6. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, as a cost-saving measure, morning meetings should start at 10 promptly for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees. The Committee also decided to recommend that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings and as a cost-saving measure, the General Assembly should waive the requirement of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and permit the debate to proceed, and at least one quarter of the members to declare a meeting

of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed, on the understanding that such a waiver would not involve any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure pertaining to the opening of meetings. The Committee further decided to recommend that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

Paragraphs 13 to 15 (General debate)

- 7. The CHAIRMAN said that, in view of the large number of delegations already inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate in the General Assembly, representatives were urged to speak in the order listed. Those unable to speak at the scheduled time would be put at the end of the list for the following day.
- 8. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should adopt the suggestions in paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Secretary-General's memorandum; it also decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 15 and to recommend that the provision prohibiting the practice of expressing congratulations in the Assembly Hall should apply during the forty-third session.

Paragraphs 16 and 17 (Explanations of vote, right of reply and length of statements)

9. The Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of decision 34/401, and to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto, for appropriate action to be taken by the Assembly in plenary meeting and by the Main Committees.

Paragraph 18 (Records of meetings)

10. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should adopt the suggestions in paragraph 18 of the Secretary-General's memorandum.

Paragraph 20 (Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees)

11. The Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 18 and 19 of decision 34/401, to the fact that they had been only partly implemented so far and to the importance of their implementation.

Paragraph 21 (Concluding statements)

12. The Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the need for full implementation of paragraph 17 of decision 34/401.

Paragraphs 22 and 23 (Questions related to the programme budget)

13. The Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions reproduced in paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Secretary-General's memorandum.

Paragraphs 24 and 25 (Documentation)

14. The Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of decision 34/401; it took note of the recommendation in paragraph 25 of the Secretary-General's memorandum.

Paragraphs 26 to 28 (Resolutions)

15. The Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of decision 34/401 and to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts.

Paragraphs 29 and 30 (Special Conferences)

16. The Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the recommendations referred to in paragraph 29 of the Secretary-General's memorandum and to the relevant provisions of recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts.

Paragraph 31 (Meetings of subsidiary organs)

17. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should authorize the 10 subsidiary organs referred to in paragraph 31 of the Secretary-General's memorandum to meet during the forty-third session.

Section III. Adoption of the agenda

- 18. The CHAIRMAN said that, in accordance with rule 40 of the rules of procedure, the Committee would not consider the substance of any item except in so far as it bore directly on the question of whether or not to recommend the inclusion of that item in the agenda. The draft agenda consisted of 151 items.
- 19. The Committee took note of paragraph 33 of the Secretary-General's memorandum.

Inclusion of items

Items 1 to 6

20. The CHAIRMAN said that items 1 to 6 had already been considered; he would therefore take it that there were no comments on their inclusion in the agenda.

Items 7 to 29

21. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include items 7 to 29 in the agenda.

Item 30

- 22. The CHAIRMAN said that the representative of Afghanistan had asked to participate in the discussion of the item; if there was no objection, he would invite him to take a place at the Committee table.
- 23. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Taeb (Afghanistan) took a place at the Committee table.
- 24. Mr. TAEB (Afghanistan) said that in the light of the Geneva Agreements on the Settlement of the Situation relating to Afghanistan and the position concerning South West Asia set forth in the Harare Political Declaration of the non-aligned countries his delegation felt that there was no need for discussion of item 30 at the forty-third session. Nevertheless, Afghanistan, which sought to promote peace and stability at both the regional and international levels, did not object to the inclusion of that item in the agenda. He stressed, however that his country's internal affairs were the concern solely of the Republic of Afghanistan and the Afghan people.
- 25. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include item 30 in the agenda.
- 26. Mr. Taeb (Afghanistan) withdrew.

Item 31

27. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include item 31 in the agenda.

Item 32

- 28. Mr. BLANC (France) expressed regret that the Committee was again considering the inclusion of item 32. Discussion by the Assembly of the question of the island of Mayotte would constitute a violation of Article 2, paragraph 7, of the Charter since the island was under French sovereignty. Moreover, France and the Comoros regularly reviewed the question together within the framework of the close relations between those two countries.
- 29. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include item 32 in the agenda.

Items 33 to 42

30. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include items 33 to 42 in the agenda.

Item 43

31. Mr. IMMERMAN (United States of America) said that his country, which had always followed a liberal policy with regard to the inclusion of items in the

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agenda did not object to the inclusion of item 43. Nevertheless, since that question had already been discussed in depth in the Security Council and at previous sessions of the General Assembly, he did not feel that it was wise to include item 43 in an already heavy agenda. Furthermore the repetition of the sterile debate on that matter would not serve the interests of any Member State or promote world peace.

32. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include item 43 in the agenda.

Items 44 to 63

33. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include items 44 to 63 in the agenda.

Item 64

- 34. The CHAIRMAN said that the inclusion of sub-item (k) had been requested by Nigeria (A/43/142). The representative of Nigeria had asked to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.
- 35. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Nanna (Nigeria) took a place at the Committee table.
- 36. Mr. NANNA (Nigeria) said that the Group of African States, which had requested inclusion of the sub-item in the agenda, was holding consultations with other regional groups with a view to achieving the widest possible support for a single draft resolution.
- 37. The Committee decided to recommended that the General Assembly should include item 64, including sub-item (k), in the agenda.
- 38. Mr. Nanna (Nigeria) withdrew.

Items 65 to 79

39. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include items 65 to 79 in the agenda.

Item 80

40. Mr. BLANC (France) expressed regret that the Committee was considering the inclusion of item 80. Discussion of that item by the Assembly would be contrary to Article 2, paragraph 7 of the Charter. The French and Malagasy authorities continued to hold periodic discussions on the subject.

- 41. The CHAIRMAN said that the representative of Madagascar had asked to participate in the discussion of the item; if there was no objection, he would invite him to take a place at the Committee table.
- 42. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Rabetafika (Madagascar) took a place at the Committee table.
- 43. Mr. RABETAFIKA (Madagascar) said that the periodic exchanges of views between the French and Malagasy authorities had not produced a settlement consistent with the objectives laid down in General Assembly resolutions 34/91 and 35/123. Whilst his Government wished to continue its dialogue with the French Government, it considered that the item should be retained in the agenda in accordance with General Assembly decision 42/415. The problem could be resolved with the assistance of the international community.
- 44. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include item 80 in the agenda.
- 45. Mr. Rabetafika (Madagascar) withdrew.

Items 81 to 112

46. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include items 81 to 112 in the agenda.

<u>Item 113</u>

- 47. Mr. BLANC (France) drew attention to the progress report of the Secretary-General (A/43/588), which indicated that Indonesia and Portugal had agreed in principle that a Portuguese Parliamentary delegation should visit East Timor to obtain first-hand information on the situation. He hoped that the visit would produce concrete results, and proposed, accordingly, that the Committee should recommend that consideration of item 113 should be deferred to the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly.
- 48. Mr. ABULHASAN (Kuwait) noted that, with the good offices of the Secretary-General, discussions continued between the Indonesian and Portuguese Governments with a view to reaching an agreement. He hoped that the proposed visit to East Timor would help to achieve a solution, and supported, therefore, the proposal of the French delegation.
- 49. The Committee decided to recommend that consideration of item 113 should be deferred to the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Items 114 to 140

50. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include items 114 to 140 in the agenda.

<u>Item 141</u>

- 51. The CHAIRMAN said that the inclusion of item 141 had been requested by Costa Rica (A/43/141). The representative of Costa Rica had asked to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.
- 52. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mrs. Castro de Barish (Costa Rica) took a place at the Committee table.
- 53. Mrs. CASTRO de BARISH (Costa Rica) said that her delegation had been instructed to request inclusion of the item by the President of Costa Rica, Dr. Oscar Arias Sánchez, who was convinced that science played a major role in the achievement of peace, harmony and understanding between peoples. The aims were to increase public awareness of the links between scientific progress and international security, to encourage scientists to pursue constructive objectives, and to promote a dialogue between scientists and the general public with regard to science, peace and security in the nuclear age. Every effort should be made to ensure that science became a more decisive factor in improving quality of life and in preserving ecological systems and the environment.
- 54. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include item 141 in the agenda.
- 55. Mrs. Castro de Barish (Costa Rica) withdrew.

Items 142 and 143

56. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include items 142 and 143 in the agenda.

Items 144 and 145

- 57. The CHAIRMAN said that the inclusion of items 144 and 145 had been requested by Romania (A/43/193 and A/43/194/Rev.1). The representative of Romania had asked to participate in the discussion of the items in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.
- 58. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Tanasie (Romania) took a place at the Committee table.
- 59. Mr. TANASIE (Romania), referring to item 144, said that the sources of pollution had multiplied in recent years, as had the dishonest or illicit disposal or storage of hazardous wastes by some States in the territories of other States. Such wastes were frequently disposed of in national and international waters, and could have fatal effects. Steps must be taken to establish a universal system of rules prohibiting such practices, in accordance with the principles of the 1972 Stockholm Declaration on the Human Environment.

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- 60. Turning to item 145, he said that the basic aim was to develop aspects of the humanitarian component of international peace and security, the objectives of the 1965 Declaration being combined with the notion of greater responsibility on the part of Governments and the mass media with regard to the promotion among young people of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples. The objectives of the Declaration could not be achieved unless efforts were made to combat manifestations likely to foster discord between peoples. The overall aim was to contribute to the development of broader international co-operation.
- 61. Mr. ROSENSTOCK (United States of America) said that from the outset his delegation had had doubts as to the wisdom, utility and good faith of the proposal regarding item 145. In view of its policy of liberal inscription, however, it would not enter a reservation.
- 62. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include items 144 and 145 in the agenda.
- 63. Mr. Tanasie (Romania) withdrew.

Item 146

- 64. The CHAIRMAN said that the inclusion of item 146 had been requested by Trinidad and Tobago (A/43/195). The representative of Trinidad and Tobago had asked to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.
- 65. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Mohammed (Trinidad and Tobago) took a place at the Committee table.
- 66. Mr. MOHAMMED (Trinidad and Tobago) said that, although it was one of the fundamental principles of the Charter that Members should refrain from the threat or use of force in international relations, increasingly sophisticated weapons of mass destruction were continually employed while arsenals were growing daily. There had been various attempts in the past to prohibit the use of such weapons, and conventions were being drawn up to deal, for example, with international terrorism and the use of mercenaries. His Government considered that efforts should be made to establish acceptable investigative and judicial procedures and mechanisms for greater international co-operation in such areas. A first step would be to seek the views of Governments, relevant United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and international and non-governmental organizations, and to submit a report to the General Assembly in due course.
- 67. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include item 146 in the agenda.
- 68. Mr. Mohammed (Trinidad and Tobago) withdrew.

Item 147

- 69. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that the sponsors of item 147 and the sponsors of item 150 had agreed to withdraw their requests and to propose the inclusion of a single item entitled "Promotion of peace, reconciliation and dialogue in the Korean peninsula". It was proposed that the item should be considered in plenary meeting. Both the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea would be able to participate in the discussions.
- 70. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include in the agenda, as item 147, the item entitled "Promotion of peace, reconciliation and dialogue in the Korean peninsula".

Item 148

71. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include item 148 in the agenda.

Item 149

- 72. Mr. BORG OLIVIER (Malta) said that his Government had proposed item 149 of the draft agenda because the conservation of climate and the prevention of atmospheric degradation were so vital to human life that it could not be left solely to individual States to decide what protective measures should be taken. The burning of fossil fuel, deforestation and the accumulation of radiatively active gases in the atmosphere were raising the global temperature and producing a "greenhouse" effect that would become increasingly acute and ultimately threaten both human and marine life. Furthermore, atmospheric ozone depletion would lead to an increase in cancer and cataracts in humans, would reduce crop yields and would produce climatic upheavals. Malta was convinced that the issue of conservation of climate was one that now had to be viewed as being of urgent concern and that it called for a response by the international community in the interest of mankind as a whole. It required a long-term, comprehensive global strategy that would transcend divisive political issues and national interests.
- 73. Sir Crispin TICKELL (United Kingdom) agreed that climatic change should be discussed in the General Assembly, because few problems were so important to mankind and so fraught with danger. He had doubts, however, regarding the title of item 149. He would prefer not to refer to a declaration, because that implied rhetoric rather than impartial discussion, and he had reservations about classifying climate as part of the common heritage of mankind. He therefore proposed that the words "declaration proclaiming" should be replaced by the words "conservation of the".
- 74. Mr. BORG OLIVIER (Malta) said that Malta would not object to the proposed change if the United Kingdom delegation insisted on it.
- 75. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include in the agenda, as item 149, the item entitled "Conservation of climate as part of the common heritage of mankind".

Item 151

- 76. The CHAIRMAN said that the inclusion of item 151 had been requested by Jamaica (A/43/243). The representative of Jamaica had asked to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.
- 77. At the invitation of the Chairman, Miss Roberts (Jamaica) took a place at the Committee table.
- 78. Miss ROBERTS (Jamaica) said she hoped that item 151 would be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.
- 79. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include item 151 in the agenda.
- 80. Miss Roberts (Jamaica) withdrew.

Section IV. Allocation of items

Paragraph 35

81. The Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of decision 34/401.

Paragraph 36

- 82. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to the 10 items of the draft agenda which had not been considered previously by the General Assembly. He called upon the Committee to consider the recommendations it should make regarding the allocation of those items, starting with sub-item (k) of item 64.
- 83. Mr. ROSENSTOCK (United States of America) said that sub-item (k) would be best allocated to the Second Committee, which, together with its reporting bodies, had the necessary expertise to deal with it.
- 84. Mr. BLANC (France) said that he understood the concern of the African countries, but agreed with the previous speaker. The item related to the environment and was highly technical; it should therefore be discussed in the Second Committee.
- 85. The CHAIRMAN said that the inclusion of sub-item (., had been requested by Nigeria (A/43/142). The representative of Nigeria had asked to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.
- 86. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Nanna (Nigeria) took a place at the Committee table.

- 87. Mr. NANNA (Nigeria) said that the dumping of nuclear and industrial wastes was more than just an environmental issue; since it also involved radiological penetration of human tissue, it was a disarmament matter and hence relevant to the First Committee.
- 88. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to vote on the proposal to allocate sub-item (k) of item 64 to the Second Committee.
- 89. The proposal was rejected by 11 votes to 4, with 5 abstentions.
- 90. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that sub-item (k) of item 64 should be allocated to the Second Committee.
- 91. Mr. Nanna (Nigeria) withdrew.
- 92. The CHAIRMAN said that the sponsor of item 141 had proposed that the item should be allocated to the Special Political Committee.
- 93. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 141 should be allocated to the Special Political Committee.
- 94. The CHAIRMAN said that the sponsor of item 142 had proposed that the item should be allocated to the First Committee.
- 95. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 142 should be allocated to the First Committee.
- 96. The CHAIRMAN said that the sponsor of item 143 had proposed that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.
- 97. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 143 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.
- 98. The CHAIRMAN said that the sponsor of item 144 had proposed that the item should be allocated to the First Committee.
- 99. Mr. BLANC (France) said that it would be more appropriate to allocate item 144 to the Second Committee than to the First Committee.
- 100. Sir Crispin TICKELL (United Kingdom) agreed that the item was more relevant to the Second Committee and should be allocated to it.
- 101. Mr. MORTENSEN (Denmark) agreed that the item should be allocated to the Second Committee. What was involved was essentially an environmental issue.
- 102. The CHAIRMAN said that the inclusion of item 144 had been requested by Romania (A/43/193). The representative of Romania had asked to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.
- 103. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Tanasie (Romania) took a place at the Committee table.

- 104. Mr. TANASIE (Romania) said that the item had political, security and other implications, and could therefore be allocated to either Committee. But he would agree to allocating it to the Second Committee alone.
- 105. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 144 should be allocated to the Second Committee.
- 106. Mr. Tanasie (Romania) withdrew.
- 107. The CHAIRMAN said that the sponsor of item 145 had proposed that the item should be allocated to the Third Committee.
- 108. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 145 should be allocated to the Third Committee.
- 109. The CHAIRMAN said that the sponsor of item 146 had proposed that the item should be allocated to the First Committee.
- 110. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 146 should be allocated to the First Committee.
- 111. The CHAIRMAN said it was proposed that item 147 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.
- 112. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 147 should be considered directly in plenary meeting. It also recommended that the Assembly should take a decision that the observers for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea might participate in the consideration of the item.
- 113. The CHAIRMAN said that the sponsor of item 149 had proposed that the item should be allocated to the Second Committee.
- 114. Mr. BORG OLIVIER (Malta) said that in view of the importance of the item, the wished to introduce it in plenary meeting.
- 115. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 149 should be allocated to the Second Committee, on the understanding that it would first be introduced in plenary meeting.
- 116. The CHAIRMAN said that the sponsor of item 151 had proposed that the item should be allocated to the plenary Assembly and had requested that priority consideration should be given to it.
- 117. The Committee decided to recommend that item 151 should be allocated to the plenary Assembly and that it should be given priority consideration.

Paragraph 37

- 118. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should adopt the proposals in paragraph 37 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, which related to item 12.
- 119. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the morning of Thursday, 27 October 1988 should be devoted to the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the World Health Organization.

Paragraph 38

120. The Committee decided, with regard to item 18, to recommend to the General Assembly that all the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to specific Territories should be referred to the Fourth Committee, thus enabling the Assembly to deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

Paragraph 39

121. The Committee decided to recommend that, in accordance with established practice, the General Assembly should consider item 29 directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that hearings of the organizations concerned would be held in the Fourth Committee.

Paragraph 40

122. The Committee decided to recommend that, as at previous sessions, the General Assembly should consider item 34 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.

Paragraph 41

123. The Committee decided to recommend that, in accordance with the procedure followed at previous sessions, item 36 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.

Paragraph 42

124. The Committee decided, with regard to item 38, to recommend to the General Assembly that the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights should be observed in a commemorative meeting on the morning of Thursday, 8 December 1988.

Paragraph 43

125. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should defer a decision on the allocation of item 47 to an appropriate time in the future.

Paragraph 44

126. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 49 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, and that 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 should be considered in plenary meeting, in accordance with the Council's recommendation, on the understanding that such a decision would in no way prejudge the arrangements to be made for the future consideration of the item.

Paragraph 45

127. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 50 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that such a decision would in no way prejudge the arrangements to be made for the future consideration of the item.

Paragraph 46

128. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, as at previous sessions, the paragraphs of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency dealing with the subject-matter of item 64 should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of that item.

Paragraph 47

129. The Committee decided, in connection with item 95 (c), to recommend to the General Assembly that the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee under item 84.

Paragraph 48

130. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 119 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject-matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Main Committees.

Paragraph 49

Items proposed for consideration in plenary meeting

131. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration in plenary meeting in the Secretary-General's memorandum, with the addition of items 143, 147 and 151, and excluding item 50, should be allocated to the plenary Assembly.

Items proposed for consideration by the First Committee

132. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration by the First Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum, with the addition of sub-item (k) of item 64 and items 142 and 146, should be allocated to that Committee.

Items proposed for consideration by the Special Political Committee

133. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration by the Special Political Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum, with the addition of item 141, should be allocated to that Committee.

Items proposed for consideration by the Second Committee

134. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration by the Second Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum, with the addition of items 144 and 149, should be allocated to that Committee.

Items proposed for consideration by the Third Committee

135. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration by the Third Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum, with the addition of item 145, should be allocated to that Committee.

Items proposed for consideration by the Fourth Committee

136. Taking into account its decision regarding the item entitled "Question of East Timor", the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration by the Fourth Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum should be allocated to that Committee.

Items proposed for consideration by the Fifth Committee

137. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration by the Fifth Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum, with the addition of items 49 and 50, should be allocated to that Committee.

Items proposed for consideration by the Sixth Committee

138. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the items proposed for consideration by the Sixth Committee in the Secretary-General's memorandum should be allocated to that Committee.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.