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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 3rd MEETING

Chairman: Mr. AL-SHAKAR (Vice-President of the General Assembly)

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The meeting was called to order at 9.40 a.m.

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AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC (A/43/247)

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the request by the Dominican Republic for the inclusion of an item entitled "Emergency assistance to Nicaragua, Costa Rica and other countries affected by hurricane Joan" (A/43/247). The representative of the Dominican Republic had asked to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.
2. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Del Rosario (Dominican Republic) took a place at the Committee table.
3. Mr. DEL ROSARIO (Dominican Republic), speaking as Chairman of the Latin American and Caribbean Group, requested the inclusion of the item in question, for priority consideration in plenary meeting.
4. As was well known, Hurricane Joan had caused extensive damage in the Caribbean region. He had recently been informed by the Ambassador of Panama that the Panamanian Government had concluded its assessment of the damage caused by the hurricane in that country and that a state of emergency had been declared in the area affected. Accordingly, Panama should be included among the countries specifically referred to in document A/43/247.
5. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item, as amended, in the agenda.
6. 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.
7. Mr. Del Rosario (Dominican Republic) withdrew.

The meeting rose at 9.45 a.m.