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President: Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi PANDIT (India).

Statement by the President

1. The PRESIDENT: Members will recall that the General Assembly decided at its 470th plenary meeting that the eighth session should stand recessed in accordance with the terms of resolution 716 (VIII).
2. In the interval between the adoption of that resolution and the opening of the ninth session, no decision was made to reconvene. It is therefore for the purpose of closing the eighth session that this meeting has been called.
3. It is my intention to make some brief remarks to the General Assembly tomorrow in my capacity as temporary President.

Minute of silent prayer or meditation

4. The PRESIDENT: I invite representatives to stand and observe a minute of silent prayer or meditation.
The representatives stood in silence.

Closing of the session

5. The PRESIDENT: I declare closed the eighth session of the General Assembly.

The meeting rose at 3.15 p.m.