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The meeting was called to order at 6.40 p.m.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Rule 103 of the rules of procedure provides that each Main Committee shall elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. These officers shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, experience and personal competence.

The elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in an election where only one candidate is standing. The nomination of each candidate shall be limited to one speaker, after which the Committee shall immediately proceed to the election.

Furthermore, rule 110 of the rules of procedure provides that congratulations to the officers of a Main Committee shall not be expressed except by the Chairman of the previous session - or, in his absence, by a member of his delegation - after all the officers of the Committee have been elected.

This meeting has been convened for the election of the Chairman of the First Committee only. Are there any nominations?

Mr. NAIK (Pakistan): At the outset, Sir, allow me to convey our sincere congratulations on your election to the presidency of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly. The head of our delegation will soon be able to offer his congratulations to you in an appropriate way on behalf of the Government of Pakistan. However, I would like to take this opportunity to express our feelings of respect and admiration for you. We are confident that with your long experience and understanding of international affairs, and with your dedication to the ideals aspired to by this Organization, you will be able to guide the proceedings of this session with distinction and success. It also gives us great pleasure to say that you belong to a brotherly Asian, non-aligned, Islamic country with which Pakistan has bonds of close friendship and co-operation.

(Mr. Naik, Pakistan)

I should also like to express my deep appreciation to your distinguished predecessor, Ambassador von Wechmar, under whose presidency I had the honour to serve as Chairman of the First Committee, for his outstanding and dynamic guidance throughout the deliberations at the thirty-fifth session.

Before discharging my responsibility to make a nomination for the chairmanship of the First Committee for this session, I would like to say a few words about our dear colleague, Ambassador Komatina, the distinguished Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia, who has been unable to undertake responsibility for the chairmanship of the First Committee for this year because of his sudden illness. I am sure that everyone present in this Assembly will join me in wishing him a full and speedy recovery. We hope that the First Committee will continue to benefit from his great experience and expertise on disarmament issues, for which he enjoys the well-deserved respect of the international community.

We are grateful to the Yugoslav Government for presenting the candidature of an equally competent and well-known personality, His Excellency Mr. Ignac Golob, whom I have the pleasure and honour to nominate as Chairman of the First Committee for the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly. Mr. Golob's distinguished and impressive career as a diplomat and his contribution towards the advancement of the cause of disarmament need no introduction. Nevertheless, in accordance with tradition, it is my pleasant duty to underline some of his accomplishments.

Mr. Golob, who at present occupies the important position of Assistant Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, started his diplomatic career in 1952. After taking up diplomatic assignments in various capacities at Stockholm, New York and Peking, he served as Ambassador of his country to Mexico.

Mr. Golob possesses wide experience in multilateral diplomacy, which is demonstrated by his participation in several international conferences, including ministerial conferences and meetings of the non-aligned countries in 1978, 1979 and 1981, the Havana summit of non-aligned countries in 1979, the Second Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty in 1980 and the Madrid Meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe in 1981. He has long been associated with the work of the United Nations,

(Mr. Naik, Pakistan)

and has represented his country at the thirty-third, thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly as well as on the Committee on Decolonization in 1979. He is also a member of the prestigious United Nations Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies.

I am confident that, with his outstanding diplomatic skills and talents, His Excellency Mr. Golob will be able to guide the work of the First Committee to achieve positive and significant results in keeping with the distinctive role played by his great country in promoting the cause of genuine and complete disarmament.

While paying my personal tribute to his competence and his virtuous qualities, I take special pleasure in nominating His Excellency Mr. Ignac Golob, and wish him every success in the heavy responsibilities of his new assignment.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: His Excellency Mr. Ignac Golob of Yugoslavia has been nominated by the representative of Pakistan. Since only one candidate has been presented, I propose that under rule 103 the Committee decide not to have a secret ballot.

It was so decided.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: I therefore declare His Excellency Mr. Ignac Golob of Yugoslavia elected Chairman of the First Committee by acclamation.

The meeting rose at 6.50 p.m.