

United Nations
**GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

Official Records

**SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE, 596th
MEETING**



Thursday, 17 October 1968,
at 11.15 a.m.

NEW YORK

CONTENTS

	Page
<i>Election of the Vice-Chairman</i>	1
<i>Election of the Rapporteur</i>	1
<i>Organization of the Committee's work</i>	1

Chairman: Mr. Abdulrahim Abby FARAH
(Somalia).

Election of the Vice-Chairman

1. Mr. NAGHNOOR (India) nominated Mr. Abdul Samad Ghaus (Afghanistan).
2. Mr. MANDEFRO (Ethiopia) seconded the nomination.
3. Mr. EL-ERIAN (United Arab Republic), Mr. EL-FATTAL (Syria) and Mr. HANEEF KHAN (Pakistan) supported the nomination.

Mr. Ghaus (Afghanistan) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Election of the Rapporteur

4. Mr. MARAMIS (Indonesia) nominated Mr. Hermod Lannung (Denmark).
5. Mr. CUEVAS CANCINO (Mexico) seconded the nomination.
6. Mr. GOYER (Canada) supported the nomination.

Mr. Lannung (Denmark) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

Organization of the Committee's work (A/SPC/122)

7. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should begin its work by taking up the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, continuing with the report of the Special Committee on the Policies of Apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa as its

second item. The Committee might then consider the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, leaving the item on peace-keeping until the last.

8. Mr. AMERASINGHE (Ceylon) said that his delegation fully supported the Chairman's suggestion. The designation of the question of peace-keeping operations as the fourth item on the agenda was a recognition of its special importance, in that, as the fourth item, it would not be subject to the pressure of other items awaiting consideration.

9. Mr. GOBBI (Argentina) and Mr. NAGHNOOR (India) also supported the Chairman's suggestion.

10. The CHAIRMAN said that, if there was no objection, he would take it that the order of priorities which he had suggested was acceptable to the Committee. *L/ It was so decided.*

11. The CHAIRMAN reminded the Committee that, in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary-General made in document A/BUR/170, as endorsed by the General Assembly at its 1676th plenary meeting, the debates of the Committee were transcribed verbatim from sound recordings. A few copies of those verbatim records were made available to delegations for consultation. During the previous session it had been arranged that, when the Committee so decided, verbatim records based on the English and French sound transcriptions would be circulated to all members of the Committee. For technical reasons, it would be better for any such decision to be taken during the course of the meeting in question. That facility made it possible to avoid the circulation of the full text of individual statements as Committee documents. He asked the Committee to note further that facilities for reproducing verbatim records were limited and, as indicated in document A/BUR/170, priority in the distribution would be given to the records of the First Committee.

The meeting rose at 11.55 a.m.

L/ See document A/SPC/125.