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

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- 1. Mr. GLAYEL (Syrian Arab Republic), speaking as 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, introduced chapter IV of the Special Committee's report on its work during 1976 (A/31/23 (Part III)).
- 2. Chapter IV, which related to the item under consideration by the Committee, had been prepared in accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 3398 (XXX). In preparing the chapter, the Special Committee had taken into account General Assembly resolution 3481 (XXX), especially paragraph 11, in which the Special Committee was requested to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of 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. The Special Committee had also taken into account all the resolutions relating to colonial Territories in which foreign economic and other interests constituted an obstacle to the attainment of independence, views expressed by various speakers, the information provided by representatives of the national liberation movements during discussions on the item, and the working papers prepared by the Secretariat issued as annexes to the report.
- In its conclusions and recommendation, the Special Committee reaffirmed that any economic or other activity which impeded the implementation of the Declaration and obstructed efforts aimed at the elimination of colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in colonial Territories violated the political and economic rights and interests of the peoples of those Territories and was therefore incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter. The Special Committee once again noted with profound concern that the colonial Powers and certain States had continued to disregard United Nations decisions related to the item and had intensified their policy of economic domination over the colonial Territories of southern Africa. The Special Committee reaffirmed the inalienable right of the peoples of dependent Territories to self-determination and independence and to the enjoyment of their natural resources, and condemned the foreign economic and other activities in the colonial Territories as impeding the implementation of the Declaration, as well as the policies of Governments which continued to support or collaborate with those activities. Noting the increased collaboration of certain Western countries with the racist régimes in southern Africa, especially in nuclear matters, the Special Committee, in its latest resolution, expressed particularly

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(Mr. Glayel, Syrian Arab Republic)

strong condemnation of those States for their collaboration and called on them to refrain from extending facilities directly or indirectly for the production of uranium, plutonium and other nuclear materials. The Special Committee condemned all violations of the sanctions imposed by the Security Council and requested all States which had not already done so to end the supply of all forms of assistance, including military assistance, to the racist régimes.

4. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that the Committee would approve in full the recommendations in the chapter of the report he had introduced.

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- 5. Mr. KOVALENKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that, as it was unlikely that the Security Council would conclude its consideration of the question of Namibia (item 85) before the date on which the Committee was due to begin its discussion of that item, more than six meetings could be devoted to consideration of item 87 (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).
- 6. THE CHAIRMAN felt that the Committee should keep to its agreed time-table and suggested that the list of speakers in the general debate on item 87 should be closed the following day at 6 p.m.
- 7. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.10 a.m.