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The meeting was called to order at 9.30 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items (continued)

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Peru (A/57/232)

1. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Balarezo (Peru) took a place at the Committee table.*

2. **Mr. Balarezo** (Peru) informed the Committee that consultations were still under way regarding the proposal for the inclusion of an additional item entitled “South American Zone of Peace and Cooperation” in the agenda of the current session. He therefore requested that consideration of the request should be deferred.

3. *It was so decided.*

4. *Mr. Balarezo (Peru) withdrew.*

Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by Cambodia (A/57/233)

5. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Ouch (Cambodia) took a place at the Committee table.*

6. **Mr. Ouch** (Cambodia), referring to the request for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional sub-item, under item 22, entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of South-East Asian Nations”, said that the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) had been a development partner with the United Nations for many decades. Closer cooperation would deepen regional integration, help meet the challenges posed by emerging trends in a globalized world and contribute to accelerated economic growth, social and cultural development and peace and stability in the region.

7. **Mr. Thayeb** (Indonesia) expressed his delegation’s support for the statement made by the representative of Cambodia. Both the United Nations and ASEAN shared the goal of increasing international peace and security through economic and social growth and cooperation between peace-loving nations. Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations expressly recognized the role regional organizations could play. Moreover, the Secretary-General had often stressed the need for a collective response to the challenges facing the international community, to which increased United

Nations/ASEAN cooperation would contribute. Increased cooperation would also assist ASEAN in meeting its goals in the areas of economic growth, social and cultural development and regional stability and peace.

8. *The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional sub-item in the agenda of the fifty-seventh session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.*

The meeting rose at 9.40 a.m.