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Chairman: Mr. Max JAKOBSON (Finland).

Statement by the Chairman

1. The CHAIRMAN expressed his appreciation to the Committee for electing him Chairman and asked for nominations for the Vice-Chairmanship.

Election of the Vice-Chairman

2. Mr. ZAIN (Malaysia) nominated Mr. Privado G. Jimenez (Philippines).

3. Mr. KOFI (Ghana) supported the nomination.

Mr. Jimenez (Philippines) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Election of the Rapporteur

4. Mr. SETTE CAMARA (Brazil) nominated Mr. Carlos A. Goñi Demarchi (Argentina).

5. Mr. DE PINIES (Spain) supported the nomination.

Mr. Goñi Demarchi (Argentina) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

Organization of the Committee's work (A/SPC/108)

6. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the letter from the President of the General Assembly (A/SPC/108) listing the items which the Assembly had allocated to the Special Political Committee. Having consulted delegations with regard to the order in which the items should be considered, he would like to suggest that the item entitled "Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East" should be taken up first. As the report would be ready for distribution on 7 October and delegations needed time to study it, the Committee would begin consideration of that item on 17 October, when the Commissioner-General would make a statement pre-

senting the report. It was expected that consideration of the item would be concluded by 4 November, after which the Committee could take up the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects; reports of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations". The third item would be "The policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Policies of Apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa".

7. In reply to a question by Mr. KHALAF (Iraq), the CHAIRMAN said that once the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East had made his statement presenting the report, it would seem reasonable to allow delegations a few days to study the statement before beginning to discuss the item.

8. In reply to a question by Mr. TINE (France), the CHAIRMAN said that the text of the Commissioner-General's report would be available in English, French and Spanish on 7 October and in Russian at the beginning of the following week.

9. If he heard no further comments, he would assume that the Committee was in favour of taking up the three items in question in the order he had suggested.

It was so decided.

10. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to the statement in paragraph 5 of document A/BUR/165 concerning verbatim records. Ordinarily the verbatim records of the Special Political Committee were made available to delegations only upon request, but it would be recalled that at the twentieth session it had been arranged that when the Committee so decided the verbatim records of a particular meeting would be circulated to all Committee members. For technical reasons, it would be preferable for such a decision to be taken during the course of the meeting in question. In view of that arrangement, it should be possible to avoid the circulation as Committee documents of the verbatim texts of individual statements, a procedure which entailed considerable expense.

The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.