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Chair: Mr. Bhattarai (Nepal)

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The meeting was called to order at 12.05 p.m.

Agenda item 52: Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (*continued*) (A/69/19 and A/C.4/69/L.19)

1. **The Chair** recalled that the Committee had held a general debate on agenda item 52 in October 2014. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations had adopted its report (A/69/19) at its 2015 session. The report was now before the Committee at the resumed session.

2. **Mr. Aljowaily** (Egypt) speaking as Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and introducing the report (A/69/19), said that the Special Committee had met from 17 February to 13 March 2015. After the general debate, the Working Group of the Whole had met to discuss and finalize the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee.

3. At the Special Committee's 2015 session, its membership had increased to 151, with Bhutan, Liberia and Myanmar becoming full members in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136 of 13 December 1996; 11 States and organizations had participated as observers.

Draft resolution A/C.4/69/L.19: Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

4. **The Chair** drew attention to the draft resolution (A/C.4/69/L.19) submitted under item 52, and informed the Committee that it entailed no programme budget implications.

5. **Mr. Aljowaily** (Egypt) introduced the draft resolution, which was based on those adopted in recent years. Under paragraphs 2 and 3, the General Assembly would endorse the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee contained in paragraphs 17 to 326 of its report, and would urge Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement them.

6. *Draft resolution A/C.4/69/L.19 was adopted.*

7. **Mr. Halfaoui** (Morocco), speaking on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and welcoming the adoption of the report, said that the negotiation process had been difficult at times, but a

positive spirit had prevailed and the secretariat and facilitators of the Special Committee had provided commendable support. It was hoped that that positive engagement would continue in the future.

Agenda item 118: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (*continued*) (A/C.4/69/L.20)

Draft decision A/C.4/69/L.20: Updated proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

8. **The Chair** drew attention to the draft decision (A/C.4/69/L.20) submitted under agenda item 118, and recalled that the General Assembly had approved the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee on the understanding that it would be updated in the light of the decision of the General Assembly on the dates of the general debate of the seventieth session. That decision having been taken, he took it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft decision without a vote.

9. *Draft decision A/C.4/69/L.20 was adopted.*

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.