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## **7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the General Committee**

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# GENERAL COMMITTEE

## 7th meeting

Monday, 17 March 1975, at 11.05 a.m.

*Chairman:* Mr. H. S. AMERASINGHE (Sri Lanka).

### Draft changes in the rules of procedure of the Conference

1. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should recommend that the Conference<sup>1</sup> adopt the changes in the rules of procedure of the Conference proposed in document A/CONF.62/BUR/3, namely, an amendment to rule 56 and a new draft rule which would become rule 63 A, chapter X.

*It was so decided.*

### Officers of the Conference

2. The CHAIRMAN announced that he had received a letter from the Belgian representative informing him that Ireland would replace Belgium as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference.

3. Mr. ZEGERS (Chile) said that, in accordance with an agreement reached earlier among the members of the Latin American group, Mr. Galindo Pohl (El Salvador) would replace Mr. Andrés Aguilar (Venezuela) as Chairman of the Second Committee. In accordance with that agreement, Venezuela would replace El Salvador in the Drafting Committee of the Conference.

### Organization of work

4. The CHAIRMAN observed that at the second session of the Conference it had been decided that participants at the third session would begin negotiations immediately, the general debate having been concluded. Accordingly, it

would, in his view, be advisable to allow as much time as possible for informal consultations, thus enabling the work of the committees to proceed satisfactorily and giving the individual groups the opportunity to seek ways of overcoming existing differences. He therefore proposed that the Committee should recommend to the Conference that during the coming two weeks the two Main Committees should, in principle, meet in the morning, and the groups in the afternoon.

*It was so decided.*

5. The CHAIRMAN suggested that during the Easter holiday period the Conference might suspend its work on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 28, 29 and 30 March, and resume work on Monday, 31 March.

6. Mr. KNOKE (Federal Republic of Germany) said that it would be preferable for the Conference not to resume its work until Tuesday, 1 April.

7. Mr. KOH (Singapore) supported that view.

8. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should recommend to the Conference that it suspend its work for four days, from 28 to 31 March inclusive.

*It was so decided.*

9. In reply to a question from Mr. ZEGERS (Chile), the CHAIRMAN said that the General Committee would meet every Monday at 10 a.m.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.74.I.18.

*The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.*

## 8th meeting

Monday, 24 March 1975, at 10.15 a.m.

*Chairman:* Mr. H. S. AMERASINGHE (Sri Lanka)

### Officers of the Conference

1. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Group of Western European and other States had informed him that Mr. J. S. Bailey (Australia) would replace Mr. Mott (Australia) as Rapporteur of the First Committee.

### Progress of work: reports by the Chairmen of the Committees

2. The CHAIRMAN invited the Vice-Chairman of the First Committee, the Chairman of which was unable to attend the meeting, to report.