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The meeting was called to order at 9.55 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS: REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS (A/34/243)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the General Committee to consider the request for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional item entitled "Inadmissibility of the policy of hegemonism in international relations" (A/34/243).
2. Mr. TROYANOVSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that in a letter dated 25 September 1979 addressed to the Secretary-General, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union had stated the reasons which prompted the USSR to request the inclusion of that important item in the agenda of the current session of the General Assembly.
3. During the past several years there had been a perceptible relaxation of international tension and an improvement in the world political climate. The United Nations General Assembly had contributed in large measure to that positive development by adopting important decisions concerning the strengthening of international peace and security and disarmament; without giving a complete list, one could cite as examples the historic Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, the resolution on the non-use of force in international relations and the permanent prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons, and the Declaration on the Deepening and Consolidation of International Détente. From the same point of view, in order to carry out its principal responsibility under the Charter - namely, the maintenance of international peace and security - the United Nations should intensify its efforts for the relaxation of international tension and the strengthening of peace.
4. For some time, however, certain trends had become apparent in international relations, and his delegation considered it necessary to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the need for eliminating in that field all manifestations of the policy of hegemonism pursued by certain States, that is to say, their desire to dominate other States and other peoples. That task had become one of the most important elements of the struggle for détente and peace. The policy of hegemonism led to the creation of hotbeds of tension, complicated the relations between States and compromised the stability of the international situation; moreover, it was flagrantly contrary to the fundamental principles of the United Nations.
5. The Soviet Union believed that the United Nations General Assembly should condemn the policy of hegemonism in all its manifestations and irrespective of its motives and should declare that States should in no case resort to such a policy in international affairs.
6. He felt that, in view of its importance, the question of the inadmissibility of the policy of hegemonism in international relations should be considered by the

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(Mr. Troyanovsky, USSR)

General Assembly in plenary meeting. However, taking account of the view expressed by the majority of the members of the General Committee, his delegation would agree to referring the item to the First Committee. Needless to say, if the General Assembly was to be able to take an appropriate decision which would contribute to the strengthening of international peace and security, it was essential that the proposal made by the Soviet Union should be considered with the closest attention and in a constructive spirit.

7. Mr. CHOU Nan (China) recalled that in the general debate his delegation had pointed out that the USSR proposal to include in the agenda an item entitled "Inadmissibility of the policy of hegemonism in international relations" was a clumsy tactic habitually employed by the Soviet Union in seeking a good name by demagogic means. Acting like a thief who cried "Stop the thief!", it was pursuing a policy of hegemonism even more unscrupulously under the guise of opposing it.

8. With regard to the substance of the item, his delegation would make its comments at an appropriate time.

9. The General Committee decided to recommend the General Assembly to include the item entitled "Inadmissibility of the policy of hegemonism in international relations" in its agenda and to refer it to the First Committee.

PROGRAMME OF WORK

10. The CHAIRMAN informed the General Committee that, after consultations, the programme of work of the General Assembly in plenary meeting was the following: immediately after the conclusion of the general debate the General Assembly would consider agenda item 26 on the International Year of the Child, and beginning on 19 October, it would consider item 55 (a) entitled "Report of the Committee of the Whole Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174". The election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council (agenda item 15 (a) and (b)) was scheduled for 26 October, and on 2 November the General Assembly would consider the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (agenda item 14). He therefore invited the delegations that wished to participate in the debate on specific items to place their names on the list of speakers in order to facilitate the organization of work.

11. In accordance with the Secretary-General's recommendations on the rationalization of work and the optimal utilization of the General Committee's services, he would make sure to keep the General Committee informed of any question relating to the programme of work, and he hoped that delegations would give him their full co-operation.

The meeting rose at 10.10 a.m.