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

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CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (continued)

- 1. Mr. ZIKRIA (Afghanistan) said that his delegation would have voted in favour of the draft resolution in document A/C.4/L.593 and Add.1 if it had taken part in the vote at the previous meeting.
- 2. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the meeting should be suspended until the text of the draft resolution in document A/C.4/L.595 could be circulated.

It was so decided.

The meeting was suspended at 3.25 p.m. and resumed at 4.35 p.m.

- 3. In reply to a question from Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET (France), the CHAIRMAN said that another draft resolution had just been submitted and would shortly be circulated to the members of the Committee as document A/C.4/L.596.
- 4. Mr. KELLY (Australia) expressed concern at the turn taken by the debate. He was afraid that the successive suspensions and adjournments of meetings would be harmful to the prestige of the Fourth Committee and the United Nations.
- 5. Mr. RODRIGUEZ FABREGAT (Uruguay) said that the members of the Committee must have all the draft resolutions on the question of South West Africa in order to finish their examination of the matter. That evening should therefore be set as the time-limit for submitting further draft resolutions, so that each delegation might have sufficient time to study them. The problem was very serious and a decision should not be taken hastily.
- 6. Mr. RASGOTRA (India) did not think that adjournments and suspensions of meetings injured the prestige of the United Nations. He supported the Uruguayan representative's suggestion and proposed that the time-limit for submitting new draft resolutions should be set at 6 p.m. that same day.

It was so decided.

- 7. Mr. KANAKARATNE (Ceylon) shared the view that private discussions outside the Committee's conference room did not harm the prestige of the United Nations. On the contrary, the recent case of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration showed that adjournments and suspensions of meetings could yield fruitful results.
- 8. Mr. KELLY (Australia) explained that he wished to expedite the Committee's work, which was very far behind schedule.
- 9. Mr. RODRIGUEZ FABREGAT (Uruguay) and Mr. RASGOTRA (India) expressed the view that the meeting should be adjourned.

It was decided to adjourn the meeting until the following day.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.