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Chairman: Ms. Al-Khalifa (President of the General Assembly) (Bahrain)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.10 a.m.

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Allocation of items (continued)

Item 68. Report of the Human Rights Council

1. **The Chairman** recalled that at its 2nd meeting the Committee had decided to defer consideration of the allocation of item 149 of the draft agenda. She informed the Committee that an understanding had now been reached on the matter.

2. Accordingly, she would take it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Assembly that agenda item 68, entitled "Report of the Human Rights Council", should be considered in plenary meeting and in the Third Committee, on the understanding that the Third Committee would consider and act on all recommendations of the Human Rights Council to the General Assembly, including those that dealt with the development of international law in the field of human rights. Taking into account that recommendation, the plenary Assembly would consider the annual report of the Human Rights Council on its activities for the year.

3. She also took it that the allocation of the item both to the plenary Assembly and to the Third Committee, and the understanding of the division of work between them, had been agreed upon with the understanding that that arrangement was due to the fact that the Human Rights Council had only commenced its work in June 2006. It was also understood that the arrangement was in no way a reinterpretation of General Assembly resolution 60/251 and would be reviewed before the beginning of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly, on the basis of the experience gained with the efficiency and practicality of the arrangement.

4. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.