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The meeting was called to order at 9.40 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-FOURTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY EGYPT AND
GUINEA-BISSAU (A/44/242)

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to a request by Egypt and Guinea-Bissau for the inclusion of an item entitled "African alternative framework to structural adjustment programmes for socio-economic recovery and transformation", contained in document A/44/242. The representative of Guinea-Bissau had asked to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.
2. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Cabral (Guinea-Bissau) took a place at the Committee table.
3. Mr. CABRAL (Guinea-Bissau), speaking on behalf of the Group of African States, drew attention to the explanatory memorandum contained in the annex to document A/44/242, submitted in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure. The African States were requesting the inclusion of the new item because of the difficulties experienced in connection with their structural adjustment programmes and because they were unable to overcome the current economic crisis, despite major efforts.
4. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 43/27, the African States had endeavoured to formulate a conceptual alternative to the orthodox approach to structural adjustment. A resolution on that alternative framework had been adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its fiftieth ordinary session in July 1989, which had called upon the international community to engage in a dialogue on that subject. He asked that the item should be considered by the General Assembly in plenary meeting.
5. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.
6. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.
7. Mr. Cabral (Guinea-Bissau) withdrew.

The meeting rose at 9:50 a.m.