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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Agenda item 176: Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly (A/55/241, A/C.6/56/L.4 and Corr.1)

1. **Mr. Ahsan** (Bangladesh), introducing draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.4 on behalf of the sponsors, recalled that Partners in Population and Development had been established in 1994 by 10 developing countries. It currently had a membership of 16 countries, comprising half of the world's population, and others had expressed interest in joining. The organization had made much progress in the transfer of knowledge, expertise and skills through South-South cooperation in population and development. Its member States believed that the involvement of Partners in Population and Development with the United Nations would enable the organization to share its experience with other countries, especially developing countries, in achieving positive results in the area of population and development, as had been highlighted in various intergovernmental processes. At the same time, its involvement would help to enrich the work of the United Nations in the field.

2. The draft resolution being introduced was basically a procedural one, and he hoped that it would be adopted without a vote.

Agenda item 168: Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly (A/55/617 and A/C.6/56/L.5)

3. **Ms. Miller** (Sweden) proposed, on behalf of the member States of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, that the Committee should postpone its consideration of the item until its fifty-seventh session.

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.