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President: Mr. Han Seung-soo (Republic of Korea)

The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Agenda item 125 (continued)

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Letter dated 4 September 2002 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/56/999/Add.1)

The President: I should like just to draw the attention of the General Assembly to document A/56/999/Add.1. In the letter contained in that document, the Secretary-General informs the President of the General Assembly that, since the issuance of his letter contained in document A/56/999, Uzbekistan has made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

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

It was so decided.

Agenda item 49 (continued)

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council (A/56/47)

Draft decision (A/56/47, paragraph 26)

The President: Members will recall that the General Assembly held a debate on this item at its 33rd to 36th plenary meetings, from 30 October to 1 November 2001.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision contained in paragraph 26 of the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council.

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt the draft decision?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: I should like to express sincere thanks to Ambassador Thorsteinn Ingólfsson of Iceland and Ambassador Mignonette Patricia Durrant of Jamaica, the two Vice-Chairpersons of the Open-ended Working Group, who have so ably conducted the discussions and complex negotiations of the Working Group. I am sure that members of the Assembly will join me in extending to them our sincere appreciation.

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May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 49?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 175

Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula

Letter dated 22 August 2002 from the Permanent Representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/1029)

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly included item 175 on the agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

In connection with this item, I should like to draw the attention of members to document A/56/1029, which contains a letter dated 22 August 2002 from the Permanent Representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea in which it is requested that the item entitled "Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula" be included in the agenda of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The President: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 175.

Agenda item 17 (continued)

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the present session. Members will further recall that

item (e) is included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-seventh session.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of this sub-item and of item 17 as a whole?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 47

The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the present session. Members will also recall that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/285, of 7 September 2001, the item shall be considered biennially starting at the fifty-sixth session.

May I thus take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 47?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 58

United Nations reform: measures and proposals

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the present session. Members will also recall that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/285, of 7 September 2001, the item shall be considered biennially starting at the fifty-sixth session.

May I thus take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 58?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 59 (continued)

Strengthening of the United Nations system

The President: Members will recall that, at its 91st plenary meeting, held on 21 December 2001, the Assembly adopted decision 56/455 under this item.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to include this item in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The President: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 59.

Agenda item 60 (continued)

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The President: Members will recall that, at its 91st plenary meeting, held on 21 December 2001, the Assembly adopted decision 56/455 under this item, and that at its 106th plenary meeting, held on 8 July 2002, the Assembly adopted resolution 56/509, also under this item.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to include this item in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The President: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 60.

Agenda item 61

Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the present session. Members will also recall that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/285, of 7 September 2001, the item shall be considered biennially starting at the fifty-sixth session.

May I thus take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of this item?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 62

Question of Cyprus

The President: Members may recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of

the present session but deferred a decision on the allocation of the item to an appropriate time during the session.

It is my understanding that it would be desirable to defer consideration of this item to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly. May I take it, then, that it is the wish of the Assembly to defer its consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The President: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 62.

Agenda item 129

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the present session.

It is my understanding that it would be desirable to defer consideration of this item to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly. May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The President: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 129.

Agenda item 140

Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the present session.

It is my understanding that it would be desirable to defer consideration of this item to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly. May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The President: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 140.

Agenda item 143

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the present session.

It is my understanding that it would be desirable to defer consideration of this item to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly. May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The President: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 143.

Agenda item 145

Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the present session.

It is my understanding that it would be desirable to defer consideration of this item to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly. May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The President: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 145.

Agenda item 148

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the present session.

It is my understanding that it would be desirable to defer consideration of this item to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly. May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The President: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 148.

Agenda item 152

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the present session.

It is my understanding that it would be desirable to defer consideration of this item to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly. May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The President: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 152.

Agenda item 153

Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the present session.

It is my understanding that it would be desirable to defer consideration of this item to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly. May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The President: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 153.

Agenda item 157

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

The President: Members will recall that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the present session.

It is my understanding that it would be desirable to defer consideration of this item to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly. May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The President: That concludes our consideration of agenda item 157.

Announcement

The President: Before adjourning the meeting, I should like to remind members that the closing meeting of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly will take place on Monday, 9 September 2002 at 3 p.m. in the newly decorated General Assembly Hall.

The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.