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Chairman: Mr. ADENIJI (Nigeria)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.25 a.m.

PREPARATION OF A DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT (continued) (A/AC.206/CRP.6)

1. Mr. SUJA (Czechoslovakia) said that the Preparatory Committee had already made considerable progress in finalizing the agenda for the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

2. With respect to item 8 of the draft provisional agenda, his delegation was of the view that it should continue to be entitled "General debate". The remaining difficulties on that item had less to do with whether or not it should be annotated than with the fact that there were divergent views on the content of any annotations.

3. Should annotations to item 8 prove essential, his delegation would prefer the adoption of the formulation proposed by the Chairman in his working paper (A/AC.206/CRP.6).

4. It shared the concerns expressed by the Chairman in that paper, inter alia, on the need to prevent nuclear war, to reverse the arms race, and to release the resources now being allocated to that sector for purposes of promoting development.

5. He supported the compromise reached on items 9 and 13 of the draft provisional agenda, and hoped that it would not be challenged. In that connexion, he believed that the convening of the World Disarmament Conference was of major importance. At its second special session devoted to disarmament, the General Assembly should strive to solve the substantive issues directly involved in the preparation and convening of the Conference, rather than confine itself to considering the holding of the Conference solely from the point of view of the functioning of the international machinery established for that purpose.

6. Finally, it was his delegation's opinion that it was essential that item 11 relating to initiatives and proposals of Member States in the field of disarmament should remain on the draft provisional agenda. The inclusion of that item was fully justified by the changing international situation which called urgently for fresh impetus in disarmament negotiations. Moreover, the inclusion of that issue on the agenda would make a major, constructive contribution to the work of the second special session of the General Assembly, and would enhance its chances of success.

7. His delegation was firmly convinced that the members of the Preparatory Committee would succeed in finalizing the agenda in a spirit of co-operation so that they could proceed to consider the other issues involved in the preparations for the second special session devoted to disarmament.
8. Mr. HENZIES (Canada) supported the views expressed by the representative of Czechoslovakia in the first part of his statement. He believed that it would be better to adopt short titles without annotations, such as "General debate" for item 6. Indeed, to go into further detail on that item could lead the Prepartory Committee into interminable debate.

9. The CHAIRMAN said that, unless any other delegation wished to take the floor, he intended to adjourn the meeting and to resume informal consultations.

10. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.