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President: Ms. Al-Khalifa (Bahrain)

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Agenda item 7 (continued)

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items

Fourth report of the General Committee (A/61/250/Add.3)

The President: In paragraph 1 of its report, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that sub-item (b) of agenda item 67, “Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms”, which has been allocated to the Third Committee, be also considered directly in plenary meeting for the sole purpose of taking action during the main part of the sixty-first session on the draft convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, which is expected to be completed in early December by the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities and to be recommended for adoption in its report.

May I take it that the General Assembly decides to also consider sub-item (b) of agenda item 67, “Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms”, directly in plenary meeting for the sole purpose of taking action during the main part of the sixty-first session on the

draft convention on the rights of persons with disabilities?

It was so decided.

The President: The Chairman of the Third Committee will be informed of the decision just taken.

In paragraph 2 of the same document, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that an additional item entitled “Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies” be included in the agenda of the current session under heading B, “Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences”.

May I take it that the General Assembly decides to include that item in the agenda of the current session under heading B?

It was so decided.

The President: The General Committee further recommends that the item be considered directly in plenary meeting. May I take it that the General Assembly decides to consider this item directly in plenary meeting?

It was so decided.

The President: I should like to inform members that the item entitled “Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and

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consolidate new or restored democracies” becomes item 157 on the agenda of the current session.

The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of the fourth report of the General Committee.

Programme of work

The President: I should like to inform members that document A/INF/61/4/Rev.2, containing a revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings for the remainder of the main part of the sixty-first

session, was issued this morning and has been distributed in the Conference Room. I should like to remind members that the lists of speakers for items listed in document A/INF/61/4/Rev.2 are open.

I should also like to inform members that the General Assembly, on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, as the fourth item, will take up agenda item 117, “Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007”, to consider a report of the Fifth Committee, to be issued as document A/61/592.

The meeting rose at 3.20 p.m.