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# **General Committee**

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Chairman:	Mr. Deiss (President of the General Assembly) (Switzerland)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

# Organization of the sixty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (A/BUR/65/1)

# Memorandum by the Secretary-General

1. **The Chairman** drew attention to the memorandum by the Secretary-General regarding the organization of the sixty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (A/BUR/65/1).

#### Chapter II. Organization of the session

2. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to paragraph 6 of the Secretary-General's memorandum and said that he trusted that he would shortly receive from each of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly a letter concerning the designation of a liaison person for the duration of the session.

3. The Committee took note of all the relevant information contained in chapter II ofthe memorandum. It decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to all the necessary information, in particular the information contained in paragraph 39 of the memorandum concerning the timely submission of draft proposals for the review of their programme budget implications, and to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take action on all the proposals contained in that chapter. It also decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the information contained in paragraph 44 of the memorandum on the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the use of the phrase "within available resources" and the Advisory Committee's views on the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform the General Assembly regarding the availability of resources to implement a new activity.

#### Chapter III. Adoption of the agenda

4. **The Chairman** informed the Committee that, in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the draft agenda was organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization as contained in every medium-term plan, or in the strategic framework, with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters".

#### Paragraphs 50 to 52

5. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 50 to 52 of the memorandum.

# Inclusion of items

6. **The Chairman** said that, since the agenda was now organized under nine headings, the Committee might wish to consider the inclusion of items under each heading as a whole. However, the Committee might wish to take separate decisions on certain items, where it was deemed appropriate, including in some cases the placement of items under appropriate headings.

7. The draft agenda contained nine new items, namely items 20 (i) and 29 under heading A (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences) and item 150 and items 164 to 169 under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Paragraph 53

Items 1 to 8

8. **The Chairman** drew attention to paragraph 53 of the memorandum. Items 1 to 8 were not under any heading. The General Assembly had already dealt with items 1 and 2. Items 3 to 8 related to organizational matters.

9. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of items 1 to 8.

Heading A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

Item 20 (i). Harmony with Nature

10. **The Chairman** said that item 20 (i) had been included in the draft agenda pursuant to General Assembly resolution 64/196 of 21 December 2009 and, as a new item, had been listed tentatively under heading A.

11. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 20 (i) under heading A.

*Item 29. Intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services* 

12. The Chairman said that the inclusion of item 29 had been requested by the Republic of Korea (A/65/191). The representative of the Republic of Korea had asked to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.

13. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Shin Boonam (Republic of Korea) took a place at the Committee table.

14. Mr. Shin Boonam (Republic of Korea) said that 86 Governments and 40 organizations had been represented at the third ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services, held in Busan, in the Republic of Korea, from 7 to 11 June 2010. The main outcome of the meeting had been agreement among Governments to establish the platform, which was expected to perform functions for biodiversity and ecosystem services similar to those performed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in respect of global climate change. In accordance with decision SS.XI/4 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the representatives of Governments had recommended that the General Assembly, at its sixtyfifth session, should be invited to consider the conclusions set out in the outcome document and take appropriate action to establish the platform. The outcome document further recommended that the Governing Council should invite the Executive Director of UNEP, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme, to continue to facilitate any ensuing process to implement the platform until such time as a secretariat was established. The international community should capitalize on the momentum created by the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Biodiversity, to be held shortly, as well as the naming of 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity to establish the platform at the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly. The matter went beyond the mandate of any single United Nations body or multilateral environmental agreement and a holistic approach was required to promote international cooperation in the

field; the General Assembly was the most appropriate body to consider and set the course of international action in that regard.

15. **Ms. Rubiales de Chamorro** (Nicaragua) recalled that her delegation had read out a letter stating the position of the Group of 77 and China on the matter in informal consultations.

16. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the inclusion of item 29 to a later date.

17. The Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading A, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 20 (i) and 29.

18. Mr. Shin Boonam (Republic of Korea) withdrew.

# Heading B. Maintenance of international peace and security

Item 41. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

19. **The Chairman** said that the General Assembly, at the 121st plenary meeting of its sixtieth session, had decided to include item 41 in the provisional agenda for its sixty-fifth session. The representative of the Comoros had asked to participate in the discussion. Rule 43 of the rules of procedure did not apply. He took it that the Committee wished to accede to that request.

20. It was so decided.

21. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Toihiri (Comoros) took a place at the Committee table.

22. **Mr. Toihiri** (Comoros) recalled that according to the agreements concluded between France and the Comoros in June 1973, the results of the referendum on independence would be counted as a whole. Although an ample majority of voters had opted for independence, France had seen fit to count the results island by island.

23. General Assembly resolution 3385 (XXX) admitting the Comoros to membership of the United Nations had reaffirmed the necessity of respecting the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoro Archipelago, composed of the islands of Anjouan, Grande-Comore, Mayotte and Mohéli. Between 1976 and 1995, the General Assembly had regularly adopted resolutions on the topic and had included the question of the Comorian island of Mayotte in its agenda.

24. The successive Governments of the Comoros had shown significant political will to engage in frank and fruitful bilateral negotiations with the French authorities. In March 2009, however, France had held a referendum to grant Mayotte the status of Overseas Department, thereby unilaterally breaking its tacit agreement with the Comoros.

25. During the general debate of the General Assembly's sixty-fourth session, the President of the Comoros had made a painful concession by putting forward the idea of one country, two administrations. Regrettably, the response of the French authorities had been at best inattentive, at worst somewhat disdainful. His delegation therefore wished to have the question included once again in the agenda of the General Assembly. The international community should remain seized of the question of Mayotte so as to assist in the search for a fair solution acceptable to both the French and Comorian Governments.

26. **Ms. Le Fraper du Hellen** (France) said that her Government understood the request made by the President of the Comoros and that President Sarkozy had already suggested solutions for moving forward on the issue. In fact, it was hoped that a number of highlevel meetings to be held in Paris in the days ahead would contribute to resolving any differences between the authorities of the two countries. She therefore proposed adopting a formula similar to that used at the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, namely, that the Committee should decide to recommend the inclusion of the item in the agenda on the understanding that it would not be debated during the current session.

27. **Mr. Toihiri** (Comoros) said that his delegation would prefer to retain the option of debating the item during the Assembly's sixty-fifth session, on the understanding that if bilateral consultations were successful, consideration of the item would prove unnecessary.

28. **The Chairman** suggested that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 41 under heading B, on the understanding that there would be no consideration of the item until further notice.

29. Mr. Ndong Mba (Equatorial Guinea), supported by Mr. Faati (Gambia) and Mr. Badji (Senegal) welcomed the opportunities for resolving differences between the Governments of France and the Comoros in the near future. He supported the Chairman's suggestion, on the understanding that the phrase "until further notice" meant that the Assembly had the option of considering the item during the current session, should the bilateral consultations prove unsuccessful.

30. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of item 41 under heading B, on the understanding that there would be no consideration of the item until further notice.

31. Mr. Toihiri (Comoros) withdrew.

Item 61. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India

32. **The Chairman** said that the General Assembly, at the 2nd plenary meeting of its sixty-fourth session, had decided to include item 61 in the provisional agenda for its sixty-fifth session.

33. **Mr. Badji** (Senegal), supported by **Mr. Parham** (United Kingdom), said that, following consultations with the delegations of Madagascar and France, and without prejudice to the positions of those two countries, his delegation proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of item 61 should be deferred to its sixty-sixth session.

34. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of item 61 should be deferred to its sixty-sixth session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda for that session.

35. The Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading B, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 41 and 61.

# Heading C. Development of Africa

36. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading C.

# Heading D. Promotion of human rights

37. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading D.

*Heading E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts* 

38. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading E.

#### Heading F. Promotion of justice and international law

39. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading F.

#### Heading G. Disarmament

40. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading G.

Heading H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

41. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading H.

Heading I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

Item 150. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

42. The Chairman said that the inclusion of item 150 had been requested by the Secretary-General in document A/65/141.

43. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda under heading I of item 150.

#### Items 164 to 169

44. **The Chairman** said that the inclusion of items 164 to 169 under heading I had been proposed by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya had asked to participate in the discussion of those items in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.

45. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Shalgham (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) took a place at the Committee table.

# Item 164. Compensation for damage caused by colonialism

46. **The Chairman** said that the inclusion of item 164 had been requested in document A/65/192.

47. **Mr. Shalgham** (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) said that his delegation had proposed the inclusion of item 164 with a view to ensuring justice for the peoples who had suffered under the yoke of colonialism. Compensation must be awarded by colonizers for the human and material damage they had wrought on other countries; a draft resolution had been elaborated to that effect. He expressed the hope that the Committee would decide to recommend item 164 for inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-fifth session so that an international mechanism might be established to evaluate requests for compensation in respect of colonial damage and the Secretary-General might report on measures taken at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

48. **Mr. Mohamed** (Sudan), supported by **Mr. Faati** (Gambia), said that his delegation supported the inclusion of item 164 in the agenda for the current session of the General Assembly.

49. Ms. DiCarlo (United States of America), supported by Mr. Parham (United Kingdom), Ms. Le Fraper du Hellen (France) and Ms. Lucas (Luxembourg), said that the inclusion of item 164 in the agenda of the current session would pose problems for a number of countries, including her own. She therefore proposed that the Committee should defer its consideration of the inclusion of the item to a later date.

50. **Ms. Rubiales de Chamorro** (Nicaragua), supported by **Mr. Carrión-Mena** (Ecuador), said that her delegation endorsed the inclusion of item 164 in the agenda of the current session. The United Nations had acquired its current influence thanks to those countries which had fought for their independence against colonialism. There was no reason not to discuss the item, which directly involved most countries of the South.

51. **Mr. Ndong Mba** (Equatorial Guinea), while welcoming the fact that no Committee member had opposed the inclusion of the item, said that it was important to decide on the most appropriate time for its consideration by the Committee.

52. **The Chairman** said that, given the lack of a consensus, he would take it that the Committee wished to defer consideration of the inclusion of item 164 to a later date.

53. It was so decided.

*Item 165. Verification of the implementation of nuclear disarmament obligations* 

54. The Chairman said that the inclusion of item 165 had been requested in document A/65/193.

55. Mr. Shalgham (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) said that his delegation's main objective in proposing the inclusion of item 165 in the agenda for the sixty-fifth session was to bring about the fulfilment by nuclearweapon States of their nuclear disarmament obligations. Thus, the draft resolution on the proposed item called for the submission by all nuclear-weapon States, including those not parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, of their nuclear facilities to inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and furthermore required that all nuclear facilities of Member States should be subject to mandatory inspection by IAEA. If adopted, the resolution would also provide for the submission by the Secretary-General of a full report to the sixtysixth session of the General Assembly on its implementation thus far.

56. **Ms. Le Fraper du Hellen** (France), supported by **Mr. Parham** (United Kingdom), **Mr. Karev** (Russian Federation) and **Ms. DiCarlo** (United States of America), said that it did not appear useful to include item 165 in the agenda, as the subject was already being addressed by other perfectly competent institutions. Should the General Committee decide otherwise, however, she would propose deferring consideration of its inclusion to a later date.

57. **Mr. Ould Hadrami** (Mauritania) said that his delegation supported the inclusion of item 165 in the agenda for the current session of the General Assembly.

58. **Ms. Rubiales de Chamorro** (Nicaragua) said that although Nicaragua was not and never would be a nuclear-weapon country, her Government was nonetheless concerned about potential nuclear conflicts. The General Assembly was a suitable forum for discussing items of such importance to the international community, as it allowed all Member States to express their views. Her delegation supported the inclusion of item 165 in the agenda for the current session of the General Assembly.

59. **The Chairman** said that, given the lack of a consensus, he would take it that the Committee wished to defer consideration of the inclusion of item 165 to a later date.

#### 60. It was so decided.

*Item 166. Enhancing and expanding the functions and powers of the General Assembly* 

61. **The Chairman** said that the inclusion of item 166 had been requested in document A/65/194.

62. **Mr. Shalgham** (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) said that his delegation had requested the inclusion of item 166 as part of ongoing efforts to reform comprehensively the United Nations, and, in particular, to revitalize the role of the General Assembly. It was essential to expand the mandate and powers of the General Assembly to reflect its universality and the role with which it had been entrusted which, as provided for in the Charter of the United Nations, included matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security. Furthermore, its resolutions must be considered binding on all Member States and United Nations bodies, including the Security Council, which must serve as a tool for implementing those resolutions.

63. Mr. Ntwaagae (Botswana), supported by Mr. Karev (Russian Federation), Mr. Mac-Donald (Suriname) and Ms. DiCarlo (United States of America), said that rather than initiate new reforms, the United Nations should focus its efforts on bringing the current reform process to its logical conclusion. He therefore suggested deferring consideration of item 166, with the option of adding a timeline to the revitalization process if Member States continued to be unsatisfied.

64. **Mr. Mohamed** (Sudan) said that his delegation supported the inclusion of item 166, which would contribute to revitalizing the General Assembly, as an organ that should reflect the interests of all peoples.

65. **Mr. Ould Hadrami** (Mauritania) said that his delegation supported the inclusion of item 166, which he hoped would give impetus to the lagging reform process.

66. **Mr. Carrión-Mena** (Ecuador) said it was regrettable that, since its inception, the General Assembly's powers had gradually diminished. His delegation supported the inclusion of item 166, which could only serve to achieve the goal endorsed by all delegations, namely, to revitalize the General Assembly.

67. **Ms. Rubiales de Chamorro** (Nicaragua) said that her delegation, having recently presided over the General Assembly, understood the urgent need to revitalize the General Assembly and strengthen its powers. She therefore supported the inclusion of item 166 in the provisional agenda of the General Assembly for the sixty-fifth session.

68. **Mr. Parham** (United Kingdom) said that his delegation supported the statement by the representative of Botswana, not least because some aspects of the proposed item were contrary to the Charter of the United Nations.

69. **Mr. Al-Jarman** (United Arab Emirates) said that consideration of the proposed item would enhance the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly; his delegation therefore supported its inclusion.

70. **Mr. Kleib** (Indonesia) said that while he recognized the merits of the proposed inclusion of item 166, he also understood the need to complete the ongoing reform process. He therefore suggested deferring consideration of the proposed item.

71. **Mr. Faati** (Gambia) said that his delegation strongly supported the inclusion of item 166 in the agenda, as it underscored the urgent need for reform. The current revitalization process had produced few results this far. A close examination of the functions and powers of the General Assembly might well lead Member States to review the Charter and make necessary changes in the light of developments that had taken place since the Organization's establishment; his delegation was not opposed to such a development.

72. **The Chairman** said that, given the lack of a consensus, he would take it that the Committee wished to defer consideration of the inclusion of item 166 to a later date.

73. It was so decided.

# Item 167. Investigation into the invasion of Iraq

74. The Chairman said that the inclusion of item 167 had been requested in document A/65/195. He drew attention to a letter he had received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, expressing concerns about the inclusion of the item (A/65/363).

The representative of Iraq had asked to participate in the discussion. Rule 43 of the rules of procedure did not apply. He took it that the Committee wished to accede to that request.

75. It was so decided.

76. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Al Bayati (Iraq) took a place at the Committee table.

77. **Mr. Shalgham** (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), referring to article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations, said that all Member States must refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of each State. Nonetheless, foreign forces had invaded and occupied the territory of an independent State, namely Iraq, also a State Member of the United Nations and of the League of Arab States. His delegation had proposed the inclusion of item 167 so that the matter might be investigated thoroughly, in line with the wishes expressed by many nations, including the United Kingdom, which had recently established an Iraq Inquiry.

78. **Mr. Al Bayati** (Iraq) highlighted the main points of the letter sent by the Iraqi Minister for Foreign Affairs and said that acceptance of the Libyan proposal would contradict international law and would threaten the security and stability of Iraq, as well as of the region as a whole. He therefore expressed the hope that the Committee would not recommend the inclusion of item 167 in the agenda of the General Assembly for the sixty-fifth session.

79. The Committee decided not to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion of item 167.

80. Mr. Al Bayati (Iraq) withdrew.

Item 168. Investigation into the wars that have broken out since the establishment of the United Nations

*Item 169. Investigation into assassinations carried out since the establishment of the United Nations* 

81. The Chairman said that the inclusion of items 168 and 169 had been requested in documents A/65/196 and A/65/197, respectively.

82. **Mr. Shalgham** (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) said that the inclusion of item 168 would allow the General Assembly to consider the reasons for the many wars and aggressions that had taken place since the establishment of the United Nations. That was an especially important task, given that one of the founding principles of the Organization had been to prevent war. The proposed item 169 would allow for the investigation into assassinations carried out since the Organization's establishment, with a view to preventing the recurrence of such acts. His delegation was proposing both items not out of national self-interest, but rather in order to address the real issues behind such bitter experiences.

83. The Committee decided not to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion of items 168 and 169.

84. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of the items listed under heading I, taking into account the decisions taken regarding item 150 and items 164 to 169.

85. Mr. Shalgham (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) withdrew.

# Chapter IV. Allocation of items

# Paragraphs 54 to 56

86. **The Chairman** drew attention to the information contained in paragraphs 54 to 56 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/65/1), which stated that the allocation of items was based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years.

87. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 54 to 56.

# Paragraph 57

88. **The Chairman** said that, in paragraph 57 of his memorandum, the Secretary-General had listed items of the draft agenda which had not been considered previously by the General Assembly. If the members of the Committee agreed, he would first request the Committee to decide on the recommendation it should make regarding the allocation of those items, recommended for inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-fifth session.

89. It was so decided.

# Item 20 (i). Harmony with Nature

90. **The Chairman** said that, owing to the nature of the item, the Secretary-General had requested that it should be allocated to the Second Committee.

91. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 20 (i) should be allocated to the Second Committee.

Item 150. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

92. **The Chairman** said that, owing to the nature of the item, the Secretary-General had requested that it should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

93. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 150 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Item 9. Report of the Economic and Social Council

94. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 61 and decided to recommend that the General Assembly, when considering item 9 in its entirety in plenary meeting, should take note of the clarification that, in implementing resolution 58/316, the relevant parts of chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council would be considered by the Main Committees concerned, under agenda items already allocated to them, for final action by the Assembly.

Item 13. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

*Item 117. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit* 

95. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 62 regarding item 13.

96. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 63 and 64 concerning items 13 and 117.

Item 20 (b). Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

97. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 65.

Item 20 (f). Convention on Biological Diversity

98. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 66.

Item 24 (a). Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

99. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 67.

Item 28. Advancement of women

100. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 68.

Item 60. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

101. The Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 69.

#### Item 65. Report of the Human Rights Council

102. **The Chairman** drew attention to paragraph 70 of the memorandum and invited Committee members to comment on it.

103. **Mr. Panin** (Russian Federation), supported by **Mr. Faati** (Gambia), said that although his delegation had a clear preference that the report should be considered by the Third Committee, it was prepared to support the compromise adopted at the previous session, namely, that the report should be considered both by the plenary Assembly and by the Third Committee.

104. **Mr. Parham** (United Kingdom) said that his delegation had a long-standing strong preference for the entire report of the Council to be considered in plenary meeting owing to its unique status, the importance of its work and the spirit of its founding resolution. He suggested that there was no need to distinguish the consideration of recommendations from the rest of the report, since Member States were free to refer to any recommendations in the context of Third Committee resolutions. While the consideration of the report as a whole by the Third Committee was unacceptable, the United Kingdom was prepared again to support the compromise adopted at the previous session, on the understanding that such a decision did not create a precedent for future sessions.

105. **Mr. Tommo Monthe** (Cameroon), speaking as the Chairperson of the Third Committee for the sixtyfifth session of the General Assembly, said that he looked forward to consideration by the Third Committee, of the recommendations contained in the report, and would support the compromise adopted at the previous session for the report as a whole.

106. The Chairman said that, having heard the statements just made, he would suggest that the General Committee should recommend that item 65 should be considered directly in plenary meeting and also allocated to the Third Committee, on the understanding that the latter would consider and act on all recommendations of the Human Rights Council to the Assembly, including those that dealt with the development of international law in the field of human rights, without prejudice to the right of Member States to submit resolutions and decisions on all issues considered in the report of the Council. Taking that into account, the General Assembly, in plenary meeting, would consider the report of the Council on its activities for the year (A/65/53). It was also understood that the agreement was in no way a reinterpretation of General Assembly resolution 60/251 and that it would be reviewed before the beginning of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

107. It was so decided.

#### Item 99. General and complete disarmament

108. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the relevant paragraphs of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 89.

*Item 110. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization* 

109. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should hear a brief presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report prior to the opening of the general debate.

Item 120. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

110. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 120 should be allocated to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of

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considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

#### Item 132. Programme planning

111. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 132 of the draft agenda should be allocated to all the Main Committees and to the plenary Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

# Item 142. Administration of justice at the United Nations

112. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 142 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee and to the Sixth Committee in the light of resolutions 64/119 and 64/233 and decision 64/527.

#### Plenary Assembly

113. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding item 65.

#### First Committee

114. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 89, 120 and 132.

# Special Political and Decolonization Committee

115. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 61, 120 and 132.

#### Second Committee

116. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 20 (i), 120 and 132.

# Third Committee

117. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 65, 120 and 132.

# Fifth Committee

118. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 120, 132 and 150.

Sixth Committee

119. The Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 120, 132 and 142.

The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.