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President: Ms. Juul (Norway)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.05 p.m.

Agenda item 1: Election of the Bureau (continued)

1. **The President** said that the Group of African States had endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Hilale (Morocco) as Vice-President of the Council for its 2020 session.
2. *Mr. Hilale (Morocco) was elected Vice-President of the Council by acclamation.*
3. **Mr. Hilale** (Morocco) said that he looked forward to working with the President with a high level of engagement, determination and openness, as he had with her predecessor. When presiding over the humanitarian segment of the Council's work, Morocco would do its best to ensure that the meetings were conducted with energy and purpose and, most importantly, that they met the expectations of all of the members of the Council.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (continued) (E/2020/1; E/2020/L.1)

4. **The President**, informing the Council of the agreement reached by the Bureau with regard to its division of responsibilities for the 2020 session, said that she herself would conduct the high-level segment; the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council; the forum on financing for development follow-up; the Development Cooperation Forum; the special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters; and any joint meetings or other special meetings that might be convened. Mr. Sandoval Mendiola (Mexico), Vice-President, would conduct the operational activities for development segment; Mr. Hilale (Morocco), Vice-President, would conduct the humanitarian affairs segment; Mr. Margaryan (Armenia), Vice-President, would conduct the integration segment; and Ms. Lodhi (Pakistan), Vice-President, would conduct the management meetings, including the elections to fill vacancies in the Council's subsidiary and related bodies.

Agenda item 19: Social and human rights questions

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/2020/3; E/2020/L.2)

5. **The President** reminded delegations that a note verbale dated 26 July 2019 from the Permanent Mission of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General had been circulated as document E/2020/3.

Draft decision E/2020/L.2: Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

6. **The President** said that draft decision E/2020/L.2 contained no programme budget implications.
 7. **Mr. Konfourou** (Mali) said that his Government's decision to present the candidature of Mali for membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees stemmed from the country's long-standing interest in matters relating to refugees and internally displaced persons, reflected in its ratification of a number of relevant international conventions. Since January 2012, Mali had been in the throes of a multidimensional crisis that had caused huge movements of its people both within and beyond its borders.
 8. With partners, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, his Government continued to take national, bilateral and multilateral measures to assist and protect those affected by the crisis, seeking to find appropriate responses to the humanitarian situation and the movements of people, and to combat statelessness. Membership of the Executive Committee would allow Mali to enhance its cooperation with the United Nations system, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, for the management of refugees and internally displaced and repatriated persons. It would also enable Mali to share its significant experience in the service of the international community.
 9. *Draft decision E/2020/L.2 was adopted.*
- The meeting rose at 3.20 p.m.*