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The meeting was called to order at 10.55 a.m.

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TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF H.E. MR. IBRAHIM MOHAMED AL-HANDI, PRESIDENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC

- 1. The CHAIRMAN expressed sympathy in connexion with the death of Mr. Saif Ghobash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, and Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Al-Hamdi, President of the Yemen Arab Republic. He asked the representative of the United Arab Emirates and the representative of the Yemen Arab Republic to convey to their respective peoples and Governments and to the families of the deceased the deep condolences of the Committee.
- 2. On the proposal of the Chairman, the members of the Committee observed a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of H.E. Mr. Saif Ghobash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, and H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Al-Hamdi, President of the Yemen Arab Republic.

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- 3. Mr. GLAIEL (Syrian Arab Republic), Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, introducing the chapters of the Special Committee's report relating to the agenda items under consideration (A/32/23 (parts II, IV and V), A/32/23/Add.3-5, Add.6 (parts I and II), Add.7 and Add.9), said that, in accordance with the relevant provisions of resolution 31/143, in particular paragraph 12, the Special Committee had continued to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) in all Territories which had not yet attained independence and, in particular, to formulate specific proposals for the elimination of the remaining manifestations of colonialism.
- 4. The Sub-Committee on Petitions, Information and Assistance had held consultations with representatives of the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations to evaluate the extent to which they had contributed towards an acceleration of the decolonization process by making scholarships and training fellowships available to nationals of Non-Self-Governing Territories and by providing moral and material assistance to the liberation movements. The representatives of the Office of Public Information had informed the Sub-Committee of that Office's activities with regard to the dissemination of information on decolonization and its coverage of the work of the various bodies dealing with decolonization.
- 5. The Sub-Committee on Small Territories had studied the situation in the Non-Self-Governing Territories referred to it by the Working Group of the Special Committee and had heard several petitioners from various Territories.
- 6. In its discussions, the Special Committee had been guided by the provisions of resolution 31/144, which requested the Secretary-General to take concrete measures through all the media at his disposal, including publications, radio and television, to give widespread and continuous publicity to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization. The Special Committee had also been guided in its work by the relevant provisions of resolution 31/29 and all other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

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(Mr. Glaiel, Syrian Arab Republic)

- 7. With the co-operation of certain administering Powers, the Special Committee had further been able to fulfil its mandate by sending visiting missions to study the situation in some Territories.
- 8. The Special Committee had been gratified by the co-operation of some specialized agencies and institutions with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, but had deplored the fact that some other agencies and institutions had, unfortunately, responded negatively or shown insufficient co-operation. In that connexion, the Special Committee had acted on the basis of a comparison of the information supplied by representatives of those institutions and the information received from representatives of the liberation movements.
- 9. In conclusion, he recommended to the Committee's attention the conclusions and recommendations contained in the chapters of the report which he had just introduced.
- 10. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the list of speakers in the general debate on the agenda items under consideration should be closed at 6 p.m. on Monday, 31 October. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed to his suggestion.

11. It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 94: ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS WHICH ARE IMPEDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA AND IN ALL OTHER TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION AND EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA: REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES (continued) (A/32/23 (part III); A/C.4/32/L.1)

- 12. Mr. AMPAT (Congo) announced that the following delegations had joined the list of sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/32/L.1: Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chad, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Niger, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Viet Nam.
- 13. Mr. FARAJ (United Arab Emirates), speaking in exercise of the right of reply, noted that, at the 7th meeting, the representative of Israel had referred to certain Arab countries, including Dubai and Abu Dhabi, alleging that they were trading with South Africa. In reaction to the increasing isolation imposed on it by the world community and the growing condemnation of the alliance between the Zionist régime and the racist régime of South Africa, the representative of the Zionist régime had been trying to falsify the issue. It was well known that the United Arab Emirates applied the oil embargo against South Africa and boycotted that racist régime in the same manner as it boycotted Israel.

(Mr. Faraj, United Arab Emirates)

- 14. Furthermore, his country's assistance to the African liberation movements could not be questioned; the latest proof of that assistance was the announcement made by the President of his country, at the Afro-Arab Summit Conference held in Cairo, of a donation of \$2 million to those movements. As far as he knew, Israel had not made any contribution to them.
- 15. A report on recent developments in relations between Israel and South Africa, prepared by the Sub-Committee on the Implementation of United Nations Resolutions and Collaboration with South Africa of the Special Committee against Apartheid (A/AC.115/CRP.28 and Add.1), provided ample evidence of the growing links between Israel and South Africa in the areas of arms sales, political contacts, economic relations, scientific and technical exchanges, manufacturing, transport, cultural activities and sports.
- 16. It was abundantly clear that the representative of Israel had hoped to mend his fences by making unfounded accusations that the United Arab Emirates was spending its oil money on buying gold from South Africa.

The meeting rose at 11.25 a.m.