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Chairman: Mr. Mario MAJOLI (Italy).

**OPENING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

1. The CHAIRMAN thanked the members of the Committee for the honour they had done him by electing him Chairman. He would spare no effort to direct the discussions impartially and in accordance with the spirit and letter of the United Nations Charter and the General Assembly's rules of procedure, and he was confident that, with the cooperation of all its members, the Fifth Committee would carry out constructively the heavy task which had been entrusted to it at the current session.

2. He welcomed the representatives of the new Member States who, he was sure, would make a valuable contribution to the Committee's work.

**ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN**

3. Mr. CHIKARAISHI (Japan) nominated Mr. Zouhir Chelli (Tunisia).

4. Mr. AHMED (Sudan) supported the nomination.

*Mr. Zouhir Chelli (Tunisia) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.*

**ELECTION OF THE RAPPOREUR**

5. Mr. SHAHI (Pakistan) nominated Mr. Cutts (Australia).

6. Mr. SCHMIDT (Denmark) supported the nomination.

*Mr. Cutts (Australia) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.*

**ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK**

(A/C.5/825, A/C.5/L.608)

7. The CHAIRMAN welcomed Mr. Aghnides, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. As in the past, the Com-

mittee would undoubtedly wish Mr. Aghnides to participate fully in its discussions.

8. Mr. AGHNIDES (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that the Advisory Committee would do everything possible to facilitate the Committee's work, and that he himself would be glad to participate fully in its discussions. The presence of the representatives of the new African States and of Cyprus could not but enhance the importance of the work done by the Fifth Committee and the Advisory Committee.

9. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to a letter addressed to him by the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/825) indicating the items allocated to the Fifth Committee for consideration and report, and to a tentative schedule of work (A/C.5/L.608). In addition to the questions included in its agenda, the Committee would undoubtedly be called on to report on the administrative and budgetary implications of decisions taken by other Main Committees of the General Assembly. As in the past, the Committee would no doubt ask the Advisory Committee to consider those questions and to submit reports on them.

10. The Committee would have to hold several elections to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly; some of those elections might be held during meetings at which the Committee had exhausted its agenda before the usual time of rising; he would therefore be grateful to delegations if they submitted nominations without delay.

11. As the Committee would be aware, the tentative schedule made no specific reference to estimates of expenditure relating to United Nations activities in the Congo. He understood that supplementary estimates for 1960 would be presented soon and that the Advisory Committee would submit a report on them. The Committee could then consider those reports at an appropriate point in its schedule.

12. Members of the Committee who wished to make general statements covering various aspects of the agenda would be able to do so during the first reading of the budget estimates for 1961.

13. Lastly, the Committee might anticipate that it would consider the financial reports and accounts, and reports of the Board of Auditors about mid-October, since it was not possible for the Board of Auditors to be represented until then.

*The schedule of work (A/C.5/L.608) was approved.*

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.