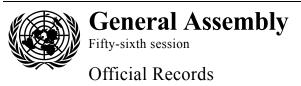
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In the absence of Mr. Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Mr. Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Agenda item 98: Environment and sustainable development (continued) (A/C.2/56/L.20)

Draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-first session (A/C.2/56/L.20)

1. **Mr. Moeini Meybodi** (Islamic Republic of Iran), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.20., which was similar to those adopted in previous years on the agenda item. It drew attention to General Assembly resolution 53/242 as the framework for the reform of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), took note of the intergovernmental process and emphasized the need to strengthen the financial base and increase the budget of UNEP.

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- 2. **Mr. Gamaleldin** (Egypt) suggested that the "informal informal" discussions that had been scheduled for the week of 12-16 November should be postponed, since delegations would be extremely busy during the general debate in the plenary.
- 3. After a discussion in which Mr. Gamaleldin (Egypt), Mr. Goffin (Belgium), Mr. Maksimychev (Russian Federation), Mr. Anaedu (Nigeria), Mr. Ainchil (Argentina), Mr. Swajaya (Indonesia), Mr. Fins-do-Lago (Portugal), Mr. Omar (Djibouti), Mr. Lorenzo (Mexico), Mr. Abreha (Ethiopia), Mr. Jiménez (Ecuador) and Mr. Traub (United States) took part, the Chairman suggested that the facilitators should decide whether or not to convene the "informal informals" during the week of 12-16 November on the basis of consultations with interested delegations.
- 4. It was so decided.
- 5. **Mr. Gamaleldin** (Egypt) said that his delegation would do its best to attend the "informal informals". However, should it be unable to do so because of other commitments, it reserved the right to state its position

at a later date on any agreements that might be reached in such discussions.

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.