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The meeting was called to order at 3.50 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS 38, 40, 45, 47, 48, 49, 51,  
52 and 53 (continued)

The CHAIRMAN: This afternoon the Committee will take a decision on draft resolution A/C.1/32/L.21 under agenda item 51, entitled "General and complete disarmament". The draft resolution has no financial implications. It is sponsored by 10 delegations and was introduced by the representative of Cyprus on 14 November 1977. The sponsors of the draft resolution have expressed the wish that the draft resolution be adopted by consensus. If I hear no objection, it will be so decided.

The draft resolution was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: I call on the representative of Belgium, who wishes to explain his vote.

Mr. ELLIOTT (Belgium) (interpretation from French): On behalf of the nine countries of the European Economic Community, I should like to say that we were happy to be able to participate in the consensus on draft resolution A/C.1/32/L.21. We would merely recall what we said in the discussion on the impact of the arms race on economic problems and ask that any study which is undertaken be guaranteed to have the objectivity and balance which is normal in this type of exercise.

The CHAIRMAN: We have thus concluded our consideration of item 51. Because of technical difficulties in connexion with the statement on the financial implications of the draft resolution in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean (A/32/29 and Corr.1), that draft resolution cannot be considered this afternoon. It is hoped that the statement will be available tomorrow morning.

The meeting rose at 3.55 p.m.