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In the absence of Mr. Sajdik (Austria), Mr. Drobnjak (Croatia), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Sustainable urbanization *(continued)*

A panel discussion on the topic “Sustainable urbanization in Africa”, moderated by Mr. Maged Abdelaziz (Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa), was held. The panellists were Mr. Akwasi Opong-Fosu (Minister for Local Government and Rural Development, Ghana); Ms. Jacqueline Moustache-Belle (Mayor of Victoria, Seychelles, and Co-President of United Cities and Local Governments); Mr. Amiri Nondo (Mayor of Morogoro, United Republic of Tanzania); Mr. Lazarous Kapambwe (Special Advisor on Economic Affairs to the Chair of the African Union Commission); and Mr. Abouhane Moulay Abdelghani (Director-General of Urbanization, Architecture and Planning, Morocco) and the discussant was Ms. Susan Parnell (Professor of Environmental and Geographical Sciences, University of Cape Town, South Africa). The panellists and the discussant made statements and an interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments and questions from the representatives of China, Botswana, South Africa and France; the observer for Egypt; the observer for the African Union; and a representative of the non-governmental organization New Future Foundation, in consultative status with the Council.

The meeting rose at 6.05 p.m.