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*Chairman:* Mr. Théodore IDZUMBUIR  
(Democratic Republic of the Congo).

*Organization of work*

1. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that the consultations on the draft resolutions concerning the question of Namibia (agenda item 64) and the question of Territories under Portuguese administration (agenda item 65) had not yet been concluded.

**AGENDA ITEMS 12, 13, 23, 63, 66, 67, 68, 69,  
70 AND 71\***

**Agenda item 12 (A/7603, chapter XIII (section C))**

**Agenda item 13 (A/7564, A/7604, A/7663)**

**Agenda item 23 (Territories not covered by other items)  
(A/7550 and Add.1-6, A/7623/Add.4 and Corr.1 and 2,  
A/7623/Add.6 (parts I and II), A/7623/Add.7)**

**Agenda item 63 (A/7623/Add.8, A/7753)**

**Agenda item 66 (Question of Fiji) (A/7623/Add.5 (part I))**

**Agenda item 67 (Question of Oman)  
(A/7623/Add.5 (part II))**

**Agenda item 68 (A/7752 and Add.1)**

**Agenda item 69 (A/7623 (part III), A/7725)**

**Agenda item 70 (A/7496, A/7735)**

**Agenda item 71 (A/7744)**

GENERAL DEBATE

2. Mr. GHAUS (Afghanistan), Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, opened the

\* For the title of each item, see under "Agenda" in the prefatory fascicle.

general debate by presenting the chapters of his Committee's report dealing with the agenda items listed as items 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8 to 13 in the letters from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Committee (A/C.4/719 and Add.1). The chapters of the Special Committee's report relating to agenda items 23, 66 and 67 were to be found in documents A/7623/Add.4-7, while the chapters relating to items 63, 68 and 69 appeared in documents A/7623/Add.8, A/7752 and Add.1 and A/7623 (part III), respectively.

3. The Special Committee had had an extremely heavy work programme in 1969, including meetings held away from Headquarters during the month of May. In accordance with the General Assembly's relevant decisions and its own, it had given extensive consideration not only to the situation obtaining in the various colonial Territories, but also to specific aspects of the question of decolonization, such as foreign economic and other interests, and military activities and arrangements in colonial Territories, and to matters relating to the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and other international organizations. Consequently, the Special Committee had been unable to conclude its work as early as it had planned. Nevertheless, thanks to the full co-operation of its members, it had been able to complete its consideration of all the items allocated to the Fourth Committee by the General Assembly. Most of the chapters of its report were already available and the Secretariat was doing everything possible to have the remainder circulated as soon as possible.

4. With a view to securing the proper and effective implementation of the Declaration in respect of the various colonial Territories and their inhabitants, the Special Committee had recommended in the relevant chapters of its report a number of measures which, he hoped, would receive the wide support of the members of the Committee.

5. The CHAIRMAN stated that, besides the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee, the Fourth Committee had before it the report of the Trusteeship Council (A/7604), which related to agenda item 13. Chapter XX (see A/7623/Add.6, (part II)) of the special Committee's report which dealt with the Trust Territory of New Guinea also related to that item. In addition, the Committee had before it the Secretary-General's report on item 63 (A/7753); the Secretary-General's report on item 69 (A/7725), related to which was section C of chapter XIII of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its current session (A/7603); the Secretary-General's report relating to item 70 (A/7735); the Secretary-General's report relating to item 71 (A/7744); and the Secretary-General's report relating to item 23 (A/7550 and Add.1-6).

*The meeting rose at 3.35 p.m.*