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*Chairman:* Mr. Eugeniusz KULAGA (Poland).

*Statement by the Chairman*

1. The CHAIRMAN wished to express his thanks to the members of the Committee for electing him and to the outgoing Chairman, Mr. Farah. He stressed the importance of the various items on the Committee's agenda, all of which had a political as well as a human aspect.

*Election of the Vice-Chairman*

2. Mr. JACKMAN (Barbados) requested on behalf of the Latin American group that the election of the Vice-Chairman be postponed for a few days. Such a decision would not be without precedent and would enable the various geographical groups to pursue their discussions on the choice of a Vice-Chairman.

3. The CHAIRMAN said that in the absence of any objection he would take it that the Committee agreed to postpone the election of a Vice-Chairman for a few days.

*It was so decided.*

*Election of the Rapporteur*

4. Mr. BORCH (Denmark) nominated Mr. Lamech Akongo (Uganda).

5. Mr. KIBINGE (Kenya), Mr. ARORA (India) and Mr. JOHNSON (United States of America) supported the nomination.

*Mr. Akongo (Uganda) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.*

*Organization of the Committee's work*

6. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the members of the Committee to a letter addressed by the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee (A/SPC/128) listing the agenda items allocated to that Committee.

7. He noted the documents that were or would be made available to the Committee for its work: the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (A/7613) and the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/7614) had already been issued; the report of the Special Committee on the Policies of *Apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa would be issued soon,<sup>1</sup> but the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations was not yet available.<sup>2</sup>

8. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the items listed in the letter of the President of the General Assembly should be considered in the same order as in the previous year: first, item 33 (Effects of atomic radiation: report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation); second, item 34 (The policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Policies of *Apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa); third, item 36 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: (a) Report of the Commissioner-General; (b) Report of the Secretary-General); fourth, item 35 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations).

*It was so decided.*

9. The CHAIRMAN reminded members of the importance of punctuality and dignity in the conduct of their work and drew attention to the suggestions made in document A/BUR/175, more particularly those concerning the rules of procedure dealing with the closing of the list of speakers and the need for mutual arrangements between delegations for changing places in the list. He also drew attention to paragraph 5 of document A/BUR/173, which stated that the summary records were the official records of the Committee. Verbatim records could be prepared upon request, but it must be remembered that priority in distribution was given to the First Committee.

10. The Committee would examine the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (A/7613) at its next meeting, Thursday afternoon, 16 October.

*The meeting rose at 3.55 p.m.*

<sup>1</sup> Subsequently circulated as document A/7625.

<sup>2</sup> The draft report was subsequently circulated as document A/AC.121/L.9/Rev.1.