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Chairman: Mr. Najib BOUZIRI (Tunisia).

OPENING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. The CHAIRMAN said that he was very sensible of the compliment which the Committee had paid to his country and himself in electing him Chairman. He would do his best to follow the example of his distinguished predecessors in that post.

2. The twentieth session of the General Assembly was starting its work at a time when the Organization had not yet fully recovered from the crisis which had all but destroyed it. Now that the United Nations had demonstrated its capacity to surmount the most formidable obstacles, however, the work of the Fifth Committee must go forward without delay. The financial problems of the Organization remained, and the Committee must seek to economize wherever possible. But the pursuit of a policy of economy for its own sake would be irreconcilable with a positive conception of the Organization's role in the face of the many and growing demands made upon it. The Committee should accordingly pursue a generous and prudent policy corresponding both to the realities of the financial situation and to the aspirations of the international community.

3. In conclusion, he welcomed to the Fifth Committee the delegations of the six States which had acceded to membership in the United Nations since the nineteenth session.

ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

4. Mr. Ahmed ALI (Pakistan) nominated Mr. Pedro Olarte (Colombia).

5. Mr. QUIJANO (Argentina), speaking on behalf of the Latin American group, Mr. Mohamed RIAD (United Arab Republic) and Mr. FERNANDEZ LONGORIA (Spain) supported the nomination.

6. Mr. MORRIS (Liberia) nominated Mr. Theodor Meron (Israel).

7. Mr. ALBERTSSON (Iceland) supported the nomination.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Abdi (Ethiopia) and Mr. Mertz (Luxembourg) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	111
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	111
Abstentions:	3
Number of members voting:	108
Required majority:	55

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Olarte (Colombia) . . . . .	64
Mr. Meron (Israel) . . . . .	44

Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Olarte (Colombia) was elected Vice-Chairman.

8. Mr. OLARTE (Colombia) thanked the Committee for the honour it had done his country and himself by electing him Vice-Chairman.

ELECTION OF THE RAPPOREUR

9. Mr. HACENE (Algeria) nominated Mr. Vladimír Průša (Czechoslovakia).

10. Mr. S. K. SINGH (India) and Mr. TARDOS (Hungary) supported the nomination.

Mr. Průša (Czechoslovakia) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

11. Mr. PRUSA (Czechoslovakia) thanked the Committee for its expression of confidence in him.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK  
 (A/C.5/1030, A/C.5/L.832)

12. The CHAIRMAN recalled that the General Assembly had taken certain decisions relating to the conduct of business. It had fixed 21 December 1965 as the closing date of its twentieth session; the Committee should therefore plan its work in such a way as to be able to finish some days before that date. He appealed to members to assist him in making the fullest use of the time available by starting meetings at the appointed hour. It would be helpful if speeches were delivered clearly and at an appropriate pace.

13. Turning to the Committee's agenda (see A/C.5/1030), he said that, following the practice of previous years, the Chair had thought it appropriate to circulate a tentative order of work (A/C.5/L.832). In addition to the items on its agenda, the Committee would no doubt be called upon during the session to report, under rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, on the administrative and budgetary implications of decisions taken by other Main Committees of the General Assembly. He assumed that the Committee would wish to follow the usual practice of asking the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to consider such

items and report on them. The Committee would also have to hold several elections to fill certain vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly. He would be grateful if representatives wishing to submit nominations would do so as soon as possible so that the Committee could take action on them at a convenient time.

14. Mr. CUREÑO PEREZ (Mexico) suggested that agenda item 80, entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: reports of the Committee on Contributions", which was listed eleventh in the proposed schedule (A/C.5/L.832), should be considered after item 21 relating to the United Nations Emergency Force, which was listed sixteenth.

15. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee would take note of the Mexican representative's suggestion.

16. Mr. S. K. SINGH (India) suggested that no firm decision should be taken on the order of consideration of the items mentioned by the Mexican representative.

17. The CHAIRMAN said that if he heard no objection, he would take it that the tentative order of work as a whole was acceptable to the Committee, but that a decision would be taken at a later stage regarding the order of consideration of the eleventh and sixteenth items of the proposed schedule.

*It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 12.25 p.m.