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Chairman: Mr. Franz MATSCH (Austria).

Election of the Vice-Chairman

1. Mr. URQUIA (El Salvador) nominated Mr. Velázquez (Uruguay) as Vice-Chairman.
2. Mr. MATSUDAIRA (Japan), Mr. ORTONA (Italy), Mr. LODGE (United States of America), Mr. SCHMIDT (Brazil) and Mr. MICHALOWSKI (Poland) supported the nomination.

Mr. Velázquez (Uruguay) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Election of the Rapporteur

3. Mr. WALDHEIM (Austria) nominated Mr. Fekini (Libya) as Rapporteur.
4. Mr. ZEINEDDINE (United Arab Republic) and Mr. DELGADO (Philippines) supported the nomination.

Mr. Fekini (Libya) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

Order of discussion of agenda items (A/C.1/816)

5. The CHAIRMAN expressed the hope that the First Committee would approach its work in a spirit of cooperation and thus help to promote the recent trends toward a relaxation of tension reflected in the general debate in the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and in major developments which had taken place outside the United Nations. He hoped the members of the Committee would avoid acrimonious debate and, particularly, debate on procedural matters.

6. With regard to the order in which the Committee should discuss the items referred to it by the General Assembly (A/C.1/816), he wished to make a suggestion which was based on the outcome of informal consultations held among the members and reflecting the main body of opinion in the Committee. The Committee would begin its work by a discussion of the five items dealing with disarmament, taking each one separately. They would be discussed in the following order: (1) General and complete disarmament (item 70); (2) Question of French nuclear tests in the Sahara (item 68); (3) Prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons (item 67); (4) Suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests (item 69); and (5) Question of disarmament: (a) report of the Disarmament Commission: letter dated 11 September 1959 from the Chairman of the Disarmament Commission to the Secretary-General (item 66). After completing its discussion of all the disarmament items, the Committee would decide the priorities to be given to the remaining items on its agenda.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11:40 a.m.