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Chairperson: Mr. Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras)

The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Election of the Chairperson and the Bureau of the First Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

The Chairperson (*spoke in Spanish*): Members of the First Committee will recall that, at its 23rd meeting, held on 10 June 2009, the Committee, in accordance with rule 99 (a) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, elected Mr. José Luis Cancela, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations, as Chairperson of the First Committee at the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly. I should like to take this opportunity to reiterate our congratulations to Mr. Cancela and to express to him our desire to contribute to the success of his chairmanship of the First Committee. I once again assure him of our full cooperation.

This meeting has been convened to elect the remaining meetings of the Bureau. As members will also recall, at the 23rd meeting we were unable to proceed to the nomination of the Committee's Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur owing to the need to finalize several details pertaining to the composition of the Bureau. Before proceeding, I should like to thank those who served alongside me in the Bureau during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, — Mr. Martin Zvachula of the Federated States of Micronesia, Mr. Ivan Mutavdžić of Croatia, Mr. Miguel Graça of Portugal and our friend Mr. Coly Seck of Senegal — for all the cooperation, guidance and

friendship they extended to me during my chairmanship.

We shall now proceed to the election of the three Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur of the First Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly. In that connection, it is my pleasure to put before the Committee the following nominations for the posts of Vice-Chairpersons of the First Committee: for the Group of African States, Mr. Hossam Aly of Egypt; for the Group of Asian States, Mr. Hilario Davide, Permanent Representative of the Philippines; and for the Group of Western European and other States, Mr. Florian Laudi of Germany. I am also pleased to inform the Committee that Ms. Tatyana Pokhval'ona of Ukraine has been nominated by the Group of Eastern European States for the post of Rapporteur.

Bearing in mind that those four candidates for the posts of Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur have been endorsed and nominated by their respective regional groups unanimously, I expect that the Committee would wish to proceed to elect them by acclamation.

It was so decided.

The Chairperson (*spoke in Spanish*): Allow me, on behalf of the Committee, to express our sincere congratulations to Ambassador Mr. José Luis Cancela on his election as Chairperson, to Mr. Hossam Aly, Mr. Hilario Davide and Mr. Florian Laudi on their election as Vice-Chairpersons, and to Ms. Tatyana Pokhval'ona on her election as Rapporteur of the First Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General

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Assembly. I extend to them my full cooperation and support whenever they deem it necessary.

I would also like to thank the Department for Disarmament Affairs for all its support, as well as Mr. Jarmo Sareva of the Department for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Management, who will excuse me for conveying to him personally my most sincere appreciation. I should like to inform the Committee that it is likely that he will not be with us next year. As I understand it, he is to transfer to the United Nations Office in Geneva. Although I

personally consider that a loss for the Committee, I know that his move will be a positive thing for him and his family. I should therefore like to congratulate him and wish him every success. I thank him for all the time and good work he has devoted to the First Committee, and wish him the best of luck.

I hereby end my service as Chairperson of the Committee. My gratitude goes out to all for their cooperation and friendship. I remain at their service from my position at the Bank of Honduras.

The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.