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President: Mr. Kutesa (Uganda)

*In the absence of the President, Ms. Rambally
(Saint Lucia), Vice-President, took the Chair.*

The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Agenda item 112 (continued)

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections

(a) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Note by the Secretary-General (A/69/291/Add.1)

The Acting President: The General Assembly will now resume its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 112 for the election of three members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination. Pursuant to General Assembly decision 42/450 of 17 December 1987 and upon the nomination by the Economic and Social Council, the Assembly elects the members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

Members will recall that at its 32nd plenary meeting, held on 29 October, the General Assembly elected 13 members to the Committee for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 2015. Members will also recall that the Economic and Social Council, by its decision 2014/201 A of 23 April 2014, postponed the nomination of three members from Asia-Pacific States and four members from Western European and other States for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning 1 January 2015.

In this connection, the Assembly has before it a note by the Secretary-General, contained in document A/69/291/Add.1. As indicated in that document, by its decision 2014/201 B of 17 November 2014, the Economic and Social Council nominated Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United States of America for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning 1 January 2015 and expiring on 31 December 2017.

In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, all elections should be held by secret ballot, and there shall be no nominations. However, I should like to recall paragraph 16 of General Assembly decision 34/401, whereby the practice of dispensing with the secret ballot for elections to subsidiary organs when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled should become standard unless a delegation specifically requests a vote on a given election. In the absence of such a request, may I take it that the General Assembly decides to proceed to the elections on the basis of dispensing with a secret ballot?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: The number of States nominated from among the Asia-Pacific States and the Western European and other States is lower than the number of seats to be filled in each of those groups. May I therefore take it that the General Assembly wishes to declare Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United States of America elected as members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2015 and expiring on 31 December 2017?

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It was so decided.

The Acting President: Members are reminded that the Economic and Social Council decided to further postpone the nomination of three members from Western European and other States for election by the General Assembly, two members for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2014 and one member for a term beginning on the dates of election and expiring on 31 December 2015, and also decided to postpone the nomination for one member from Asia-Pacific States and three members from the Western European and other States for a three-year term, beginning on 1 January 2015 and expiring on 31 December 2017.

The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 112.

Agenda item 123 (continued)

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization

(v) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

Draft resolutions (A/69/L.31, A/69/L.11/Rev.1 and A/69/L.15)

The Acting President: Members will recall that the Assembly held its debate on agenda item 123 and its sub-items (a) to (y) at its 48th plenary meeting, on 11 November.

I now give the floor to the representative of Myanmar to introduce draft resolution A/69/L.31.

Mr. Kyaw Tin (Myanmar): I have the honour to speak on behalf of the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam and my own country, Myanmar, to introduce the draft resolution contained in document A/69/L.31, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations", under agenda item 123 (c). The draft

resolution is sponsored by a total of nearly 80 United Nations Member States, including 10 members of ASEAN and a large number of United Nations Member States from Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which was established in 1967, has become a dynamic and outward-looking regional organization. We will realize the establishment of an ASEAN community by the end of next year. ASEAN has a long history of forging friendly ties with other countries, as well as regional and international organizations. ASEAN was founded on the same principles as those guiding the United Nations. That is clearly reflected in the ASEAN Charter, which includes as one of its principles a specific provision to uphold the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

ASEAN believes that the United Nations and regional organizations have unique and complementary capacities and great potential to help their respective members address global issues of common interest and strive for peace, security and sustainable development at the regional and global levels. Both ASEAN and the United Nations have a long history of engagement based on the common desire to promote cooperation on the political, security, economic and socioeconomic pillars.

Over the past decades, ASEAN has further broadened not only its cooperation with the United Nations, but also its interactions with States Members of the United Nations and many other regional and international organizations to strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation. ASEAN established a dialogue on partner relations with the United Nations in 2006. A Memorandum of Understanding on ASEAN-United Nations cooperation was signed in New York on 27 September 2007 in order to forge the partnership between the two organizations.

Following the adoption of the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between ASEAN and the United Nations in 2011, relations between the two organizations have progressed significantly, with new achievements in all key areas of cooperation. That has strengthened the ASEAN-United Nations partnership's fulfillment of common goals, while contributing to ASEAN community-building efforts. We are happy to note that the frequent convening of ASEAN-United Nations summits, regular ASEAN-United Nations ministerial meetings and secretariat-to-secretariat

dialogue have further advanced ASEAN-United Nations interactions and cooperation. ASEAN also welcomes the recent United Nations decision appointing a United Nations liaison officer in Jakarta to strengthen joint activities and implement the ASEAN-United Nations Comprehensive Partnership.

At the sixth ASEAN-United Nations Summit, concluded in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on 12 November under Myanmar's chairmanship, the leaders of ASEAN and the Secretary-General expressed their commitment to further deepening and broadening cooperation between the two organizations and welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN-United Nations work plan for 2015. The work plan sets out priority areas for the implementation of the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between the two organizations. The work plan is of critical importance in the context of ASEAN community-building in 2015, the Association's deliberation on the ASEAN community's post-2015 vision, and the global discussion on the post-2015 development agenda.

The resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations" was first introduced by ASEAN at the General Assembly in 2002 (resolution 57/35). The resolution welcomed cooperation between the two organizations and encouraged them to increase contacts and further identify areas of cooperation, as appropriate. Since then, ASEAN has submitted the draft text to the General Assembly biennially, with the broad support of States Members of the United Nations, to underscore and strengthen cooperation between ASEAN and the United Nations.

The draft resolution introduced today is based on resolution 67/110, of 17 December 2012, with updates reflecting some of the important developments that have taken place in ASEAN and in ASEAN-United Nations cooperation over the past two years. The draft resolution once again welcomes the progress made in the ongoing cooperation activities between the two organizations and encourages the United Nations to work with ASEAN to further intensify the level and framework for their cooperation.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity to express, on behalf of the 10 member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, our sincere thanks to all of the sponsors of the draft resolution and to all Member States for their continued support for the draft text, which has enjoyed wide sponsorship and has

been adopted by consensus in the General Assembly since 2002. In view of that, I would like to request all Member States to lend their continued support to this year's draft resolution by adopting it by consensus, as in the previous years.

The Acting President: I give the floor to the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to introduce draft resolution A/69/L.11/Rev. 1.

Mr. Mokhtari (Islamic Republic of Iran): I am grateful for the opportunity to introduce draft resolution A/69/L.11/Rev.1, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization", on behalf of the members of that organization.

As the current Chair of the Council of Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), the Islamic Republic of Iran had the honour to facilitate the consultations on the draft text of this biannual resolution. The main draft was based on resolution 67/14, of the same title, as amended and approved by the Council of Permanent Representatives of ECO on 27 August and later adopted at its ministerial meeting here in New York on the sidelines of the general debate of the General Assembly in September. Since then, the draft text, under sub-item (k) of agenda item 123, has been through the Assembly's consultation process in November, facilitated by my delegation.

The text of the draft acknowledges developments since the original resolution's adoption, including in ECO's relations with the United Nations. Additionally, in the context of implementing international development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, it invites the United Nations development system and other international economic and financial institutions to consider supporting ECO in its capacity-building for following up and implementing various development goals and priorities.

On behalf of the ECO countries, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the representatives who participated so actively and constructively in the consultations for the flexibility they showed throughout the process, without which no agreement would have been possible. We are also grateful to those delegations that showed understanding in agreeing to the terms of the draft resolution.

The Acting President: We shall now proceed to consider A/69/L.31, A/69/L.11/Rev.1 and A/69/L.15.

Draft resolution A/69/L.31 is entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations”.

I give the floor to the representative of the Secretariat.

Mr. Botnaru (Department for General Assembly and Conference Management): I should like to announce that since the submission of the draft resolution, the following delegations have also become sponsors of A/69/L.31: Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Hungary, Iceland, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Portugal, the Solomon Islands, Sweden, Tonga, Turkey and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Acting President: May I take it that the General Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution A/69/L.31?

Draft resolution A/69/L.31 was adopted (resolution 69/110).

The Acting President: Draft resolution A/69/L.11/Rev.1 is entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization”. May I take it that the General Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution A/69/L.11/Rev.1?

Draft resolution A/69/L.11/Rev.1 was adopted (resolution 69/111).

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution A/69/L.15, entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization”.

I now give the floor to the representative of the Secretariat.

Mr. Botnaru (Department for General Assembly and Conference Management): I should like to announce that, since the submission of the draft resolution and in addition to those delegations listed in the draft document, the following countries have become sponsors of A/69/L.15: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina

Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Estonia, Finland, France, the Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay.

The Acting President: May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution A/69/L.15?

Draft resolution A/69/L.15 was adopted (resolution 69/112).

The Acting President: Before giving the floor to speakers in explanation of position on the resolutions just adopted, I would like to remind delegations that explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Mr. Soteriou (Cyprus): Concerning resolution 69/111, “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization”, which has just been adopted, my delegation wishes to state for the record that Cyprus dissociates itself from the consensus on that resolution for the following reasons.

In paragraph 2, the resolution takes note of the Baku Declaration, issued at the twelfth summit meeting of the Heads of State and Government of States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), held on 16 October 2012 in Azerbaijan. The Baku Declaration endorses the report of the Council of Ministers at its twentieth meeting and instructs the Secretary General of ECO to ensure its full implementation.

We are informed that the report recommends that a so-called Turkish Cypriot State be given the status of observer in the Economic Cooperation Organization. In effect, therefore, the Baku Declaration is calling on the Secretary General of that organization to act against Security Council and General Assembly resolutions on Cyprus.

In that context, I would particularly like to recall Security Council resolutions 541 (1983) and 550

(1984), which state that the declaration of a purported secession of part of the Republic of Cyprus is legally invalid and call for its withdrawal. In those resolutions, the Security Council condemned all such secessionist acts and called on all States to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and not to recognize any Cypriot State other than the Republic of Cyprus. It also called on all States not to facilitate or in any way assist the secessionist entity. I would also like to recall the General Assembly's resolutions on Cyprus, specifically resolutions 3212 (XXIX), of 1974, and 37/253, of 1983, also calling on all States to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus.

My delegation reiterates those calls of the main bodies of the United Nations on all member States of the Economic Cooperation Organization. We strongly urge them and the Secretary General of ECO not to act against United Nations resolutions by according observer status to an illegal secessionist entity. We sincerely hope that ECO and its member States will re-evaluate their position on the issue and, in view of their aspirations to cooperation with the United Nations, act in compliance with its Charter.

Further to our stated position of principle, which is based on decisions of the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly, we also wish to call on the facilitator of the resolution and some of the sponsors of its text to demonstrate more flexibility and transparency in future discussions on the substance of the text, something that unfortunately was not the case during this year's consultations.

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-items c, k and v of agenda item 123?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 7 (continued)

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

The Acting President: The Assembly now has before it a report of the Fifth Committee on sub-item (b) of agenda item 113, entitled "Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions" (A/69/565/Add.1). In order for the Assembly to consider that report, it will be necessary to reopen consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 113.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to reopen consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 113 and proceed immediately to its consideration?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 113 (continued)

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/565/Add.1)

The Acting President: In paragraph 3 of its report, the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Toshiro Ozawa of Japan as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 21 December 2014 and ending on 31 December 2015.

May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to appoint Mr. Toshiro Ozawa as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 21 December 2014 and ending on 31 December 2015?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 113.

Agenda item 140

United Nations pension system

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/637)

The Acting President: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the report of the Fifth Committee that is before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The Acting President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the recommendation of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that

“When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation’s vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee”.

May I further remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendation contained in the report of the Fifth Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Fifth Committee.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution, entitled “United Nations pension system”, without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/113).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 140.

Agenda item 113 (continued)

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

(i) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal

Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/69/555)

Report of the Internal Justice Council (A/69/373)

Note by the President of the General Assembly (A/69/373/Add.1)

The Acting President: As indicated in document A/69/555, the General Assembly is required, during the sixty-ninth session, to appoint a judge to the United Nations Appeals Tribunal to serve the remainder of the seven-year term, which commenced on 1 July 2012, of Judge Jean Courtial, who has resigned his position as a

judge of the Appeals Tribunal, effective 31 December 2013.

As also indicated in paragraph 16 of document A/69/555, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2 of the statute of the Appeals Tribunal,

“The judges shall be appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Internal Justice Council in accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/228. No two judges shall be of the same nationality. Due regard shall be given to geographical distribution and gender balance.”

The names and curricula vitae of the candidates recommended for appointment to the Appeals Tribunal are contained in document A/69/373. Information on the withdrawal of one of the candidates, namely Judge Manuel Mazuelos Fernandez-Figueroa, of Spain, is contained in document A/69/373/Add.1.

Article 3, paragraph 3 of the statute of the Appeals Tribunal requires that in order to be eligible for appointment, a person shall be of high moral character and possess at least 15 years of judicial experience in the field of administrative law or the equivalent within one or more national jurisdictions.

In document A/69/555, it is proposed that the General Assembly proceed to appoint a judge of the Appeals Tribunal by way of an election, bearing in mind paragraph 58 of resolution 63/253, in which the Assembly invited

“Member States, when electing judges to the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, to take due consideration of geographical distribution and gender balance”.

If there is no objection, may I take it that the General Assembly agrees to the proposal?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: The candidate who obtains the largest number of votes and a majority of the votes of those present and voting shall be considered elected and thereby appointed by the General Assembly to the Appeals Tribunal.

Also, balloting shall continue, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, until one candidate has obtained, in one or more ballots, a majority of votes of the members present and voting.

May I take it that the General Assembly agrees to those procedures?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: The General Assembly will now proceed to the election of a judge of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal. Only those candidates whose names appear on the ballot papers are eligible for election. Representatives are requested to indicate the candidate for whom they wish to vote by placing a cross to the left of the candidate's name on the ballot paper. Each representative may vote for not more than one candidate for appointment to the Tribunal.

The election will be held in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Therefore, in accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, the election shall be held by secret ballot and there shall be no nominations.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting. In addition, ballot papers will be given only to the delegate seated directly behind the country's nameplate.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers will now be distributed. I request representatives to indicate the candidate for whom they wish to vote by placing a cross to the left of the candidate's name on the ballot paper. I would also like to remind delegates that they may vote for not more than one candidate for appointment to the Appeals Tribunal. A ballot will be declared invalid if more than one name is marked for appointment to the Tribunal.

At the invitation of the President, Ms. Anjum (Bangladesh), Ms. Johnson (Jamaica), Ms. Verøyvik (Norway), Mrs. Rolón Candia (Paraguay), Mrs. Oanță (Romania) and Mr. Silwamba (Zambia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 11.05 a.m. and resumed at 11.35 p.m.

The Acting President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	165
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	165
Abstentions:	9
Number of members voting	156
Required majority:	79
Number of votes obtained:	

Ms. Deborah Thomas-Felix (Trinidad and Tobago):	103
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Ms. Sabine Knierim (Germany):	53
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Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Ms. Deborah Thomas-Felix (Trinidad and Tobago) was elected a judge of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal for a term of office beginning on 10 December 2014 and ending on 30 June 2019.

The Acting President: I take this opportunity to extend to Ms. Deborah Thomas-Felix the congratulations of the Assembly on her election and to thank the tellers for their efforts.

The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 113.

I should like to inform members that the consideration of the reports of the Sixth Committee will begin promptly at noon. I will therefore suspend this meeting until noon, at which time we will begin our consideration of the reports of the Sixth Committee.

The meeting was suspended at 11.35 p.m. and resumed at noon.

Reports of the Sixth Committee

The Acting President: The General Assembly will now consider the reports of the Sixth Committee on agenda items 75 to 85, 107, 118, 133 and 168 to 172. I request the Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee, Mr. Salvatore Zappalá of Italy, to introduce the reports of the Committee in one intervention.

Mr. Zappalá (Italy), Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee: I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Sixth Committee on its work during the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

The Assembly allocated to the Committee 18 substantive and 3 procedural agenda items. Except for the item relating to the election of officers, all those agenda items fall under three of the headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, namely, "Promotion

of justice and international law”, “Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations” and “Organizational, administrative and other matters”. I will introduce the reports of the Sixth Committee on the various items in the order in which they fall under those three headings.

I begin with the first heading, “Promotion of justice and international law”, under which the Sixth Committee considered 11 agenda items and adopted 13 draft resolutions.

The Sixth Committee considered agenda item 75, entitled “Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission”. The report on this agenda item is contained in document A/69/495, and the draft resolution recommended to the Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 7 thereof. The draft resolution affirms the various measures adopted in previous resolutions aimed at ensuring the criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission and reiterates its decision to form a working group of the Sixth Committee during its seventieth session.

The report on agenda item 76, entitled “Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-seventh session”, is contained in document A/69/496. The Sixth Committee recommended two draft resolutions for adoption by the General Assembly, which are reproduced in the report.

Under the terms of the first draft resolution, the Assembly would, *inter alia*, note with appreciation that the secretariat of the Commission has taken steps to establish and operate the repository of published information under the Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration as a pilot project, and request the Secretary-General to keep the Assembly informed of developments regarding the funding and budgetary situation of the repository. It would further take note with interest of the decisions taken by the Commission with regard to its future work and the progress made by the Commission in its work in several areas.

Under the terms of the second draft resolution, the Assembly would adopt the United Nations Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration, the text of which is annexed to the draft resolution. The Assembly would also authorize a ceremony for the opening for signature of the Convention, to be held in Port Louis on 17 March 2015.

The report on agenda item 77, entitled “United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law”, is found in document A/69/497, and the draft resolution recommended to the Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 7 thereof. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Assembly would reaffirm that the Programme constitutes a core activity of the United Nations and recognize the Programme’s important contribution to the furtherance of the United Nations rule-of-law programmes and activities. The Assembly would, *inter alia*, note with serious concern that the provisions of paragraphs 7 of resolutions 66/97, 67/91 and 68/110 have not been implemented and would therefore decide to revisit the matter of funding for the Programme under the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, in particular the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law and the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law for the year 2015. It would request the Secretary-General to include additional resources under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the organization of the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for the Asia-Pacific region and for Latin America and the Caribbean each year, and for the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library. It would also request the Secretary-General to include in the regular budget, for consideration by the Assembly, the necessary funding for the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea, with effect from the biennium 2016-2017, should voluntary contributions be insufficient for granting at least one fellowship per year.

The report on agenda item 78, entitled “Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-sixth session”, is contained in document A/69/498, and the two draft resolutions recommended to the Assembly for adoption are reproduced in paragraph 10 of the report.

Under draft resolution I, the Assembly would, among other things, express its appreciation to the Commission for the work accomplished at its sixty-sixth session and recommend that it continue its work on the topics in its current programme. Furthermore, the Assembly would decide that the next session of the Commission would be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 4 May to 5 June and from 6 July to 7 August 2015.

Under the terms of draft resolution II, the Assembly would, *inter alia*, welcome the conclusion of the work of the Commission on the expulsion of aliens and its adoption of the draft articles and a detailed commentary on the subject, take note of the recommendation of the Commission contained in paragraph 42 of its report on the work of its sixty-sixth session, and decide that the consideration of that recommendation would be continued at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly.

The report on agenda item 79, entitled “Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts”, is contained in document A/69/499, and the draft resolution recommended to the Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 8 thereof. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Assembly would, *inter alia*, affirm the necessity of making the implementation of international humanitarian law more effective and support its further strengthening and development.

The report on agenda item 80, entitled “Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives”, is contained in document A/69/500, and the draft resolution recommended to the Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 8 of the report. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Assembly would, among other things, strongly condemn acts of violence against diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, as well as against missions and representatives to international intergovernmental organizations and officials of such organizations, and urge States to ensure, in conformity with their international obligations, the protection, security and safety of the missions, representatives and officials mentioned above.

The report on agenda item 81, entitled “Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization”, is contained in document A/69/501. The draft resolution recommended to the Assembly for adoption is contained in paragraph 9 thereof. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Assembly would, *inter alia*, request the Special Committee to continue its consideration of all proposals being considered under the various clusters of the issues on its programme, as well as invite the Special Committee to consider the question of an appropriate commemoration of the

seventieth anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations.

The report on agenda item 82, entitled “The rule of law at the national and international levels”, is contained in document A/69/502. Under the terms of the draft resolution, which is contained in paragraph 7 of the report, the Assembly would, *inter alia*, invite Member States to focus their comments at the Sixth Committee debates during its seventieth session on the sub-topic “The role of multilateral treaty processes in promoting and advancing the rule of law”.

The report on agenda item 83, entitled “The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction”, is contained in document A/69/503. Under the draft resolution recommended for adoption, which is reproduced in paragraph 9 of the report, the Assembly would decide that the Sixth Committee shall continue its consideration of the matter next year, including in the context of a working group of the Committee, which would further undertake a thorough discussion of the item.

The relevant report on agenda item 84, entitled “Effects of armed conflicts on treaties”, is contained in document A/69/504, and the draft resolution recommended to the Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 6 thereof. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Assembly would request the Secretary-General to invite Governments to submit written comments on any future action regarding the articles on the effects of armed conflicts on treaties, adopted by the International Law Commission in 2011. The Assembly would also decide to include the item in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session with a view to examining, *inter alia*, the question of the form that might be given to the articles.

The last report on this cluster relates to agenda item 85, entitled “Responsibility of international organizations”. It is contained in document A/69/505, and the draft resolution recommended to the Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 6 of the report. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare an initial compilation of decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies referring to the articles on the responsibility of international organizations, adopted by the International Law Commission in 2011, and to invite Governments and international organizations to submit information on their practice in

that regard, as well as written comments on any future action regarding the articles. The Assembly would also request the Secretary-General to submit such material well in advance of its seventy-second session, in 2017, and would also decide to include the item in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session with a view to examining, among other things, the question of the form that might be given to the articles.

I shall now turn to the second heading, “Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations”, under which the Sixth Committee considered agenda item 107, entitled “Measures to eliminate international terrorism”.

The relevant report on this single item is contained in document A/69/506, and the draft resolution recommended to the Assembly for adoption is reproduced in paragraph 9 thereof. By its terms, it is envisaged that a working group would be established at the seventieth session with a view to finalizing the process on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism as well as discussions on the item included in its agenda by resolution 54/110, while encouraging all Member States to redouble their efforts during the intersessional period towards resolving any outstanding issues.

Under the third and final heading, “Organizational, administrative and other matters”, the Sixth Committee considered six substantive and two procedural items.

Agenda item 144, entitled “Administration of justice at the United Nations”, was allocated to the Fifth and Sixth Committees. The views of the Sixth Committee on this item were transmitted to the Fifth Committee through a letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 29 October 2014, which is annexed to document A/C.5/69/10.

The report on agenda item 168, entitled “Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country”, is contained in document A/69/510, and the draft resolution recommended to the Assembly for adoption appears in paragraph 8 of the report and, *inter alia*, requests the Committee to continue its work in conformity with resolution 2819 (XXVI).

Furthermore, the Sixth Committee considered four requests for observer status in the General Assembly. It recommended that the Assembly grant observer status to the Developing Eight Countries Organization for Economic Cooperation, under agenda item 171, and to

the Pacific Community, under agenda item 172. The Committee recommended that the Assembly defer taking a decision on the request for observer status in the General Assembly for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States, under agenda item 169, to the seventieth session of the Assembly.

The coordinating delegation for agenda item 170, entitled “Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly”, decided not to pursue the request for observer status in the Assembly for the International Chamber of Commerce at the current session, while reserving the right to present it at a future session. The Sixth Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item without taking action.

The reports concerning those requests are found in documents A/69/513, A/69/514, A/69/511 and A/69/512, respectively. The relevant draft resolutions and draft decisions are reproduced in paragraph 7 of documents A/69/513 and A/69/514 and in paragraph 8 of document A/69/511.

Concerning two procedural items, namely, agenda item 118, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, and agenda item 133, entitled “Programme planning”, the report under agenda item 118, which contains the provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee at the seventieth session, is contained in document A/69/507. The draft decision by which the Assembly would take note of the provisional programme of work is reproduced in paragraph 7 of the report. The report on agenda item 133 is contained in document A/69/508, and no further action by the Assembly is recommended.

The Committee adopted without a vote the draft resolutions and the draft decisions relating to the agenda items under all three headings, and it is my hope that the General Assembly will be in a position to do the same.

Finally, I wish to inform the Assembly that there is no report in respect of agenda item 5, entitled “Election of the officers of the Main Committees”. Consistent with previous practice, the election of the officers of the Sixth Committee for the seventieth session will be taken up at a later stage in the course of the current session.

This concludes my introduction of the reports of the Sixth Committee. Let me take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee, Ambassador Manongi of the United

Republic of Tanzania, for his dedicated work and for the commendable leadership that he provided to the Committee, as well as the other members of the Bureau, Ms. Fernanda Millicay of Argentina, Mr. Mirza Pašić of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Mr. Hossein Gharibi of the Islamic Republic of Iran, for their cooperation. I also wish to thank all the representatives and colleagues for their valuable contributions to the success of this session. Finally, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the secretariat of the Sixth Committee and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs for their efficient and valuable support and for the competent and professional advice provided throughout the session.

The Acting President: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Sixth Committee that are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The Acting President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Sixth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that, under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that:

“When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation’s vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee”.

May I also remind delegations that explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Sixth Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Committee, unless the secretariat is notified otherwise in advance. I therefore hope that we may proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Committee.

Members are reminded that additional sponsors are no longer accepted now that draft resolutions and decisions have been adopted by the Committee. Any clarification about sponsorship should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee.

Agenda item 75

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/495)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/114).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 76

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-seventh session

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/496)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it two draft resolutions recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I and II.

Draft resolution I is entitled “Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-seventh session”. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 69/115).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled “United Nations Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration”. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 69/116).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 77

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/497)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/117).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 78

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-sixth session

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/498)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it two draft resolutions recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report. We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I and II.

We turn first to draft resolution I, entitled "Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-sixth session". The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 69/118).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Expulsion of aliens". The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 69/119).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 79

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/499)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/120).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 80

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/500)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/121).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 81**Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/501)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. We will now take action on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/122).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 82**The rule of law at the national and international levels****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/502)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/123).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 83**The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/503)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it

without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/124).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 83?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 84**Effects of armed conflicts on treaties****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/504)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/125).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 84?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 85**Responsibility of international organizations****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/505)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/126).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 85?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 107**Measures to eliminate international terrorism****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/506)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/127).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 107?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 168**Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/510)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/128).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 168?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 169**Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/511)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take action on the draft decision. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted (decision 69/527).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 169?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 170**Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/512)**

The Acting President: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Sixth Committee?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 170?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 171**Observer status for the Developing Eight Countries Organization for Economic Cooperation in the General Assembly****Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/513)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Sixth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/129).

The Acting President: I now give the floor to the representative of Pakistan, who wishes to speak in explanation of position on the draft resolution just adopted.

Mr. Masood Khan (Pakistan): We thank the General Assembly for giving observer status to the Developing Eight Countries Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) in the General Assembly. We are grateful to all members of the General Assembly for unanimously adopting this resolution (resolution 69/129).

The D-8 Organization has been promoting development cooperation among its member States — Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey — since 1997. The objectives of the D-8 Organization are the promotion of member States' role in the global economy, the creation of new opportunities in their trade relations and the improvement of standards of living in the member States. The D-8 objectives are synergistic with the objectives of the United Nations. We would therefore work in synchronization with the United Nations.

The observer status of the D-8 will help it in furthering its objectives and developing synergies with the United Nations socioeconomic and sustainable development objectives. Its links with the United Nations will yield mutual benefits for the two organizations. In the current session, we would particularly like to focus on the development of the post-2015 development agenda. We look forward to working with all States Members of the United Nations.

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 171?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 172

Observer status for the Pacific Community in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/514)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/130).

The Acting President: I now give the floor to the representative of Fiji, who wishes to speak in explanation of position on the resolution just adopted.

Mr. Thomson (Fiji): I do not wish to disrupt the admirable flow of your adoptions, Madam President, but I would just quickly take the floor to explain our position.

We are taking this brief opportunity to thank all Member States for their support in the adoption of

resolution 69/130. I would like to also acknowledge the collaborative efforts of the wise experts of the Sixth Committee in their deliberations on the resolution.

The adoption of this resolution today is a step in the right direction for the sustainable development in the Pacific region, particularly for the Pacific small island developing States, as it will help synchronize our development programmes with those of the United Nations agencies and programmes. This resolution was initially submitted by Fiji in support of the decision taken by the eighth ministerial conference of the Pacific Community, of which Fiji is the current Chair.

The Pacific Community is one of the most important development organizations in our region, as evidenced by the assistance the organization provides to its membership in the implementation and monitoring of development activities in our region. The Pacific Community currently provides assistance to its membership in such critical areas as energy, transport, public health, agricultural development, disaster reduction, human development, development statistics and oceans and fisheries.

This resolution is especially important in the context of finalizing and implementing the post-2015 development agenda. We welcome the granting of observer status to the Pacific Community, coming as it does at this very important juncture, as we jointly design the post-2015 development agenda.

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 172?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 118 (continued)

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/507)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take action on the draft decision, entitled "Provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee for the seventieth session of the General Assembly". The Sixth Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted (decision 69/529).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 118.

Agenda item 133 (*continued*)

Programme planning

Report of the Sixth Committee (A/69/508)

The Acting President: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Sixth Committee?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 133.

On behalf of the General Assembly, I would like to thank His Excellency Mr. Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi of the United Republic of Tanzania, Chair of the Sixth Committee, the members of the Bureau, the Secretary of the Committee and representatives for a job well done.

The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Sixth Committee before it.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.