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*President: Mr. Leopoldo BENITES (Ecuador).*

**AGENDA ITEM 8**

**Adoption of the agenda**

**FIRST REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE  
(A/9200)**

1. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The Assembly has before it the first report of the General Committee [A/9200]. We shall examine first the Committee's recommendations in section II, dealing with the organization of the session. These are contained in paragraphs 2 to 14 inclusive of document A/9200.

2. In section II, paragraphs 2 and 3 deal with the schedule of meetings; paragraph 4 deals with the general debate; and paragraph 5 deals with the duration of the general debate and the closure of the list of speakers in that debate. In paragraphs 6 and 7, the General Committee draws the Assembly's attention to certain recommendations concerning the exercise of the right of reply. Paragraph 8 deals with the closing date of the twenty-eighth session. Paragraph 9 deals with the records of the Main Committees. Paragraph 10 deals with seating arrangements during the session. Paragraphs 11 and 12 concern respectively the use of the General Assembly Hall and the mechanical means of voting. Paragraph 13 refers to the financial implications of draft resolutions, and paragraph 14 relates to the reports of the Main Committees.

3. If there are no objections to the paragraphs I have just mentioned, I shall take it that they are approved by the General Assembly.

*It was so decided.*

4. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We turn now to section III of the first report of the General Committee.

5. I suggest that we consider the agenda in paragraph 22, which the Committee recommends for adoption and, for orderly procedure, that we refer to paragraphs 16' to 21 when we come to the relevant items.

6. In accordance with past practice, we shall follow the numbering given in paragraph 22 and consider several items

in groups, where that seems appropriate. It is understood that at present we are not discussing the substance of any item except when such discussion can assist the Assembly in deciding whether or not to include an item in the agenda.

7. I now invite representatives to turn to paragraph 22 of document A/9200. Items 1 to 6 inclusive have already been acted upon in plenary meetings of the General Assembly. May I therefore consider that their inclusion has been approved?

*It was so decided.*

8. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): In connexion with item 7, "Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations", the General Assembly is required only to take note of the communication submitted by the Secretary-General in document A/9158.

*It was so decided.*

9. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I now put before the General Assembly items 8 to 32. In connexion with item 12, I should like to refer to paragraph 16, concerning the report of the Economic and Social Council. May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of paragraph 16?

*It was so decided.*

10. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): In connexion with item 17, "Election of members of the Economic and Social Council", may I refer to paragraph 17, in which the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to the fact that, if the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter enters into force during the current session, the General Assembly will have to elect 27 members to the Council in addition to the nine members which it must elect in any case to replace those whose terms of office expire on 31 December 1973. May I take it that it is so decided?

*It was so decided.*

11. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Is there any objection to the inclusion of items 8 to 32 in the agenda? If not, I shall take it that the Assembly decides to include those items in the agenda.

*Items 8 to 32 were included in the agenda.*

12. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The General Committee recommends, in paragraph 8 of its report, that item 33 of the draft agenda be included in the

agenda as two separate items, items 33 and 34. If there is no objection, it will be so decided.

*Items 33 and 34 were included in the agenda.*

13. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We come now to items 35 to 40. May I take it that the Assembly decides to include those items in the agenda?

*Items 35 to 40 were included in the agenda.*

14. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We turn now to item 41, which in accordance with the General Committee's recommendation in paragraph 19 of its report, contains two subitems under the single heading "Question of Korea".

15. Mr. NACO (Albania) (*interpretation from French*): As regards agenda item 41, my delegation wishes to emphasize that, so far as subitem (a), entitled "Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea", is concerned, it has repeatedly and clearly expressed its position on this question before this Assembly. We regard that Commission as illegal and are opposed to any discussion of its report. We have emphasized on other occasions, too, that the inclusion of this item in the agenda is designed to keep the United Nations tied to Korea and to legalize the continuation of its intervention in the domestic affairs of that country.

16. Our delegation believes that the only problem that our Organization has a duty to examine as soon as possible is that of adopting urgent measures to put an end to the foreign intervention in the domestic affairs of Korea so that the Korean people may be left free to solve their problems themselves, including that of their country's reunification in accordance with their own will.

17. For those reasons my delegation is in favour of subitem (b), entitled "Creation of favourable conditions to accelerate the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea".

18. Mr. MALIK (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (*translation from Russian*): As members know, the Soviet delegation raised no objection to the recommendation of the General Committee that the two questions concerning Korea should be merged as subitems of one general item entitled "Question of Korea". Our position was dictated by the desire to make the discussion of the Korean question a constructive one and to facilitate the adoption of decisions which should help to pave the way for the peaceful and democratic reunification of Korea without any outside interference.

19. However, the fact that we raise no objection to the joint consideration of the Korean questions under a single agenda item in no way represents a change in our well-known attitude either towards the so-called United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea itself or towards its report [A/9027]. We should like once again to emphasize that our opinion and deep conviction, which, as we know, is shared by many other socialist countries as well as by States of the non-aligned world which took part in the Fourth Conference of Heads

of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Algiers from 5 to 9 September 1973, is that the activities of the so-called United Nations Commission of Korea have had and continue to have an adverse effect on the situation in Korea. They have prevented, and continue to prevent, the Korean people from exercising their lawful right to determine their own fate and are a cover for interference in the internal affairs of Korea.

20. These considerations explain our negative attitude towards the Commission and towards the submission of an annual report by that illegal organ of the United Nations.

21. The Commission has now acknowledged that it serves no purpose and in its report it recommends its own dissolution. This is further proof that those who have opposed the Commission's existence and activities have been quite right. Events have shown that that position was correct.

22. The Soviet delegation reserves the right to express its views in greater detail on all problems relating to the substance of the question of Korea when this item is discussed in the Assembly and in the appropriate Committee.

23. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The statements made by the representatives of Albania and the Soviet Union will, of course, appear in the records of this meeting. But since neither representative objected to the inclusion of item 41, may I take it that the General Assembly decides to include it in the agenda?

*Item 41 was included in the agenda.*

24. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We turn now to item 42.

25. Mr. VON HIRSCHBERG (South Africa): Sir, my Foreign Minister will be paying a tribute to you on your election to the office of President when he addresses the General Assembly in the course of the general debate. May I, however, take this opportunity also to offer to you, on behalf of the South African delegation, our warm congratulations on your election.

26. I asked to speak simply in order to record and to reaffirm our usual reservation with regard to the inclusion of item 42 in the agenda and to its eventual consideration. Our reasons for this reservation have been explained at previous sessions of the General Assembly.

27. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Since there are no objections and since the statement of the representative of South Africa will be included in the records of this meeting, may I take it that the General Assembly decides to include item 42 in the agenda?

*Item 42 was included in the agenda.*

28. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Is there any objection to the inclusion of items 43 to 99? If there is none, I shall take it that the Assembly decides to include them in the agenda.

*Items 43 to 99 were included in the agenda.*

29. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We turn now to item 100, entitled "Inclusion of Chinese among the working languages of the General Assembly and the Security Council". May I take it that item 100 is included in the agenda?

*Item 100 was included in the agenda.*

30. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We come now to the last item recommended by the General Committee for inclusion in the agenda—that is item 101: "Consideration of the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region". May I consider that the General Assembly decides to include item 101 in the agenda?

*Item 101 was included in the agenda.*

31. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): May I now invite the attention of members to paragraph 20 of the General Committee's report, concerning its decision to consider at a subsequent meeting the inclusion of three items in the agenda of the session. I understand that the Assembly wishes to take note of that decision without discussing it.

*It was so decided.*

32. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We shall now turn to the question of the allocation of items, which is dealt with in section IV of the report. The modifications indicated in paragraph 23 are reflected in the proposed allocation, as well as the decisions in paragraphs 24 and 26. We shall consider them when we come to the relevant items.

33. May I invite members to turn to the list of items in paragraph 27 recommended for consideration directly in plenary meetings. In connexion with item 22 on that list, I should like to refer to the recommendations of the General Committee in paragraph 23 (a). May I take it that the General Assembly approves those recommendations?

*It was so decided.*

34. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Are there any objections to the allocation of the items listed for consideration in plenary meetings? If there are none, I shall take it that the allocation is approved.

*It was so decided.*

35. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We turn now to the list of items which the General Committee has recommended for allocation to the First Committee.

36. Regarding item 5 on the list, if there are no objections I shall take it that the General Assembly approves the recommendation in paragraph 23 (b) of the General Committee's report.

*It was so decided.*

37. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Regarding item 12 of the list of items proposed for consideration by the First Committee, may I refer the

Assembly to paragraph 25 (a). The General Committee recommends that the First Committee should consider the item as a matter of priority. I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation.

*It was so decided.*

38. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): May I now take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of items to the First Committee recommended in the report?

*It was so decided.*

39. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We turn now to the allocation of items to the Special Political Committee. Four items have been recommended for allocation to that Committee. I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation.

*It was so decided.*

40. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I now invite members to examine the list of items recommended for allocation to the Second Committee.

41. With regard to item 1 on that list, the General Committee has made recommendations in paragraph 23 (c) (1) of its report. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the General Assembly approves those recommendations.

*It was so decided.*

42. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): In connexion with item 2 on the list, I refer the General Assembly to the recommendation of the General Committee in paragraph 24 (b) of its report. May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

*It was so decided.*

43. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Regarding items 5, 6, 7 and 9 recommended for allocation to the Second Committee, the General Committee has made a recommendation in paragraph 23 (c) (2) of its report. I take it that that recommendation is adopted.

*It was so decided.*

44. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): May I now take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of items to the Second Committee recommended by the General Committee?

*It was so decided.*

45. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We now come to the list of items proposed for allocation to the Third Committee. May I take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation?

*It was so decided.*

46. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We now come to consideration of the items recommended by the General Committee for allocation to the Fourth

Committee. As there are no observations, I take it that the Committee approves that recommendation.

*It was so decided.*

47. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We now turn to the items recommended for allocation to the Fifth Committee.

48. May I invite Members to turn their attention to paragraph 26 of the report, which contains a decision of the General Committee regarding item 7 on the list. I take it that the General Assembly takes note of that decision.

*It was so decided.*

49. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): In connexion with item 12 on the list, the General Committee, in paragraph 25 (*b*) of its report, recommends that the Fifth Committee should consider the item as a matter of priority. If I hear no objections, I shall take it that the recommendation is approved.

*It was so decided.*

50. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Paragraph 23 (*d*) of the report contains a recommendation of the General Committee concerning item 13 on the list. I take it that the recommendation is adopted.

*It was so decided.*

51. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): May I now take it that the General Assembly approves the recommended allocation of items to the Fifth Committee?

*It was so decided.*

52. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): May I take it that the General Assembly also approves the list of items recommended for allocation to the Sixth Committee?

*It was so decided.*

53. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The General Assembly has concluded its consideration of the first report of the General Committee. I think that it is only fair and just that I express my thanks, most gratefully, for the co-operation shown by the Assembly with respect to the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items. The fact that no vote was necessary—and this applies both to General Committee meetings and the General Assembly itself—bespeaks an atmosphere of understanding, co-operation and goodwill that I believe is most promising for the beginning of our work. This meeting of the General Assembly and yesterday's meeting of the General Committee have both very clearly shown that this Assembly will be able to do serious, worthy and fruitful work.

*The meeting rose at 4 p.m.*