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in respect of State Property, Archives and Debts**

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Appointment of the Credentials Committee (concluded)

[Agenda item 8]

2. The PRESIDENT said that after long negotiations an agreement had been reached in respect of the membership of the Credentials Committee. He now proposed that that Committee should be composed of the following States: Belgium, Brazil, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Nicaragua, Senegal, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 10.15 a.m.

4th plenary meeting

Thursday, 17 March 1983, at 12.25 p.m.

President: Mr. SEIDL-HOHENFELDERN (Austria)

Organization of work

[Agenda item 10]

1. The PRESIDENT said that, at its meeting earlier that day, the General Committee had considered the progress made in the work of the Conference and ways and means of ensuring that the Conference would successfully complete its work on time. In the light of the General Committee's deliberations and in order that the work of the Conference might be expedited, he suggested that: (a) informal consultations should be encouraged between regional and other groups before major issues were considered by the Committee of the Whole and after decisions had been taken indicating that major differences remained on those major issues, so as to enhance the possibility of a generally agreed text being adopted in the final stages of the Conference; (b) the Secretariat should be requested to enquire about the possibility of scheduling meetings on Easter Monday, 4 April 1983, should the Conference decide that it would be necessary to meet on that day; (c) all delegations should be requested to exercise self-restraint in the length of their statements; (d) the Committee of the Whole should exercise discretion in suspending its meetings for short coffee breaks, so that such breaks would be utilized only for purposes of negotiation and reaching an agreement on contentious points; (e) evening meetings should be envisaged, particularly for the Drafting Committee; and (f) the possibilities provided by the rules of procedure to shorten lengthy and repetitious debates should be fully utilized.

2. In the absence of any comment, he would take it that the Conference agreed with those suggestions.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.

5th plenary meeting

Monday, 28 March 1983, at 10.10 a.m.

President: Mr. SEIDL-HOHENFELDERN (Austria)

Organization of work

[Agenda item 10]

1. The PRESIDENT said that, in accordance with rule 47, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure, the General Committee had decided to recommend that Cuba should be appointed to the Drafting Committee to replace Venezuela which had announced its desire to withdraw.