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Chairman: Mr. Mario AMADEO (Argentina).

AGENDA ITEMS 73 AND 72

Continuation of suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests and obligations of States to refrain from their renewal (A/4801 and Add.1, A/C.1/L.291 and Add.1, A/C.1/L.292 and Add.1) (continued)

The urgent need for a treaty to ban nuclear weapons tests under effective international control (A/4799, A/C.1/L.292 and Add.1) (continued)

1. Mr. DEAN (United States of America), speaking on a point of order, asked the Chairman to notify the President of the General Assembly of the Committee's desire that the draft resolution adopted at the previous meeting (A/C.1/L.280) should be considered by the Assembly in plenary meeting at the earliest possible moment.

2. Mr. TSARAPKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that the United States request was not justified. The question dealt with in the United States-United Kingdom draft resolution was not urgent; indeed, the resolution could have no practical effect, and would remain inoperative. The United States representative's request was a mere stratagem designed to make it appear that a test-ban treaty was an urgent matter.

3. The CHAIRMAN put the United States proposal to the vote.

The proposal was approved by 39 votes to 11, with 12 abstentions.

4. The CHAIRMAN reopened the general debate on agenda items 73 and 72.

5. Mr. TSARAPKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that the general debate had been interrupted

so often, and so many draft resolutions had been discussed and adopted in the intervals, that the debate itself appeared to have been exhausted. Since, as a consequence, no one wished to take the floor at the present stage, he suggested that the Committee should be given the opportunity of preparing for the discussion of the draft resolutions still remaining under agenda items 73 and 72 (A/C.1/L.291 and Add.1 and A/C.1/L.292 and Add.1).

6. Mr. URQUIA (El Salvador) formally moved the closure of the general debate under rule 118.

7. In reply to a question from Mr. TSARAPKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), the CHAIRMAN said that the adoption of the motion would not preclude consideration of draft resolutions A/C.1/L.291 and Add.1 and A/C.1/L.292 and Add.1 in the order in which they had been submitted.

8. He put to the vote the motion submitted by the representative of El Salvador for closure of the general debate.

The motion was adopted by 49 votes to none, with 35 abstentions.

9. Mr. GEBRE-EGZY (Ethiopia) suggested that to save time, the Committee should discuss the two draft resolutions before it concurrently. Delegations would thus express their views on both, and at the end of the discussion the resolutions would be put to the vote in the order in which they had been submitted.

10. Mr. TARABANOV (Bulgaria) felt that members of the Committee should be allowed to speak on the two proposals separately, if they wished.

11. Mr. AUGUSTE (Haiti) suggested that discussion of the two draft resolutions should be limited to explanations of vote.

12. The CHAIRMAN said that the debate on the draft resolutions would follow the Committee's normal practice, as in the case of the proposals already adopted under items 73 and 72. The discussion would not be limited to explanations of vote, and representatives would be given the opportunity to speak on the draft resolutions either concurrently or separately. Explanations of vote would be permitted after the debate had been completed, and the draft resolutions would be put to the vote in the order of their submission. In the absence of objections, he would take it that the Committee agreed with that procedure.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.45 a.m.