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and Budgetary Questions: Mr. MSELLE

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The meeting was called to order at 11.25 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 115: SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS (continued) (A/39/11 and Corr.1; A/C.5/39/L.18 and L.26)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that he was sorry to announce that the informal consultations on draft resolutions A/C.5/39/L.18 and L.26, which had been under way since the 55th meeting, had not resulted in agreement. He suggested that a working group of about 10 members should be established for the purpose of seeking a solution acceptable to all delegations.
2. Mr. EL-SAFY (Egypt) requested that the Group of 77 should be allowed to meet first so that it could co-ordinate the positions of its members.
3. Mr. FONTAINE ORTIZ (Cuba) asked whether rule 117 of the rules of procedure, concerning the closure of debate, had been applied in adjourning the 55th meeting.
4. The CHAIRMAN said that that meeting had been adjourned in accordance with rule 118 of the rules of procedure.
5. Mr. PEDERSEN (Canada) said that his delegation was prepared to follow the procedure suggested by the Chairman.
6. Mr. ABRASZEWSKI (Poland) called upon the Chairman to urge members of the Committee to take a decision on item 115 at the current meeting.
7. Mr. VISLYKH (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) welcomed the Chairman's suggestion. An issue as important as the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations could be resolved only on the basis of consensus and taking into account the positions of all States.
8. Mr. LADJOUZI (Algeria) supported the proposal that the Group of 77 should meet before any working group was set up.
9. Mr. FONTAINE ORTIZ (Cuba) endorsed the views of the representatives of Egypt and Algeria with regard to a meeting of the Group of 77.

The meeting was suspended at 11.40 a.m. and resumed at 1.25 p.m.

10. The CHAIRMAN announced that during the consultations held with the delegations of all groups represented in the Committee, which had been attended by the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, it had been proposed that a decision on the scale of assessments should be postponed until the session of the General Assembly was resumed, possibly in June 1985. In the meantime, the scale of assessments would continue to be discussed in an informal working group under his chairmanship. He had already consulted the President of the General Assembly on the matter. The informal working group would begin its work in January 1985.
11. Mr. de ROJAS (Venezuela) proposed that the working group should be open-ended.

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12. The CHAIRMAN said that the working group would be open to all members who wished to participate in it and said that, if there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it defer its consideration of item 115 until the resumption of the thirty-ninth session.

13. It was so decided.

14. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to the draft resolution contained in paragraph 69 of the report of the Committee on Contributions (A/39/11). If there was no objection, he would take it that the Fifth Committee wished to adopt that draft resolution.

15. It was so decided.

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16. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee's decisions on the report of the International Civil Service Commission were the best that could have been taken in the long-term interests of the common system and of all parties concerned. The decisions on pensions and appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs had proved to be much simpler exercises than had been anticipated. On the other hand, the reaction to the announcement that the Secretary-General intended to appoint a co-ordinator for women's affairs had come as a surprise. The thirty-ninth session could truly be said to have been a "personnel year". During the session, delegations had made it clear that they expected the Secretariat to make greater efforts to follow the directives laid down in General Assembly resolutions and to achieve the objectives they set. He regretted that final agreement had not been reached on the scale of assessments and, in that connection, expressed the hope that in 1985 the members of the Committee would ensure that the interests of the Organization as a whole would not suffer as a result of narrow self-interest. In conclusion, he made an appeal to Member States and to the staff of the Secretariat to work together for the good of the Organization.

17. After an exchange of courtesies, in which Mr. MOUSSAKI, (Congo), Mr. NASHASHIBI (Jordan), Mr. NICULESCU (Romania), Mr. HOLBORN (Federal Republic of Germany), Mr. AL-SALMANI (Oman) and Mr. DORN (Suriname), the CHAIRMAN declared that the Committee had completed its work.

The meeting rose at 2 p.m.