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The meeting was called to order at 9.45 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

(a) REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY THE SUDAN
(A/43/244)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had before it a request by the Sudan for the inclusion of an item entitled "Emergency assistance to the Sudan" (A/43/244).

2. Mr. MAHGOUB (Sudan) said that his country was requesting the inclusion of the item in question in the agenda for priority consideration in plenary meeting.

3. The unprecedented floods that had recently devastated the Sudan had left 2 million people without food and shelter and had dealt its development effort a tremendous blow. As a least developed country with a narrow economic base, the Sudan was unable to cope with the damage inflicted on it. The Sudanese Government wished to express its deep appreciation for the prompt and generous response from both the United Nations system and institutions outside the system and from friendly countries to the Secretary-General's appeal for assistance for the country. However, the Sudan still needed assistance from the international community, since the emergency was by no means over and the rehabilitation and development endeavour must continue.

4. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

5. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting and that it should be given priority because of its important and urgent character.

(b) REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY BANGLADESH
(A/43/245)

6. The CHAIRMAN said that the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Short-term, medium-term and long-term solutions to the problems of natural disasters in Bangladesh" had been requested by Bangladesh (A/43/245). The representative of Bangladesh had asked to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.

7. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. N. Chowdhury (Bangladesh) took a place at the Committee table.

8. Mr. N. CHOWDHURY (Bangladesh) said that, in view of the gravity of the situation in Bangladesh following the recent floods, he wished to request inclusion of the additional item in question in the agenda for priority consideration in plenary meeting. The explanatory memorandum annexed to document A/43/245 described certain aspects of the situation.

9. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

10. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting and that it should be given priority because of its important and urgent character.

11. Mr. N. Chowdhury (Bangladesh) withdrew.

The meeting rose at 9.55 a.m.