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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Agenda item 119: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (continued)

Review of duplication, complexity and bureaucracy in United Nations administrative processes and procedures (A/C.5/58/L.32)

1. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.32 was adopted.

Agenda item 120: Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (continued)

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa (A/C.5/58/L.33)

2. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.33 was adopted.

Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: follow-up (A/C.5/58/L.34)

3. Draft decision A/C.5/58/L.34 was adopted.

Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/C.5/58/L.35)

4. **Mr. Abelian** (Secretary of the Committee) said that the financial implications arising from the proposals to increase the net salaries of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions amounted to \$5,780 for the biennium 2002-2003, and that that amount would be absorbed from within the resources allocated for the biennium 2002-2003. The additional financial requirement of \$27,366 for the biennium 2004-2005 would be addressed in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 2004-2005.

- 5. **Ms. Goicochea** (Cuba) asked for the text of the statement on financial implications delivered by the Secretary of the Committee to be issued in writing.
- 6. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.35 was adopted.

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- 7. **Ms. Goicochea** (Cuba) said that in the Spanish text the term "que se puedan adoptar" in paragraph 2 should be replaced by wording that would refer only to previous relevant decisions.
- 8. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.30 was adopted.

Improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in order to accommodate adequately major meetings and conferences (A/C.5/58/L.31)

9. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.31 was adopted.

Agenda item 134: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (continued)

Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy (A/C.5/58/L.29)

10. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.29 was adopted.

Note by the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/58/559)

- 11. **The Chairman** drew the attention of the Committee to the note by the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/58/559), which had been issued for information purposes and outlined the actions taken so far by the Secretary-General. He suggested that the Committee should recommend that the General Assembly should take note of that note.
- 12. It was so decided.

Agenda item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council (*continued*) (A/58/3 (chaps. I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX))

- 13. **The Chairman** suggested that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council which had been allocated to it.
- 14. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.