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The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

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1. The CHAIRMAN expressed sympathy on behalf of the Committee to the Government and people of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros at the tragic loss of their President, Mr. Ahmed Abdallah Abderemane.

2. He extended condolences also to the delegation of the Philippines on the untimely death of the Permanent Representative of that country, Mr. Claudio Teehankee.

3. On the proposal of the Chairman, the members of the Committee observed a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of Mr. Ahmed Abdallah Abderemane, President of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros, and of Mr. Claudio Teehankee, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations.

AGENDA ITEM 86: OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft resolution on the comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development (A/C.2/44/L.65)

4. Mr. KRAMER (Canada) introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, who had been joined by Denmark and France. The sponsors had hoped to work with other delegations, particularly those comprising the Group of 77, with a view to submitting a common text, but the passing of time had made it necessary to submit separate texts.

5. Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.65 suggested ways of enhancing the effectiveness and impact of United Nations operational activities. The preambular section highlighted a few key issues: the need for the United Nations system to accommodate the wide range of situations obtaining in the developing countries, the need for partners in the United Nations system to draw on their particular strengths while supporting such developments as the increased emphasis on national management of programmes, and the importance of funding issues for the viability of programmes.

6. The operative part of the draft resolution comprised three sections. The first section, on goals and objectives, reflected the sponsors' conviction that wide popular participation in the development process was to be encouraged. The key elements of the second section, on principal policy considerations, were to be found in paragraphs 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8. The final section contained an action programme which included specific proposals for harmonizing and simplifying

(Mr. Kramer, Canada)

procedures, developing the concept of common country statements to promote co-ordination, and achieving decentralization.

7. The draft resolution specifically did not address a number of issues which the sponsors expected to see taken up in the draft text to be submitted by the Group of 77. The sponsors looked forward to constructive discussions leading to the adoption of a comprehensive resolution by consensus.

Draft decision on the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities (A/C.2/44/L.66)

8. Mr. HARRISON (United Kingdom) said that draft decision A/C.2/44/L.66 was short and self-explanatory. His delegation believed that the current procedures for organizing the annual Pledging Conference for Development Activities could be strengthened to make the Conference more effective yet shorter. Specific proposals to improve the text would be welcome, and he hoped that the decision could be adopted by consensus.

Draft resolution on future needs in population, including the development of resource requirements for international population assistance (A/C.2/44/L.67)

9. Mr. RADE (Netherlands) introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, who had been joined by Egypt, Finland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Mexico, the Sudan and Zimbabwe. He recalled the International Forum on Population in the Twenty-first Century, held at Amsterdam from 6 to 9 November 1989, which had been organized to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The meeting had considered the findings of an UNFPA review and assessment of the entire population and had adopted the Amsterdam Declaration on A Better Life for Future Generations, which set out specific strategies for implementation by Governments and private organizations with the support of the United Nations system, bilateral agencies and international non-governmental organizations.

10. In its preambular paragraphs, the draft resolution recalled decisions taken by the UNDP Governing Council and the General Assembly with regard to the review and assessment exercise conducted by UNFPA. He then drew attention to the operative paragraphs of the resolution, which, *inter alia*, welcomed the Amsterdam Declaration and called for dissemination of that document to all concerned parties.

Draft resolution on the triennial review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/C.2/44/L.68)

11. Mr. TAI (Malaysia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said that the Group attached great importance to the operational activities of the United Nations system and was submitting the draft text to the Committee for its consideration.

Draft resolution on the fortieth anniversary of multilateral technical co-operation for development within the United Nations system (A/C.2/44/L.69)

12. Mr. TAI (Malaysia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said that the draft resolution which the Group was submitting to the Committee for consideration was a very simple one.

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13. The CHAIRMAN said that, since action had yet to be taken on 36 draft texts, he would have to inform the President of the General Assembly that the Committee would be unable to conclude its work on 30 November 1989 as originally intended. Having reviewed the Committee's work with the other officers, he had regretfully concluded that the end of the Committee's deliberations was not imminent. He therefore suggested that the Committee should make every effort, in a spirit of co-operation, to reach agreement on all outstanding issues by 8 December so that the Committee could conclude its work by 11 December, particularly as the special session of the General Assembly on apartheid was scheduled to begin on 12 December. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed to that suggestion.

14. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.