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Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative  
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The meeting was called to order at 8.45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 100: SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS (A/31/11) (continued)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee would continue the voting under agenda item 100 and invited those representatives which had not yet done so to explain their vote after the vote on draft resolution A/C.5/31/L.10/Rev.1, as amended.
2. Mr. BALUCH (Pakistan), speaking as Chairman of the Group of 77, moved the adjournment of the meeting. Following consultations among the members of the Group of 77, he had reason to believe that the adjournment would make it possible to reach a generally acceptable solution with regard to the scale of assessments, especially as all members of the Committee wanted the problem to be solved by means of consensus and compromise. The events of the preceding meeting were a serious warning of what might happen if there was no consensus on such a basic question.
3. The CHAIRMAN read out rule 118 of the rules of procedure, which stated that a motion to adjourn the meeting should be immediately put to the vote.
4. Mr. TALIEH (Iran), speaking on a point of order, said that a vote should be taken if an objection was raised to the motion to adjourn but that, if there was no objection, it was not necessary to vote.
5. Mr. SCHMIDT (Federal Republic of Germany) said that he could accept the motion to adjourn the meeting on the understanding that, if the consultations outside the Committee did not achieve a compromise solution, the Committee would resume the voting at the point which it had reached at the current meeting.
6. The CHAIRMAN said that that was undoubtedly the procedure which should be followed.
7. Mr. BOUAYAD-AGHA (Algeria) recalled that, before the Committee had started to vote at its 41st meeting on the amendments and draft resolutions before it, the Algerian delegation had announced its intention of proposing amendments to the draft resolution submitted by the Committee on Contributions in its report (A/31/11).
8. Mr. EL-SHIBIB (Iraq) pointed out that all the statements made in the Committee, including the one just mentioned by the Algerian representative, were reported in the summary records. The only point currently at issue was whether there were objections to the motion to adjourn the meeting.
9. Mr. ROSENSTOCK (United States of America) said it seemed that there were no objections to the motion, on the understanding that, if the consultations did not produce results, the Committee would resume the voting under agenda item 100 at the point which it had reached at the current meeting. In that connexion, he recalled that, after the voting at the 41st meeting on draft resolutions

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(Mr. Rosenstock, United States)

A/C.5/31/L.7/Rev.2 and A/C.5/31/L.8, the representative of Canada had said that he would modify his amendment (A/C.5/31/L.28) to draft resolution A/C.5/31/L.10/Rev.1 but that the Committee had stated that the modification was inadmissible because the voting had already commenced. Similarly, a proposal by the Greek delegation had not been accepted. The Committee must respect the decisions which it had already taken.

10. Mr. CHAVES (Grenada) supported the statement by the United States representative.

11. The CHAIRMAN noted that, since there were no objections, it was the wish of the Committee to adjourn the meeting, on the understanding that, if the proposed consultations were not successful, the Committee would when it resumed its consideration of agenda item 100 resume the voting at the point which it had reached at the current meeting.

The meeting rose at 8.55 p.m.