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The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 152: REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (continued) (A/50/142; A/C.6/50/L.6)

- 1. Mr. ODEVALL (Sweden), welcoming Malta's initiative regarding the item, said that the Trusteeship Council, a main organ of the United Nations, had commendably fulfilled the role entrusted to it by the Charter. As a living document, the Charter must be adapted to new challenges and new realities; in that connection, the initiative also served as a point of departure for the effort to make the Security Council more representative. As the Commission on Global Governance had pointed out, the common responsibility for the global environment and related matters required resolute, concerted action by the United Nations. The new Trusteeship Council could assume that role.
- 2. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had concluded its debate on agenda item 152.

AGENDA ITEM 144: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY ($\underline{continued}$)

Draft resolution A/C.6/50/L.8

- 3. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the draft resolution had been reissued for technical reasons and that consequently the Committee should take a decision on the text set out in document A/C.6/50/L.8*. He took it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft resolution without a vote.
- 4. <u>Draft resolution A/C.6/50/L.8* was adopted</u>.

AGENDA ITEM 139: UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.6/50/L.9

5. Mr. ODOI-HNIM (Ghana) introduced draft resolution A/C.6/50/L.9, which established the terms of reference and the framework for the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the coming biennium. The various components of the Programme had always been of particular interest to the developing countries but, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, a number of developed countries had also shown a growing interest in it. Given its usefulness, it was unfortunate that the Organization's financial difficulties prevented the Committee from recommending that the General Assembly should increase the budget appropriations for the Programme, and that it had to depend on voluntary contributions from States. Expressing appreciation for the contributions already made, he urged States to consider the possibility of providing funds for the continuation of the Programme in the next biennium. The regional groups were holding consultations regarding the nomination of candidates for membership in the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the

Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, for a term beginning on 1 January 1996.

- 6. <u>The CHAIRMAN</u> said that he took it the Committee wished to adopt the draft resolution without a vote.
- 7. Draft resolution A/C.6/50/L.9 was adopted.
- 8. <u>Ms. BOUM</u> (Cameroon) stated for the record that her country had nominated a candidate for membership in the Advisory Committee but had withdrawn the candidacy in order to facilitate the election of the Advisory Committee members representing Africa.

AGENDA ITEM 140: UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.6/50/L.10

- Mr. TOMKA (Slovakia), in his capacity as Chairman of the Working Group on the United Nations Decade of International Law, introduced draft resolution A/C.6/50/L.10. The Working Group had held five meetings and, after a brief exchange of views on the implementation of the programme for the third term of the Decade, had reviewed the text of the draft resolution proposed by the Chairman, which contained the traditional elements as well as some new ones. One new element was paragraph 3, in which the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the successful organization of the United Nations Congress on Public International Law - which in his view was a unique event in the history of the United Nations - and requested the Secretary-General to make the proceedings of the Congress widely available. draft resolution also welcomed the advances made by the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs in its programme of computerization, and encouraged the Office of Legal Affairs to continue in its efforts to bring up to date the publication of the United Nations Treaty Series and the United Nations Juridical Yearbook. Although the other paragraphs contained nothing new, paragraph 11 had been the subject of some debate. Some delegations had insisted that it was important to retain it, while others, without denying the importance of protecting the environment in times of armed conflict and the specific role played by the International Committee of the Red Cross in that respect, had had doubts about including the paragraph in a draft resolution on the United Nations Decade of International Law.
- 10. $\underline{\text{The CHAIRMAN}}$ said that he took it the Committee wished to adopt the draft resolution without a vote.
- 11. Draft resolution A/C.6/50/L.10 was adopted.
- 12. Ms. WILLSON (United States of America), speaking in explanation of position, said that her delegation had joined the consensus on the draft resolution even though it considered the inclusion of paragraph 11 inappropriate in view of the fact that paragraph 5 invited all States and international organizations and institutions to provide information, and that general invitation obviously included the International Committee of the Red Cross. While underscoring her country's interest in all the activities of that

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Committee, she expressed appreciation to all the organizations not singled out in the draft resolution for their participation in the Decade and their contribution to the report.

AGENDA ITEM 145: REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.6/50/L.11

13. The CHAIRMAN said that the following Member States had become sponsors of the draft resolution submitted by Guatemala on the United Nations Model Rules for the Conciliation of Disputes between States: Argentina, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Nicaragua and Panama.

AGENDA ITEM 146: MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM (continued) (A/50/372 and Add.1; A/C.6/50/4; A/C.6/50/L.12)

14. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.6/50/L.12 on international terrorism.

The meeting rose at 11.55 a.m.