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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 38th MEETING**

**Chairman: Mr. OKEYO (Kenya)**

**Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative**  
**and Budgetary Questions: Mr. MSELLE**

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The meeting was called to order at 10.45 a.m.

#### ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The CHAIRMAN announced that he had asked the representative of Sweden to chair the informal consultations on agenda item 121 and the representative of Pakistan to co-ordinate the preparation of a draft resolution on item 121 (b). With regard to item 17, he invited delegations which wished to nominate candidates for vacancies in the Pension Committee and the Committee on Contributions to submit their nominations soon so that all the reports on the item could be issued in time for the elections. Lastly, he informed the Committee that the informal consultations on the pattern of conferences could not be held following the formal meeting, and that entailed a waste of resources at a time when all items were still pending.
2. Mr. BAZAN (Chile) said that he shared the Chairman's concerns over the pace of the Committee's deliberations and called upon all delegations to work to ensure that the next informal meeting on the pattern of conferences would be successful, especially since the lack of agreement on section B of the proposed text under the item could delay the consultations even further.
3. Mr. FONTAINE ORTIZ (Cuba) proposed that the rest of the morning should be given over to informal consultations on part B of the draft resolution on the pattern of conferences.
4. Mr. ARASTOU (Islamic Republic of Iran) pointed out that consideration of parts A, C, D and E of the draft resolution had been concluded and that the only issue outstanding was the composition of the Committee on Conferences and part B of the text, which should not take up more than one informal meeting. In his view, therefore, the best procedure would be to deal with those two questions together at a later meeting.
5. Mr. GUPTA (India) said that he shared the concerns that had been expressed with regard to the use of conference-servicing resources and proposed that the time available should be used for informal consultations on the scale of assessments.
6. Mr. MURRAY (Trinidad and Tobago) agreed that the Committee could hold the consultations proposed by the representative of India.
7. Mr. ZHANG Wanhai (China) asked what chances there were of the Fifth Committee finishing its work on time.
8. The CHAIRMAN said that the President of the General Assembly had expressed the wish that all Committees should complete their work by 9 December at the latest. Some Committees expected to finish during the current week but the Fifth Committee might not be able to do so before 15 December. He urged delegations participating in the informal consultations to bear that date in mind.

The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.