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Chairman:

Mr. MAVROMMATIS

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL UNDER ARTICLE 45 OF THE COVENANT AND ARTICLE 6 OF THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL (CCPR/C/V/CRP.1 and Add.1-13, 14 and Corr. 1, 15 and 16)

1. The CHAIRMAN suggested that, in accordance with past practice, only the Rapporteur's statement and the concluding statements of the session should be covered in the summary records.
2. It was so decided. *assistance*
3. Mr. MORA ROJAS, Rapporteur, introducing the draft annual report (CCPR/C/V/CRP.1 and Add.1-13, 14 and Corr. 1, 15 and 16) said that, at the Committee's third session, the Deputy Director of the Division of Human Rights had informed the Committee, in the light of comments made at the second session regarding the first annual report, that the Secretariat would welcome some guidelines which might be used in the preparation of the annual report, particularly regarding the reports of States parties. He had indicated in that connexion that the draft report for 1978 would contain a summary of the main points made by the representative of the State party in introducing his country's report to the Committee, followed firstly by the questions put by members of the Committee, grouped as far as possible in the order of the articles of the Covenant and then, in the same order, by the replies given by the representative of the State party. Thus all the information concerning each State party would be consolidated.
4. After a brief exchange of ideas, the Committee had agreed to take note of the procedure suggested and to take a decision on the matter at its fourth session, taking into account the sections of the report which had already been prepared. Parts of the draft annual report, including some sections relating to reports submitted by States parties at the third session, had been distributed at the fourth session. The matter had been discussed by the Committee, which had indicated its satisfaction with respect to the manner in which those parts of the draft report had been prepared. The Committee had not, however, adopted any definitive guidelines in the matter, and the remaining parts of the draft report had subsequently been prepared following the same method.
5. The section of the draft annual report relating to the reports of States parties had been prepared on the following basis: firstly, the immediate source of information used had been the summary records and corrigenda, except when they had not been available on time, as was the case for the closing part of the session; secondly, the statements, observations and questions appearing in the draft were those which related to the various articles of the Covenant and the information given regarding their application, either in the relevant report or in the introductory statement to it by the representative of the State party concerned; thirdly, the report contained a brief reference to the introductory statement of the representative of the State party, placing particular emphasis on new information not contained in that State's report; fourthly, the questions put by members of the Committee were presented following the order of the articles of

the Covenant and as concisely as possible; fifthly, the replies from the representative of the State party to those questions then appeared in the same order.

6. The aim of the draft was to present a clear picture of the fruitful dialogue which the Committee had begun with States regarding the implementation of the Covenant and to make the Committee's annual report a useful document for States which had not yet submitted their reports, as well as for all States ~~which~~ ^{those} which wished to use the Committee's reports for scientific or educational purposes.

The discussion covered in the summary record ended at 11.20 a.m.