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*Chairman:* Mr. Al Bayati ..... (Iraq)

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*The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.*

**Agenda item 68: Report of the Human Rights Council** *(continued)*

1. **Mr. Thomas** (Namibia) informed the Committee that the African Group had decided to withdraw draft decision A/C.3/61/L.58 on the report of the Human Rights Council, on the understanding that the Chairman would suggest orally a decision in line with the outcome of the Group's consultations.

2. **The Chairman** suggested that, bearing in mind the General Assembly's decision set out in document A/C.3/61/1/Add.1, the Committee should take note, in accordance with General Assembly decision 55/488, of the report of the Human Rights Council (A/61/53).

3. *It was so decided.*

**Agenda item 118: Programme planning**

4. **The Chairman**, noting that consultations were still in progress on the budgetary aspects of programme 19, said he took it that the Committee wished to defer consideration of agenda item 118 until the following week to allow members more time to consult.

5. *It was so decided.*

**Agenda item 110: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly** *(continued)*

*Tentative programme of work of the Third Committee, submitted by the Chairman, for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly (A/C.3/61/L.61)*

6. **The Chairman** said he took it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft programme of work (A/C.3/61/L.61) and to transmit it to the plenary Assembly for its approval.

7. *It was so decided.*

**General statements**

8. After an exchange of courtesies, in which **Mr. Thomas** (Namibia) spoke on behalf of the Group of African States, **Mr. Jokinen** (Finland) spoke on behalf of the Group of Western European and other States, **Mr. Ballesterro** (Costa Rica) spoke on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, **Mr. Hayee** (Pakistan) spoke on behalf of the Group of Asian States, **Mr. Al-Thani** (Qatar) spoke on behalf of the Group of Arab States, **Mr. Graham** (South Africa)

spoke on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, **Ms. Adjalova** (Azerbaijan) spoke on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and **Ms. Hill** (New Zealand) spoke on behalf also of Canada and Australia, and in which **Mr. Wood** (United Kingdom), **Mr. Elbadri** (Egypt), **Mr. Cumberbatch Miguén** (Cuba), **Mr. Wigwe** (Nigeria) and **Ms. Halabi** (Syrian Arab Republic) also took part, **the Chairman** declared that the Third Committee had completed its work for the main part of the sixty-first session, pending consideration of agenda item 118.

*The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.*