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Chairman:

Mr. KERNKAMP

Members:

Australia

Mr. PEACHEY

Belgium

Mr. WENDELEN

Brazil

Mr. ROCQUE da MOTTA

Cuba

Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS

Denmark

Mr. LANNUNG

Egypt

Mr. PHARAONY

France

Mr. HURE

India

Mr. PANT

Mexico

Mr. CALDERON PUIG

Netherlands

Mr. SPITS

New Zealand

Mr. SCOTT

Pakistan

Mr. ZIAUD-DIN

Philippines

Mr. INGLES

Union of Soviet Socialist  
Republics

Mr. SOLDATOV

United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland

Mr. MATHIESON

United States of America

Mr. GERIG

Representative of a specialized agency:

World Health Organization

Mrs. JARVIS

Secretariat:

Mr. Benson

Special Representative of the Secretary-General

Mr. van Beusekom

Secretariat

Mr. Cottrell

Secretariat

Mr. Kunst

Secretary to the Special Committee

1. APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (item 15 of the agenda) (A/AC.35/L.69 and Conference Room Papers Nos. 10 and 11) (continued)

The CHAIRMAN drew the Special Committee's attention to the draft report (A/AC.35/L.69), and suggested that it be approved section by section.

Mr. SOLDATOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) stated that since he wished to comment in detail on only three paragraphs of the report, he would like to do so at once.

His first comment was on paragraphs 17 and 18, which did not accurately reflect the point he had raised at the thirty-third meeting. He would therefore propose that those two paragraphs be replaced by the second paragraph on page 27 of the summary record for that meeting (A/AC.35/SR.33), which gave a brief but accurate summary of his actual statement. He believed the Committee could not object to such a substitution, particularly since the Soviet Union delegation considered that in cases where the point of view of the Soviet Union was specifically reported, the replies, where such existed, of other delegations might also be included, if those delegations so wished.

Secondly, he referred to paragraph 65, where it was stated that he had introduced a draft resolution on cessation of information. He proposed that a brief summary of his statement on that occasion be included in paragraph 65, in order to make the position quite clear.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the Soviet Union representative's points would be taken into consideration when the Committee reached the sections of the report to which they related.

Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba) proposed that in each section, beneath the heading, some indication of the documents relating to the subject under consideration, including the reports of the Secretary-General, documents circulated by members of the Committee or specialized agencies, and the summary records of the relevant discussions should be given.

Mr. GERIG (United States of America) and Mr. ROCQUE da MOTTA (Brazil) supported the Cuban representative's proposal.

Mr. WENDELEN (Belgium) felt that, alternatively, in those paragraphs of the report where it was stated that the Committee had discussed a certain item and that general statements had been made by various representatives, the symbols of the appropriate summary records should be inserted at the end of the paragraph in question in order to facilitate the task of those who wished to read the full discussion.

Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba) accepted the proposal of the Belgian representative.

The Belgian representative's proposal was adopted.

#### Sections I and II - Constitution of the Special Committee and Officers

Sections I and II were adopted without comment.

#### Section III - Sub-Committees

Mr. ROCQUE da MOTTA (Brazil) proposed that in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 the names of the chairmen of the sub-committees should be given.

It was so agreed.

Section III was adopted as amended.

#### Section IV - Agenda

Section IV was adopted without comment.

#### Section V - Economic Conditions and Development in Non-Self-Governing Territories

Mr. SOLDATOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) having repeated his amendments to paragraphs 17 and 18, Mr. GERIG (United States of America) stated that, although he regretted that the opinions of individual members of the Committee should be given in any place in the report, the Soviet Union

representative's proposal made it necessary for him to propose in turn that a short statement in reply be inserted in paragraph 17. That reply would read as follows:

"Replies to those criticisms were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States of America rejecting the allegations and charges made by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as being in part a distortion of the actual facts and generally without foundation."

Mr. HURE (France) proposed that the words "and certain other representatives" be inserted in the United States amendment, after the words "United States of America".

Mr. GERIG (United States of America) accepted the French proposal.

The United States amendment was adopted, as amended.

Mr. SOLDATOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) stated that, in view of the fact that the United States proposal had been adopted, he would wish to submit a further amendment, to be inserted after that of the United States delegation reading:

"The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics replied that no fact which he had cited in his statement had been taken from other than official documents".

The Soviet Union amendments to Section V were adopted.

Section V was adopted as amended.

#### Section VI - Revision of the Standard Form

Mr. WENDELEN (Belgium) noted that in paragraph 24 it was stated that the representative of Belgium had reserved his position on the application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. That was not quite accurate, and he therefore proposed that the fifth line of the paragraph be amended to read: "conditions as well as to the transmission of information on the application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ...". Such a form of words would make it quite clear that the Belgian delegation had reserved its position

regarding the transmission of information, and not on the actual application itself of the Universal Declaration.

The Belgian amendment was adopted.

Section VI was adopted as amended.

Section VII - Social Factors in Economic Development,  
and

Section VIII - Education in Non-Self-Governing Territories

Sections VII and VIII were adopted without comment.

Section IX - Information on technical assistance accorded to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the United Nations and specialized agencies

Mr. ROCQUE da MOTTA (Brazil) proposed the deletion of the second sentence of paragraph 40.

Mr. MATHIESON (United Kingdom) considered that the deletion of that sentence would render the preceding sentence pointless, and wished in turn to submit an amendment to the first sentence of paragraph 40, to make it read:

"During the discussion the representatives of Brazil and the United States of America drew the attention of the Committee to the provisions in the Basic Agreement between the United Nations and its specialized agencies and the United Kingdom, by which supplementary agreements relating to technical assistance would be concluded directly with the agencies concerned."

The United Kingdom amendment was adopted.

Mr. ROCQUE da MOTTA (Brazil) repeated his proposal that the second sentence of paragraph 40 be deleted.

The Brazilian amendment was adopted.

Section IX was adopted as amended.

## Section X - Information on human rights in Non-Self-Governing Territories

Mr. SCOTT (New Zealand) noted that in Section X the Committee's resolution on Human Rights was quoted in full (paragraph 48), whereas other resolutions had been relegated to an annex.

Mr. PEACHEY (Australia) felt that the Committee should be consistent, and either include all resolutions in the body of the report or relegate them all to an annex.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that, for the sake of consistency, all resolutions of the Special Committee adopted in its own name, as opposed to those drafted for adoption by the General Assembly, should be included in the body of the text, unless a decision were taken to the contrary.

The Chairman's proposal was adopted.

Mr. ROCQUE da MOTTA (Brazil) asked that the name of the representative of Brazil be included in the list in paragraph 43.

It was so agreed.

Section X was adopted as amended.

## Section XI - Territories to which Chapter XI of the Charter applies

Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba) said that paragraph 52 failed to give an adequate account of the general discussion on the subject of Section XI, which related to one of the crucial problems discussed by the Special Committee. He would propose the addition at the end of that paragraph of the following passage:

"During the general debate on this item of the agenda the Special Committee considered the possibility of studying the problem of who was competent to pass sentence on factors which must be considered in order to determine whether a territory is self-governing or not. Some representatives considered that only the Administering Authorities were competent to do so; others that only the General Assembly was competent to do so; yet others considered that both the General Assembly and the Administering Authorities were competent in view of the contractual character of Chapter XI of the Charter. The Special Committee did not consider itself competent to reach an agreement in regard to this question."

Mr. WENDELEN (Belgium) appealed to the Cuban representative to withdraw his proposal, since it related to a matter on which the Special Committee had, after a long discussion, achieved a delicate compromise. He himself, and, he believed, many other parties to that compromise, could not accept the Cuban proposal; he feared that it might lead to another protracted debate on the subject, which would still not produce a better agreement.

Mr. BENSON (Representative of the Secretary-General) pointed out that the Special Committee had adopted, with certain amendments, a text on the subject in the report of its Sub-Committee. That amended text was merely a statement to the effect that the Special Committee had not attempted to enter into the practical problem of who should determine whether a territory "is or is not non-self-governing.

Mr. PEACHEY (Australia) said that since that statement had been formally adopted, it would be improper for the Special Committee to adopt a different statement on the subject at the present stage of the session. It was in his opinion unnecessary to repeat in paragraph 52 the statement just mentioned by the representative of the Secretary-General, since it would duly appear in the documentation which would be placed before the General Assembly; however, he would not oppose the repetition of that statement if that was the wish of the majority of the Special Committee.

Mr. PEREZ CLSNEROS (Cuba) said that, although he preferred his own text, he would withdraw it if the Special Committee agreed to insert in paragraph 52 the statement just mentioned by the representative of the Secretary-General.

It was so agreed.

Mr. PEREZ CLSNEROS (Cuba) proposed that in order to give the other side of the picture drawn in paragraph 53, the following sentence should be added at the end:

"The delegations of Brazil, Cuba and Mexico stated that they could not share the ideas expressed in the work in question."

Mr. HURÉ (France) pointed out that it was not stated in paragraph 53 that any member of the Special Committee had agreed with the ideas expressed in Mr. van Langenhove's booklet.

Mr. PEREZ CLSNEROS (Cuba), supported by Mr. ROCQUE da MOTTA (Brazil), replied that the absence of a statement to the contrary might be taken to imply that all the members of the Special Committee had agreed with those ideas.

Mr. LANNUNG (Denmark) proposed the addition at the end of paragraph 53 of the words: "since this booklet might prove of value as a supplement to document A/AC.35/L.30".



Mr. BENSON (Representative of the Secretary-General) said that if it was agreed that both the additions proposed should be made, he would also request the insertion of a sentence making it clear that document A/AC.35/L.30 had been prepared by the Secretariat without knowledge of the contents of the booklet in question. But he wondered whether paragraph 53 was in any case necessary.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that paragraph 53 might be deleted.

Mr. LANNUNG (Denmark) agreed, suggesting that it should be mentioned elsewhere in section XI that the Special Committee had agreed that Mr. van Langenhove's booklet should be issued as an addendum to document A/AC.35/L.30.

Mr. GERIG (United States of America) suggested that all members of the Committee might be satisfied if paragraph 53 were retained, with the addition of the following words at the end:

"which might be added to the collection of ideas summarized in document A/AC.35/L.30, without prejudice to the Committee's acceptance of any of these ideas."

Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba) agreed that the adoption of the United States suggestion would improve paragraph 53; but since even then that paragraph might give the unfortunate impression that the Special Committee attached particular importance to the booklet, he would prefer it to be deleted.

Mr. BENSON (Representative of the Secretary-General) suggested that it might be sufficient if document A/AC.35/L.30/Add.1, that was, the document reproducing the booklet, were mentioned in paragraph 51 as one of the background documents before the Special Committee, and if the reasons for the issue of that document were given in the introduction to it, paragraph 53 being deleted from the report.

It was so agreed.

Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba) proposed that paragraph 55 should be expanded to describe the history of the voting on Section IV of the draft report (A/AC.35/L.69/Add.3) of the Sub-Committee on Factors Indicative of Degree of Self-Government. That history was most important, and would make it far easier for those studying the report to grasp the Special Committee's attitude to the problem concerned.

Mr. MATHIESON (United Kingdom) could see no reason whatsoever for mentioning the facts to which the Cuban representative had just referred.

Mr. LANNUNG (Denmark) said that he agreed with the United Kingdom representative. To insert the history of the voting on Section IV of the report of the Sub-Committee would not help in giving the readers of the report a correct impression of the serious work performed by the Sub-Committee.

Mr. PANT (India) agreed that the facts of the case did not recall a very happy memory.

Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba), withdrawing his proposal, suggested that at least the following sentence should be added to paragraph 55:

"The details of the voting on section IV can be ascertained from the summary record of the Special Committee's 47th meeting (A/AC.35/SR.47)"

Mr. BENSON (Representative of the Secretary-General) pointed out that there would be a number of references to the relevant summary records in the final version of the report, although it was not intended to include a specific reference to the passage in the summary records recording the proceedings concerning section IV of the report of the Sub-Committee.

In response to an appeal by the CHAIRMAN, Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba) said he would not press his suggestion further.

He would like to know, however, whether document A/1836/Add.3, which was mentioned in paragraph 56, had been distributed. If not, it was hardly appropriate to quote it in the Committee's report to the General Assembly. The document was of great importance, and would have to be carefully studied by representatives before reference could be made to it. That was an additional argument for the Committee's holding a further meeting in Paris during the forthcoming sixth session of the General Assembly.

Mr. BENSON (Representative of the Secretary General) replied that the document in question had not yet been distributed, but that it contained the exact text as amended by the Committee. Its preparation for circulation would not involve any changes concerning which the Secretariat had any doubt whatsoever. It would not, therefore, require another reading.

Mr. WENDELEN (Belgium) said that the Belgian delegation had every confidence in the Secretariat, and presumed that document A/1836/Add.3 would be circulated at the earliest possible moment. He was accordingly ready to approve

its being quoted in the draft report.

Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba), expressing satisfaction with the explanations given, said he would not press his point.

Section XI was adopted, as amended.

Section XII - Cessation of the Transmission of Information under Article 73e of the Charter.

Mr. MATHIESON (United Kingdom) asked that the words "the United Kingdom" be deleted from paragraph 63, as he had made no statement on item 11 of the agenda although he had made a statement in explanation of his abstention from the vote on the joint draft resolution submitted by the delegations of Denmark, India, the Philippines and the United States of America (Conference Room Paper No. 7). He hoped that reference to that explanation might be made in paragraph 70.

The United Kingdom suggestions were adopted.

Mr. SOLDATOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that he, too, had made no general statement on item 11 of the agenda, and would accordingly ask that the reference to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics be deleted from paragraph 63.

It was so agreed.

Mr. SOLDATOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked that the substance of the Soviet Union draft resolution (A/AC.35/L.77) be quoted in paragraph 65.

The CHAIRMAN said that that would be done.

Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba) asked that mention be made, after paragraph 65, of the draft resolution (Conference Room Paper No. 6) submitted by the Cuban delegation, which had been formally introduced, although subsequently withdrawn in favour of the draft resolution submitted jointly by the delegations of Denmark, India, the Philippines and the United States of America.

Mr. GERIG (United States of America) stated that such an addition would be acceptable to him.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Rapporteur might, in consultation with the Cuban representative, draft an additional paragraph for insertion after paragraph 65.

It was so agreed.

Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba) asked that the Spanish translation of the amendment "for any necessary action" to the joint draft resolution, which was mentioned in paragraph 67, should be based on the French text, namely: "pour toute

action qu'elle jugerait nécessaire".

It was so agreed.

Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba) suggested that, as the first part of paragraph 6 of the joint draft resolution, which had been voted on in two parts, was quoted in paragraph 69, the second part should also be quoted.

It was so agreed.

Mr. BENSON (Representative of the Secretary-General) said that the text of the joint draft resolution would be quoted in paragraph 71, and not in Annex 2 as indicated in the text as it stood at present.

Mr. WENDELEN (Belgium) thought that there was no reason for treating the text of that draft resolution on a different footing from the text of the report itself of the Sub-Committee (A/1836/Add.3).

Mr. INGLÉS (Philippines) reminded the Committee that so far the text of draft resolutions relating to specific sections of the Committee's report had been incorporated in the section concerned; only those draft resolutions submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration were to be included in an annex to the report.

Mr. BENSON (Representative of the Secretary-General) pointed out that the report of the Sub-Committee (A/1836/Add.3) would have equal standing with the remaining sections of the Committee's report to the General Assembly, and should therefore be incorporated in a separate part.

It was so agreed.

Section XII was adopted as amended and subject to the insertion of an additional paragraph after paragraph 65.

Section XIII - The Secretary-General's Summaries and Analyses of Information

Mr. LANNUNG (Denmark) asked that paragraph 74 be amended by substituting the words "between conditions prevailing in Non-Self-Governing Territories and neighbouring countries with the same basic conditions" for the words "in the statistical information transmitted". That would conform more closely to what he had in fact said at the time.

The Danish amendment was adopted.

Section XIII was adopted as amended.

Section XIV - The Secretary-General's summaries of information voluntarily transmitted

Mr. SCOTT (New Zealand) proposed that in the penultimate line of paragraph 78 the words "submitted on receipt" should be replaced by the words "transmitted in

the near future", which conformed more closely to the wording of the relevant passage in the Charter.

The New Zealand amendment was adopted.

Section XIV was adopted as amended.

Section XV - Questions of procedure

The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the revised text of paragraph 80 submitted by the Rapporteur (Conference Room Paper No. 10, item 18).

The revised text of paragraph 80 was adopted.

Mr. MATHIESON (United Kingdom) proposed that the words "at that time" be inserted in paragraph 81, after the words "consideration by the Committee" in the fourth line.

The United Kingdom amendment was adopted.

Section XV was adopted as amended.

Section XVI - International collaboration in regard to economic, social and educational conditions

Mr. PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba) said that the Cuban, Indian and Mexican delegations had been greatly impressed by the excellent work carried out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on racial relations, and accordingly wished that point to be brought out in the report.

If there were no objection, therefore, he would like some such passage as the following inserted at the end of paragraph 85:

"The delegations of Cuba, India and Mexico expressed their special appreciation of the activities of UNESCO in relation to Non-Self-Governing Territories, and in particular in the field of racial relations."

The Cuban proposal was adopted.

Section XVI was adopted, as amended.

Section XVII - Future work of the Special Committee

The CHAIRMAN drew attention to Section XVII of the Report, on the Committee's future work, which was to be found in Conference Room Paper No. 11.

Mr. MATHIESON (United Kingdom) thought that, as drafted, the first sentence of the last paragraph of Section XVII tended to reverse the actual feeling of the Committee at the preceding meeting. He accordingly proposed that the words "from three to four weeks would be necessary", at the end of that sentence, be replaced by the words "three, or at most four, weeks should suffice".

Mr. LANNUNG (Denmark) supported the United Kingdom proposal.

Mr. PANT (India) pointed out that there had also been a strong current of opinion in the Committee that three to four weeks would not suffice.

Mr. GERIG (United States of America) thought that the text would be clearer if a new sentence were inserted after the first sentence, reading: "Others, however, thought it best not to depart very far from the present practice".

Mr. PANT (India) accepted the United States proposal.

Mr. PIGNON (France) said that, in view of the United States proposal, he would withdraw the proposal he had made at the preceding meeting concerning the length of the 1952 session of the Committee.

Mr. MATHIESON (United Kingdom), while appreciating the Indian representative's point of view, preferred the United States suggestion.

He also pointed out that the first word, "Varying" should be replaced by the word "Various".

After a brief discussion, in which Mr. GERIG (United States of America), Mr. MID-DIN (Pakistan), Rapporteur, Mr. BENSON (Representative of the Secretary-General) and Mr. SOLDATOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) took part, it was decided that the first sentence of the last paragraph of Section XVII should be replaced by the following text:

"Various comments were made on the length of the session of the Special Committee in 1952, leading to expressions of opinion from some members that a session of three, or at most four, weeks should suffice. Other members, however, thought it best to maintain the present practice".

Mr. PEACHEY (Australia) pointed out that in the fourth paragraph of Section XVII, the Committee had requested the Secretary-General to prepare a list of items for inclusion in the agenda of the next session of the Special Committee. Did the Secretariat envisage approval of the list at the beginning of the next session and not before that time? And had the Secretary-General adequate authority to go ahead and prepare plans and programmes and background papers for the next session? He recalled in that connexion that in 1950 the Committee's plan of work for 1951 had been approved by the Special Committee and the General Assembly.

Mr. BENSON (Representative of the Secretary-General) recalled that in 1950 the Special Committee had approved a list of topics qualified by the nature of the discussions on the matter in the General Assembly. It seemed to him that,

as drafted, the fourth paragraph of Section XVII envisaged a similar procedure in 1951-52. The provisional agenda would in any event come before the Special Committee at the opening of its next session.

In reply to a further question by Mr. PEACHEY (Australia), he confirmed that he considered that the Secretariat was adequately covered by the paragraph in question. However, if he encountered any difficulties in drawing up the programme for the next session, it would be necessary to refer the matter to the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly, to enable that Committee to take the necessary decisions concerning financial procedures. As he had already indicated, he did not anticipate that any difficulty would arise, except on the question whether the map project should be continued or discontinued; he repeated that he must have time for the necessary consultations before the Secretary-General could decide whether any action was necessary.

Mr. MATHIESON (United Kingdom) was grateful to the Australian representative for having drawn attention to the possible financial implications. In that connexion, he would like to place on record the fact that the United Kingdom delegation considered that the work on medical maps was important and that the United Kingdom authorities were very much interested in it. If that work could be continued, or even expanded, without prejudice to any broader financial considerations that might arise, the United Kingdom delegation to the Special Committee would be gratified.

Section XVII was adopted as amended

Additions suggested by the Rapporteur

Mr. ZIAUL-DIN (Pakistan), Rapporteur, asked the Chairman whether it was to be assumed that all the additions suggested by him (the Rapporteur) in Conference Room Paper No. 10 were to be considered as having been adopted by the Committee.

The CHAIRMAN confirmed that that was so.

Title

In reply to a question by the CHAIRMAN, Mr. BENSON (Representative of the Secretary-General) suggested that the title of the report should be the same as in 1950, and as indicated in the agenda of the General Assembly.

It was so agreed.

Mr. SOLDATOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that, before the vote was taken on the draft report as a whole, he wished to make a brief statement.

As it had emphasized on a number of occasions, the Soviet Union delegation considered that one of the fundamental tasks of the Special Committee was to promote improvement of the difficult situation of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. In that connexion, it should endeavour to ensure that Administering Authorities strictly implemented the relevant provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, relating to Non-Self-Governing Territories.

In the view of the Soviet Union delegation, the present session had shown clearly that the Administering Authorities were not adequately implementing the requirements of the Charter in that respect.

However, ignoring that consideration, the Special Committee had failed to take the necessary decisions it should have taken concerning the strict implementation by Administering Authorities of the relevant provisions of the Charter, which alone could help to lighten the burden on the indigenous populations of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. The Soviet Union delegation therefore considered the decisions taken by the Committee to be unsatisfactory, and could accordingly support neither them nor the Special Committee's report to the General Assembly as a whole.

Mr. ZIAUD-DIN (Pakistan), Rapporteur, said that before the draft report was put to the vote as a whole he would like to express his deep appreciation of the very valuable assistance he had received from the Secretariat in drafting it.

The draft report of the Special Committee was adopted by 14 votes to 1.

## 2. CLOSURE OF SESSION

Mr. PANT (India) said that, before the Chairman declared the session closed, he wished, on behalf of his own and all other delegations to the Special Committee, to thank the Chairman for the very able way in which he had discharged a very delicate and very difficult task; he thought that the standards of chairmanship hitherto established in the Committee had not merely been maintained, but even surpassed. Perhaps the very able management of the Committee's business which had enabled the Chairman to weld the various elements into one coherent whole was due to his wide experience in administering various scholastic institutions.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the Indian representative, and all the other members of the Committee, for the help and co-operation they had shown him as Chairman. If he had achieved some success in the chairmanship, that was only because of the loyal assistance he had had from all members and from the Secretariat. It had been a real source of gratification to him to have renewed so many old friendships, and to



have made so many and so fruitful new ones.

Mr. BENSON (Representative of the Secretary-General) wished, on behalf not only of his own staff but also of the staff of the European Office, to thank the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur for all the help they had given the Secretariat during the course of the session.

He also wished on behalf of the headquarters staff to express appreciation of the assistance given by the European Office of the United Nations and its staff.

The CHAIRMAN declared the second session of the Special Committee on Information Transmitted under Article 73e of the Charter closed.

The meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.