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The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. The CHAIRMAN thanked the members of the Committee for the confidence they had shown in him by electing him Chairman. He expressed the hope that the Committee would be able not only to consider in depth the items on its agenda - items whose scope often went beyond the strictly legal - but also to find acceptable solutions. The spirit of conciliation and co-operation in which the Committee's deliberations were traditionally conducted and the competence of its members augured well for the future. He was convinced that, whatever differences might arise in the course of the Committee's work, the jurists of which the Committee was composed, faithful to their task of reconciling divergent interests, would be able to find an agreed solution.

2. He welcomed Mr. E. Jiménez de Arechaga, President of the International Court of Justice, Mr. M. Lachs, former President of the Court and former Chairman of the Sixth Committee, and Mr. S. Aquarone, Registrar of the Court.

ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMEN AND RAPPOREUR

3. The CHAIRMAN said that, in view of the difficulties being encountered in connexion with the nomination of one of the Vice-Chairmen, it had been proposed that the elections should be postponed until the following meeting so as to enable the various delegations to continue their consultations. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed to that proposal.

4. It was so decided.

ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE (A/C.6/31/1, A/C.6/31/L.1)

5. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee might be called upon to consider an item on the Assembly's agenda which did not appear on the list of items allocated to it (A/C.6/31/1). He suggested that, pending confirmation of that point, the discussion of organization of work should be postponed until the following meeting.

6. It was so decided.

7. Mr. GODOY (Paraguay) said that the decisions just taken might set an unfortunate precedent. It was regrettable that it had not been possible to resolve in time the difficulties apparently involved in selecting one of the Vice-Chairmen.

8. The CHAIRMAN assured the representative of Paraguay that the decisions were intended solely to facilitate the future work of the Committee.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.