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**SECOND PLENARY MEETING***Tuesday, 5 March 1963, at 3.55 p.m.**President: Mr. VEROSTA (Austria)***Adoption of the rules of procedure**

[Agenda item 4]

1. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the provisional rules of procedure prepared by the secretariat.

*The provisional rules of procedure were adopted.***Meeting of Committees to elect their Chairmen**

[Agenda item 5]

2. The PRESIDENT said that the meeting would be suspended to enable the committees to meet and elect their chairmen.

*The plenary meeting was suspended at 4 p.m. and resumed at 4.15 p.m.***Election of Vice-Presidents**

[Agenda item 6]

3. The PRESIDENT pointed out that eighteen vice-presidents were to be elected under rule 6 of the rules of procedure. Subject to the approval of the Conference, he proposed that the representatives of the following States should be appointed vice-presidents: Algeria, Argentina, Canada, Ceylon, China, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, France, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Romania, Thailand, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia.

*It was so agreed.***Appointment of the credentials committee**

[Agenda item 7]

4. The PRESIDENT announced that nine members were to be appointed to the credentials committee under rule 4 of the rules of procedure. Subject to the approval of the Conference, he proposed that the committee should consist of the representatives of the countries which had served on the credentials committee of the General Assembly at its seventeenth session. Those countries were: Canada, El Salvador, Greece, Guinea, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America.

*It was so agreed.***Organization of work (A/CONF.25/3 and Add.1)**

[Agenda item 8]

5. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Conference should approve the Secretary-General's suggestions concerning the organization of work (A/CONF.25/3 and Add.1).

*It was so agreed.<sup>1</sup>***Appointment of the drafting committee**

[Agenda item 9]

6. The PRESIDENT observed that, although the question of the appointment of the drafting committee was not on the agenda of the Conference, agreement had been reached on the composition of the committee. Under rule 49 of the rules of procedure, the drafting committee was to consist of twelve members. He suggested that the provision in rule 49 that the drafting committee should be appointed by the general committee be waived, and that the drafting committee should consist of representatives of Argentina, Brazil, China, France, Ghana, Hungary, India, Spain, Switzerland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

*It was so agreed.**The meeting rose at 4.20 p.m.***THIRD PLENARY MEETING***Thursday, 28 March 1963, at 10 a.m.**President: Mr. VEROSTA (Austria)***Reallocation of articles to committees:  
first report of the general committee**

1. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the first report of the general committee (A/CONF.25/9), which recommended that articles 52, 53, 54 and 55 should be transferred from the Second Committee to the First Committee. The reasons for that recommendation were stated in paragraph 2 of the report.

2. Both the committees had made good progress in their work: the First Committee had almost completed consideration of the articles originally allocated to it and the Second Committee had examined twenty-two highly technical articles. The allocation plan approved by the Conference at its second plenary meeting had given the Second Committee much the heavier workload, however, and it still had twenty articles, also of a technical character, to deal with. The general committee therefore considered it advisable to transfer some of those articles to the First Committee; it would make further recommendations at a later stage if necessary.

3. If there were no objections, he would consider that the Conference approved the general committee's recommendation.

*The general committee's recommendation was approved.*

<sup>1</sup> Under the Secretary-General's scheme, the First Committee was to consider the preamble, articles 2-27, 68, 70 and 71, final clauses, the Final Act of the Conference, and any protocols which the Conference might consider necessary. The Second Committee was to consider articles 28-67 and 69. Article 1 (Definitions) was to be considered by the drafting committee, after the examination of the other articles.

This arrangement was slightly altered later in the Conference; see the summary records of the third and fourth plenary meetings.