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President:

Mr. GARBA

(Nigeria)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.25 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 8 (continued)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK: NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
(A/44/930)

The PRESIDENT: I should like to invite the attention of members to a note by the Secretary-General (A/44/930) informing the General Assembly that the President of the General Assembly has received a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences submitting for appropriate action by the Assembly a decision it took at its meeting on 23 March 1990 regarding a request from the United Nations Council for Namibia for special plenary meetings to be held at Windhoek, Namibia, from 9 to 11 April 1990.

In order to enable the General Assembly to take the required action, it will be necessary to re-open consideration of agenda item 128, entitled "Pattern of Conferences".

Under the circumstances, may I take it that the Assembly has no objection to re-opening consideration of agenda item 128?

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 128 (continued)

PATTERN OF CONFERENCES

The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now turn its attention to the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences contained in the annex to document A/44/930.

As indicated in the letter, the Committee on Conferences decided to grant the request of the United Nations Council for Namibia to convene special plenary meetings in Windhoek from 9 to 11 April 1990.

(The President)

It also decided to encourage the Council and the Secretariat to explore the possibilities of defraying part of the expenses in kind.

May I take it that the Assembly takes note of those decisions?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Committee on Conferences also recommended to the General Assembly that it authorize the provision of records to the Council, in accordance with its entitlements and relevant past practice, in order to enable the Council to submit its final report to the Assembly.

May I take it that the Assembly authorizes the provision of records to the Council in accordance with its entitlements and relevant past practice in order to enable the Council to submit its final report to the Assembly?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 128.

AGENDA ITEM 82 (continued)

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

(f) ENVIRONMENT:

- (a) REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (A/44/48 and Corr.1)
- (b) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/44/933)

The PRESIDENT: Members will recall that the report of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development has been circulated in document A/44/48 and corrigendum 1.

(The President)

In this connection, I should like to draw the attention of members to the draft decision recommended by the Preparatory Committee in paragraph 55 of the report, under section IV, entitled "Matters calling for action by the General Assembly", and to paragraphs 56 and 57, under section V, entitled "Matters brought to the attention of the General Assembly".

I should also like to draw the attention of members to paragraph 7 of the report of the Fifth Committee (A/44/933) on the programme budget implications of the draft decision recommended by the Preparatory Committee.

Furthermore, should the Assembly adopt that draft decision, we shall then proceed to take action on the recommendations of the Fifth Committee contained in paragraph 8 of its report.

The Assembly will first take action on the draft decision recommended by the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in paragraph 55 of its report (A/44/48 and Corr.1).

May I take it that the Assembly adopts the draft decision recommended by the Preparatory Committee?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: I should now like to draw the attention of members to paragraphs 56 and 57 of the report of the Preparatory Committee containing a resolution and six decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee.

Mr. MISSARY (Democratic Yemen) (interpretation from Arabic): My delegation wishes to refer to decision III, on the establishment of a voluntary fund, the Arabic version of which refers to "supporting countries". The word "developing" has been omitted. The text should read "supporting developing countries, in particular the least developing countries". I had understood reference would be made to three delegations - that the purpose would be the supporting of three delegations to participate in the preparatory process.

The PRESIDENT: Due note has been taken of the comments of the representative of Democratic Yemen.

Miss HASSAN (Egypt): My delegation would refer to operative paragraph 10 of the resolution in paragraph 56. We believe that the words "as appropriate" should be deleted. They were not included in the resolution as adopted by the Preparatory Committee. The paragraph should read:

"Requests the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee to present, on the basis of consultations with the Bureau",
and so on.

The PRESIDENT: I thank the representative of Egypt for her comments. May I take it that the Assembly takes note with appreciation of the resolution and decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: Since the draft decision recommended by the Preparatory Committee has been adopted, we shall now proceed to take action on draft decisions I and II, recommended by the Fifth Committee in its report (A/44/933). May I take it that the Assembly adopts draft decisions I and II?

Draft decisions I and II were adopted.

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 82 (f).

The meeting rose at 3.25 p.m.