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Chairman: Mr. Majoor (Netherlands)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.50 a.m.

Agenda item 5: Election of the officers of the Main Committees

1. **The Chairman** recalled that in accordance with rule 99 (a) of the rules of procedure, as amended by General Assembly resolutions 56/509, paragraph 2 (c), and 58/126, annex B, paragraph 9, all the Main Committees were required to elect a chairman and a full bureau at least three months before the opening of the session.

2. Mr. Penke (Latvia) had been nominated for election to the office of Chairman for the sixty-fourth session. In the absence of further nominations and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, he would take it that the Committee wished to elect Mr. Penke (Latvia) Chairman.

3. *Mr. Penke (Latvia) was elected Chairman by acclamation.*

4. **Mr. Penke** (Latvia) thanked the Group of Eastern European States for nominating him and the Committee for electing him. As Chairman, he would work in full cooperation with all delegations in an open and transparent manner and in a spirit of good faith, and would be guided by the principles embodied in the Charter and the principal United Nations documents and conventions.

5. **The Chairman** said that the following candidates had been endorsed by their respective regional group to serve on the Bureau of the Committee: Ms. Hoosen (South Africa), by the Group of African States; Mr. Rastam (Malaysia), by the Group of Asian States; Mr. Pérez (Peru), by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Ms. Hill (New Zealand), by the Group of Western European and Other States. The distribution of posts among the endorsed candidates would be decided at a later date. Following receipt of that information, the Committee would elect the candidates to their respective posts.

The meeting rose at 11.55 a.m.