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on Monday, 17 March 1975, at 11.05 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. H.S. AMERASINGHE Sri Lanka

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DRAFT CHANGES IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CONFERENCE (A/CONF.62/BUR/3)

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should recommend that the Conference adopt the changes in the rules of procedure of the Conference proposed in document A/CONF.62/BUR/3, namely, an amendment to rule 56 and a new draft rule which would become rule 63 A, chapter X.

It was so decided.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP OF SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

The CHAIRMAN announced that he had received a letter from the Belgian representative informing him that Ireland would replace Belgium as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference.

Mr. ZEGERS (Chile) said that, in accordance with an agreement reached earlier among the members of the Latin American Group, Mr. Galindo-Pohl (El Salvador) would replace Mr. Aguilar (Venezuela) as Chairman of the Second Committee.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The CHAIRMAN observed that at the second session of the Conference it had been decided that participants at the third session would begin negotiations immediately, the general debate having been concluded. Accordingly, it would, in his view, be advisable to allow as much time as possible for informal consultations, thus enabling the work of the committees to proceed satisfactorily and giving the individual groups the opportunity to seek ways of overcoming existing differences. He therefore proposed that the Committee should recommend to the Conference that during the coming two weeks the two Main Committees should, in principle, meet in the morning, and the groups in the afternoon.

It was so decided.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that during the Easter holiday period the Conference might suspend its work on Friday, 28, Saturday, 29, and Sunday, 30 March, and resume work on Monday, 31 March.

Mr. KNOKE (Federal Republic of Germany) said that it would be preferable for the Conference not to resume its work until Tuesday, 1 April.

Mr. KOH (Singapore) supported that view.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should recommend to the Conference that it suspend its work for four days, from 28 to 31 March inclusive.

It was so decided.

In reply to a question from Mr. ZEGERS (Chile), the CHAIRMAN said that the General Committee would meet every Monday at 10 a.m.

The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.