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The meeting was called to order at 10.50 a.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Mr. RADENKOVIĆ (Yugoslavia) nominated Mr. Jannuzzi (Italy) and Mr. Abdullatif (Oman) for the offices of Vice-Chairmen.
2. Mr. Jannuzzi (Italy) and Mr. Abdullatif (Oman) were elected Vice-Chairmen by acclamation.
3. The CHAIRMAN said that, since there were no nominations at the present time, the Committee would postpone the election of the Rapporteur until its next meeting.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

4. The CHAIRMAN reminded delegations of the importance of punctuality and of doing sufficient preparatory work so that time was not lost by the failure of speakers to sign the speakers' list and make their statements in good time. He intended to close the list of speakers on each item when one third of the meetings allocated to the item had been held. Once the list had been closed, changes in the order could be made only by mutual consent among delegations. The name of any representative not prepared to speak when his name came up on the list would be placed at the end of the list of speakers.
5. He recalled that the General Assembly had decided to allow delegations to exercise their right of reply only twice, the first time being limited to 10 minutes and the second to five minutes. Explanations of vote should be limited to 10 minutes, and delegations should make them only once, unless their votes in the plenary meeting were different from their votes in the Committee. The General Assembly had decided to impose a mandatory deadline of 1 December for submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions having financial implications and to allow a minimum period of 48 hours between the submission of and the voting on any draft resolution involving expenditure.
6. He appealed to all delegations to limit their requests for additional documentation and for duplicate copies of material already distributed. He drew attention to the procedure for submitting corrections to provisional summary records, which was explained on the cover page of each record. The Committee was authorized to receive, on specific request, transcriptions of the debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof.
7. He drew attention to documents A/SPC/39/1 and A/SPC/39/L.1, which listed the items allocated to the Committee and contained the tentative timetable for its work. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee approved the programme of work set out in document A/SPC/39/L.1.
8. It was so decided.
9. The CHAIRMAN said that, in addition to the 10 items on the Committee's programme of work, the General Assembly had decided, in connection with item 31 on

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(The Chairman)

policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa, which would be considered directly in plenary meeting, that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee. He suggested a procedure which the Committee might wish to adopt for those hearings. Organizations or individuals wishing to be heard would have to submit their requests in writing to the Chairman no later than Friday, 26 October. Communications containing requests for hearings would be circulated as Committee documents and considered by the Committee at a subsequent meeting prior to the hearings. Organizations and individuals approved by the Committee would be informed by the Secretariat of the date of the hearing. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed to that procedure.

10. It was so decided.

11. The CHAIRMAN, referring to agenda item 74 entitled "Questions relating to information", suggested that, as in previous years, the Committee should set up an informal open-ended working group, chaired by one of the Vice-Chairmen, to prepare the draft resolution on that item.

12. It was so decided.

13. Mr. RODRIGUEZ MEDINA (Colombia) stressed the importance of agenda item 72 entitled "International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space" and proposed that, in keeping with past practice, the Committee should set up an open-ended working group, chaired by the delegation of Austria, to continue work on the two draft resolutions on that item.

14. Mr. AGSTNER (Austria) said that his delegation would be pleased to chair the working group on agenda item 72.

15. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he took it that the Committee wished to adopt the proposal made by the representative of Colombia.

16. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.