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Chairman: Mr. L. N. PALAR (Indonesia).

AGENDA ITEM 40

Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia: reports of the Governments of Ethiopia and of Italy (A/4323, A/4324, A/4325) (continued)

GENERAL DEBATE (continued)

1. Mr. KANAKARATNE (Ceylon), noting that the Ethiopian and Italian delegations seemed to have reached agreement but had not yet received final instructions from their Governments, proposed that the meeting should be adjourned until 8.30 p.m.

2. Mr. RASGOTRA (India) reminded the Committee that the situation had been very much the same at the previous session and the Committee had reported to the General Assembly without having taken a decision. He suggested that the Committee should do the same at the current session if no draft resolution was submitted.

3. Mr. CARPIO (Philippines) thought that, in order to break the deadlock, the Committee might consider a draft resolution with a preamble along the following lines:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting with the gravest concern that no final settlement has as yet been arrived at on the question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland (Somalia) and Ethiopia,

"Considering that, by its resolution 1418 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, Somalia shall become a free and independent sovereign State on 1 July 1960,

"Convinced that it is in the best interests of all concerned that, pending final settlement of the frontier and without prejudice to the positions of the parties, the administrative boundary indicated in the letter dated 1 March 1950 from the representative of the United Kingdom on the Trusteeship Council addressed to the President of the Council (T/484) be clearly demarcated by the time Somalia attains independence on 1 July 1960,

"Noting with extreme satisfaction that the parties concerned have no objection to such demarcation,".

The Committee could take that text as a basis for discussion and, in the operative part, make appropriate recommendations on the lines of the proposals made by the representatives of the United Arab Republic and of New Zealand at the 997th meeting.

4. Following an exchange of views in which Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom), Mr. KANAKARATNE (Ceylon), Mr. ASHA (United Arab Republic), Mr. ESPINOSA Y PRIETO (Mexico) and Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET (France) took part, Mr. RASGOTRA (India) formally moved the adjournment of the meeting.

That motion was adopted.

The meeting rose at 4.40 p.m.