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The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. The CHAIRMAN thanked the members of the Committee for the trust they had shown in him by electing him Chairman. In the final analysis, that trust was shown in his country, the Congo, which stood in the forefront of international efforts in the field of decolonization, participating in the work of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, especially its Sub-Committee on Small Territories, and also the Organization of African Unity (OAU) Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa.

2. Since 1962, 45 dependent Territories had been able to exercise their right to self-determination. There now remained in all only 19 Non-Self-Governing Territories. It was satisfying to note that in the current year Namibia had attained independence. He welcomed Namibia, and also Liechtenstein, as new Members of the United Nations.

3. He expressed the hope for a satisfactory solution of the problems of decolonization of the remaining dependent Territories in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific Ocean. The Committee should direct its efforts towards overcoming the obstacles to the exercise of the right of peoples of those Territories to self-determination. That required the co-operation of the administering Powers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4. Mr. BRISTOL (Nigeria), supported by Mr. BLACKMAN (Barbados), nominated Mr. Al-Kindi (United Arab Emirates) for the office of Vice-Chairman.

5. Mr. Al-Kindi (United Arab Emirates) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

6. Mr. AL-KINDI (United Arab Emirates) thanked the members of the Committee for the trust they had shown in him and undertook to do his utmost to contribute to the success of the Committee's work.

7. The CHAIRMAN said that the remaining Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur would be elected after the necessary consultations had been held.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK (A/C.4/45/1, A/C.4/45/L.1 and A/INF/45/1)

8. The CHAIRMAN informed the members that the items allocated to the Fourth Committee were listed in document A/C.4/45/1, and also drew attention to document A/C.4/45/L.1, concerning the organization of work. Paragraph 3 of the latter document contained a preliminary schedule of the Committee's work. He suggested that it should be adopted, on the understanding that it could be amended where necessary.

9. It was so decided.

10. The CHAIRMAN, referring to paragraph 8 of that document, noted that, at the previous session, through the late starting and early adjournment of meetings, the Committee had lost time equivalent to some five meetings. To avoid that happening in future, he intended to call meetings to order on time, relying in that regard on the full co-operation of all members of the Committee. In addition, he drew attention to the Secretary-General's note on the control and limitation of documentation (A/INF/45/1).

AGENDA ITEM 112: ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS WHICH ARE IMPEDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES IN TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION AND EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/45/23 (Part IV))

11. Mr. SHAHEED (Syrian Arab Republic), Rapporteur of the Special Committee, introduced, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/84, paragraph 18, the chapter of the Special Committee's report on item 112 (A/45/23 (Part IV), chap. V). In its resolution, the text of which was set forth in paragraph 10 of that chapter, the Special Committee, inter alia, had again reaffirmed the inalienable right of the peoples of dependent Territories to self-determination and independence and to the enjoyment of the natural resources of their Territories. It had condemned those activities of foreign interests in the colonial Territories that were impeding the implementation of the Declaration and the efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination, and had also condemned the collaboration of certain countries as well as transnational corporations with the racist régime of South Africa. It had urged the administering Powers concerned to take effective measures to guarantee the inalienable right of the peoples of colonial Territories to their natural resources, and had decided to continue to monitor closely the situation in the remaining Territories so as to ensure that the economic activities in those Territories were aimed at strengthening and diversifying their economies and at speeding their accession to independence. The draft resolution on that item which the Special Committee recommended for adoption by the Fourth Committee was set forth in paragraph 11 of chapter V of the report.

12. In addition, in accordance with the established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 44/425, paragraph 13, the Rapporteur introduced the chapter of the Special Committee's report entitled "Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration which might be impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples" (A/45/23 (Part IV), chap. VI). In its decision, the text of which was set forth in paragraph 10 of that chapter, the Special Committee, inter alia, had condemned all military activities by colonial Powers that were detrimental to the rights and interests of the colonial peoples, and had called upon those Powers to terminate unconditionally such activities. The Special Committee had also condemned the military, nuclear and intelligence collaboration between South Africa and certain countries. The draft decision on

(Mr. Shaheed, Syrian Arab Republic)

that item which the Special Committee recommended for adoption by the Fourth Committee was set forth in paragraph 11 of chapter VI of the report.

13. On behalf of the Special Committee, he requested the Fourth Committee to adopt the draft resolution on the activities of foreign economic and other interests and the draft decision on military activities to which he had just referred.

14. The CHAIRMAN announced that the list of speakers wishing to participate in the debate on item 112 would be closed on Wednesday, 4 October, at 5 p.m.

#### REQUESTS FOR HEARINGS

15. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that eight communications containing requests for hearings had been received. Three of them related to New Caledonia (A/C.4/45/2 and Add.1-2), one to Western Sahara (A/C.4/45/3) and two to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (A/C.4/45/4 and Add.1), all under agenda item 18; one to the activities of foreign economic and other interests (A/C.4/45/5) under agenda item 112; and one to the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies (A/C.4/45/6) under agenda item 113. In accordance with established practice, he suggested that they should be distributed as documents of the Committee and considered at a subsequent meeting.

16. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.