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President:

Mr. GARBA

(Nigeria)

- Tribute to the memory of Zenon Rossides, Ambassador and Special Adviser in the delegation of Cyprus and former Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations
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The meeting was called to order at 3.25 p.m.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF ZENON ROSSIDES, AMBASSADOR AND SPECIAL ADVISER IN THE DELEGATION OF CYPRUS AND FORMER PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CYPRUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The PRESIDENT: I should like to invite members of the Assembly to join in a tribute to the memory of Zenon Rossides, Ambassador and Special Adviser in the delegation of Cyprus, who passed away on 13 March 1990.

Ambassador Rossides became his country's first Permanent Representative to the United Nations when Cyprus achieved independence in 1960, a post he held until 1979. During his long and outstanding career at the United Nations he held the offices of Chairman of the Sixth Committee and Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country. Ambassador Rossides will be remembered for the devotion with which he served his country and the cause of the United Nations.

On behalf of the General Assembly and on my own behalf I request the representative of Cyprus kindly to convey our heartfelt condolences to the Government and the people of Cyprus and to the bereaved family.

I now invite members of the Assembly to stand and observe a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of Zenon Rossides.

The members of the General Assembly observed a minute of silence.

The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of Cyprus.

Mr. KFTYCHIOU (Cyprus): I feel greatly moved by this solemn occasion and the kind words expressed with regard to the late Permanent Representative of Cyprus, Ambassador Zenon Rossides. At times like the present, one cannot but think of the ephemeral nature of our existence and our swift passage through this world. As individuals and as members of the world community we can only hope that this passage of ours will be a fruitful one and that, by overcoming our human weaknesses, we will be able to contribute in a positive and constructive manner for a more safe, just and humane world in which the generations that will follow may live in peace and harmony.

The late Ambassador Rossides had nothing more than those as his goals throughout his life. As a young lawyer he devoted himself to the cause of his native land, Cyprus, for independence. Whether in Cyprus or representing Cyprus abroad, he was always in the forefront of all its struggles. Upon Cyprus's attainment of independence, he was appointed the first Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations, a post he held until 1979. Many of the people who knew him or who were associated with him can remember him at this rostrum, championing with consistent dedication and courage the very principles and causes we all hold so dear and for which the Organization was created. He was greatly involved and actively participated in all United Nations efforts for decolonization, disarmament and safeguarding the environment. Above all, however, his actions were always governed by his love for his fellow man and the necessity to create a better, safer and more just world for all humanity, a goal that he pursued to his very last days.

For us, his compatriots, his passing is not simply the loss of a colleague. It is the loss of a friend, a teacher and mentor and, above all, of a person with a mission in life for which we are all grateful. He will definitely be sorely missed

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by all who knew and worked with him. His memory, however, will always remain with us, a guide and talisman of our future actions.

In concluding, I should like to thank you, Mr. President, once again for your kind words and condolences to my Government and to the family of Ambassador Rossides.

**AGENDA ITEM 129 (continued)**

**SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS (A/44/926/Add.1)**

The PRESIDENT: I should like, in keeping with established practice, to invite the attention of the General Assembly to document A/44/926/Add.1, which contains a letter addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the Secretary-General, and to point out that, as already reflected in that communication, Mauritania and Benin have made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

May I take it that the General Assembly duly takes note of that information?

It was so decided.

**AGENDA ITEM 82 (continued)**

**DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION**

**(f) ENVIRONMENT (A/44/48 and Corr.1)**

The PRESIDENT: This afternoon the Assembly has reconvened to consider sub-item (f) of agenda item 82, "Environment".

Members will recall that the item was inadvertently closed at the 85th plenary meeting on 22 December 1989. However, the item should have been retained in the Assembly's agenda in light of paragraph 3 of the report of the Fifth Committee in document A/44/905. In its report the Fifth Committee, in connection with the preparations for the conference, stated that such additional requirements for 1990-1991 as would be identified on the basis of decisions to be made by the

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Preparatory Committee at its organizational session in March 1990 would be submitted to a resumed session of the Assembly.

May I take it, therefore, that the Assembly agrees that agenda item 82 (f), "Environment", is retained in the agenda of the forty-fourth session?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The report of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development has been circulated in document A/44/48 and Corr.1. 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 its report, section IV, entitled "Matters calling for action by the General Assembly", and to paragraphs 56 and 57, section V, entitled "Matters brought to the attention of the General Assembly".

Pursuant to consultations held with a view to disposing of this matter in the most expeditious manner, it is proposed that consideration of the report of the Preparatory Committee under agenda item 82 (f) be taken up directly in plenary meeting.

May I take it the Assembly agrees to this procedure?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I should like to propose that the list of speakers be closed today at 6 p.m. May I take it there is no objection to this proposal?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: May I request representatives who wish to participate in the debate to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

Since there are no speakers inscribed on the list for this afternoon's meeting, the next meeting of the General Assembly will be held tomorrow morning, Tuesday, 27 March, if any speakers have by then been inscribed on the list. If

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there are no speakers for a meeting tomorrow morning, the next meeting of the Assembly will be on Thursday, 29 March, in the afternoon to take action on the draft decision in paragraph 55 of document A/44/48 and Corr.1.

For its part, however, the Fifth Committee will meet in the morning on Wednesday, 28 March, to consider the programme budget implications of the draft decision.

I call upon the representative of Bolivia.

Mr. ZULETA (Bolivia) (interpretation from Spanish): On behalf of the Group of 77, I should like to state that the Group will be very happy to join in a consensus on the adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on its organisational session held from 5 to 16 March 1990, provided that we are given some clarification with regard to the programme budget implications of the Conference.

The PRESIDENT: I would repeat what I said concerning the meeting of the Fifth Committee in the morning of Wednesday, 28 March, to consider the programme budget implications of the draft decision. I also said that the Assembly would meet on Thursday, 29 March, in the afternoon. I believe that those two meetings ought to clarify the concern expressed by the representative of Bolivia.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.