



# General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

## First Committee

1st meeting

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*Chair:* Mr. Jarmo Viinanen ..... (Finland)

*The meeting was called to order at 12.15 p.m.*

### Statement by the Chair

**The Chair:** Let me start by extending a warm welcome to all delegations participating in the deliberations of the First Committee this year. I look forward to working closely with all members during the coming weeks and I count on the Committee's support, cooperation and dedication in our collective effort to conduct the Committee's crucial work in a forward-looking manner.

### Agenda item 5

#### Election of the officers of the Main Committees

##### Election of Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur

**The Chair:** As members will recall, at its meeting in June, the Committee elected the Chair and deferred the election of the other officers of the Bureau to a later date. Accordingly, the focus of today's meeting is to elect the three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur, who will complete the composition of the Bureau. It is my pleasure to inform the Committee that I have received correspondence from the regional groups nominating their respective candidates for those positions. The nominees are: for the Vice-Chair from the Group of African States, Mr. Amr Aljowaily of Egypt; for the Vice-Chair from the Group of Asian States, Mr. Mohammad F. A. O. AlMutairi of Kuwait; and for the Vice-Chair from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, Ms. Ayesha Borland of Belize.

Considering that these three candidates have been endorsed by their respective regional groups unanimously, may I take it that the Committee wishes to elect them by acclamation as Vice-Chairs for the sixty-sixth session of the First Committee? I hear no objection.

*It was so decided.*

**The Chair:** For the position of Rapporteur the Group of East European States nominates Mr. Archil Gheghechkori of Georgia. May I take it that the Committee wishes to elect Mr. Archil Gheghechkori by acclamation as the Rapporteur for the sixty-sixth session of the First Committee? I hear no objection.

*It was so decided.*

**The Chair:** With your active support the Chair and Bureau aims to guide the work of the Committee to a successful conclusion in the first days of November. In this regard the Chair counts on the assistance, expertise and collective wisdom of the three Vice-Chairs, Mr. Amr Aljowaily of Egypt, Mr. Mohammad F. A. O. AlMutairi of Kuwait and Ms. Ayesha Borland of Belize as well as the Rapporteur, Mr. Archil Gheghechkori of Georgia.

The Chair and the Bureau, in order to succeed in their work, will rely greatly on your spirit of cooperation and flexibility throughout the session. I am also confident that the Committee can once again count on the full support of the Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Department for General Assembly and

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Conference Management, headed by Mr. Sergio Duarte and Mr. Shaaban Muhammad Shaaban, respectively.

Our job for today is done, and I shall now proceed to adjourn the meeting. Please monitor *Journal*

announcements for this and other information relevant to the work of the Committee this year.

*The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.*