PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
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Organizational session

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 12th MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Wednesday, 18 May 1977, at 4 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. ORTIZ de ROZAS (Argentina)

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The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. Mr. AMERASINGHE (Sri Lanka) informed members that the informal consultations on the draft agenda proposed by the non-aligned members of the Committee (A/AC.187/43) had been successful and that a consensus had been reached on a final version. On behalf of the non-aligned countries, he wished to thank members for their co-operation and spirit of understanding.

2. The following amendments had been made in the draft agenda proposed by the non-aligned members: in paragraph 1, the words "lack of adequate progress" should be replaced by the words "pressing need for substantial progress"; in paragraph 2, the words "of principles" should be deleted; in paragraph 4, the word "including" should be replaced by the words "including, in particular, ".

3. He also announced that he had just submitted a background paper (A/AC.187/55) on the special session which might be helpful to members in preparing their comments pursuant to General Assembly resolution 31/189 B. It was intended to be used as a working paper, and he would welcome any comments that members might wish to make on it.

4. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee approved the text of the draft agenda as read out by the representative of Sri Lanka.

5. It was so decided.

6. The CHAIRMAN thanked members for their spirit of co-operation, which had enabled the Committee to reach a consensus on the draft agenda. He particularly thanked the representative of Sri Lanka for the leadership which he had provided in the conduct of negotiations.

7. He suggested that the Committee should adjourn its formal meeting and continue its deliberations in an informal meeting. If he heard no objection, he would take it that members so agreed.

8. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4:30 p.m.