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**Chairman: Mr. Radha Krishna RAMPHUL
(Mauritius).**

Election of the Chairman

1. The TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): I call on the representative of Mauritius.

2. Mr. RAMPHUL (Mauritius): Pending the arrival of my Prime Minister I wish to extend to you, Sir, my warmest personal congratulations on your election by acclamation to the presidency of the twenty-eighth session of this august Assembly of our world Organization.

3. It is my privilege and an honour to propose the candidature of our colleague and friend Ambassador Otto Borch of Denmark for the chairmanship of the First Committee.

4. As we all know, this Committee will as in the past deal with many of the most important items on the agenda of the Assembly, in particular a number of questions of special political import, and we all agree that in view of this the First Committee should be properly and adequately steered. I am confident that you will all agree with me that Ambassador Borch, the Permanent Representative of his country to the United Nations, is eminently qualified for the post of Chairman of the First Committee.

5. After a distinguished career in the field of his country's bilateral and multilateral diplomacy, at the Foreign Ministry of Denmark as well as in Bonn and Paris, Ambassador Borch came to the United Nations in 1967 as chief

representative of his country. Since then he has served with competence on the Security Council as the representative of his country, as chairman of the Danish delegation to sessions of the General Assembly—from the twenty-second to the present one—as Vice-President of the twenty-fourth session, as Chairman of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly and, at present, as Chairman of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa.

6. I should like to recall in particular the dedication, the wisdom and the great skill with which he presided over the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly. Under his able guidance that Committee made important contributions towards improving the procedures and organization of the General Assembly.

7. As you can see, Ambassador Borch has an impressive record of service at the United Nations and there is no doubt that the First Committee will greatly benefit by electing him as its Chairman.

8. I formally propose that Ambassador Otto Borch of Denmark be elected as Chairman of the First Committee for the twenty-eighth session of the Assembly.

9. The TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Rule 94 of the rules of procedure is not applicable in this case because there is only one candidate. Hence, in accordance with rule 105, I declare Mr. Borch of Denmark elected Chairman of the First Committee by acclamation.

Mr. Otto R. Borch (Denmark) was elected Chairman by acclamation.

The meeting rose at 8.50 p.m.