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President: Mr. Jorge E. ILLUECA (Panama).

AGENDA ITEM 8

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (continued)

1. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Assembly will turn now to the last item recommended for inclusion in the agenda by the General Committee in its first report [A/38/250, para. 24]. That is item 141, which is entitled "Conclusion of a treaty on the prohibition of the use of force in outer space and from space against the Earth". May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

- 2. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spānish): The Assembly has thus adopted the agenda for its thirty-eighth session.
- 3. We now turn to the question of the allocation of items dealt with in section IV of the General Committee's report. In this connection, the Committee, in paragraph 25, draws the Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401, which states:

"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 26 are reflected in the proposed allocation. We shall therefore consider them when we come to the relevant items under paragraph 27.

- 4. May I now invite members to turn to the list of items recommended for consideration in plenary meeting.
- 5. Regarding item 18, concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the General Committee recommends in subparagraph 25 (a) (i) that the Assembly refer to the Fourth Committee all the chapters of the report of the Special Committee relating to specific territories so that the 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.

6. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): I now invite members to consider item 25, concerning the question of the Malvinas Islands. In this connection, the General Committee decided, as indicated in subparagraph 26 (a) (ii) of its report, to recommend to the Assembly that the item 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 that recommendation?

It was so decided.

7. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): I now invite members to turn their attention to item 32, concerning the policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa. In this connection, as stated in subparagraph 26 (a) (iii), the General Committee decided to recommend to the Assembly that the item 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 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.

8. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We now turn to the recommendation of the General Committee on the allocation of item 36, concerning the question of Namibia. As indicated in subparagraph 26 (a) (iv) of its report, the General Committee recommends to the Assembly that this item be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that representatives of interested organizations be heard by the Fourth Committee. I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

9. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): May I now invite the Assembly to turn its attention to subparagraph 26 (a) (v), regarding item 141, on the Question of Cyprus. The General Committee recommends that the Assembly defer a decision on the allocation of the item to an appropriate time in the future. May I take it that the General Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

10. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): May I now take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the other items listed for consideration directly in plenary meeting?

It was so decided.

- 11. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn now to the list of items the General Committee has recommended for allocation to the First Committee.
- 12. Regarding item 20 on the list, concerning general and complete disarmament, the General Committee recommends in subparagraph 26 (b) (i) that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of IAEA—which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under agenda item 14—be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of agenda item 62. May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

13. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): May I consider that the General Assembly approves the

allocation of the items proposed for allocation to the First Committee?

It was so decided.

14. 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. May I consider that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the items proposed for allocation to the Special Political Committee?

It was so decided.

- 15. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Next we have the list of items the General Committee has recommended for allocation to the Second Committee.
- 16. Regarding item 2 (j) on the list, on effective mobilization and integration of women in development [agenda item 78, subitem (j)], the General Committee recommends in subparagraph 26 (c) that documents concerning the integration of women in development be made available to the Third Committee under agenda item 91. May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

17. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): May I take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the items proposed for allocation to the Second Committee?

It was so decided.

- 18. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We now come to the items proposed for allocation to the Taird Committee.
- 19. In connection with item 1 on the list, concerning the report of the Economic and Social Council [agenda item 12], the General Committee decided to recommend in subparagraph 26 (d) that the report of the Secretary-General on the exchange of information on banned hazardous chemicals and unsafe pharmaceutical products, called for under resolution 36/166, which was adopted on the recommendation of the Third Committee, be referred to the Second Committee. May I take it that the General Assembly approves this recommendation, as well as that regarding other items to be allocated to the Third Committee?

It was so decided.

20. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Are there any comments on the proposed allocation of items to the Fourth Committee? Since there are none, I take it that the Assembly approves that proposed allocation.

It was so decided.

- 21. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We turn now to the list of items which the General Committee has recommended for allocation to the Fifth Committee.
- 22. Regarding item 7 on the list, on the Joint Inspection Unit [agenda item 113], the Committee recommends in subparagraph 26 (e) 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 other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees. May I take it that the General Assembly adopts that recommendation and approves the allocation of the other items proposed for allocation to the Fifth Committee?

It was so decided.

23. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We come now to the list of items proposed by the General Committee for allocation to the Sixth Committee, including item 19 on the list, which concerns development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States [agenda item 64], which had been recommended for the First Committee [see A/38/250, para. 26 (b)]. May I take it that the General Assembly approves that proposed allocation?

It was so decided.

- 24. The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The General Assembly has thus allocated the agenda items for the thirty-eighth session.
- 25. I wish to thank representatives for their co-operation, which has made it possible for us to complete our task.
- 26. 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 3.55 p.m.