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Chairperson: Mr. GROSSMAN

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The public part of the meeting was called to order at 5.45 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS (continued)

Decision of the Committee to request approval from the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session for additional meeting time in 2010 and 2011 (document without a symbol distributed in the Committee room)

1. Mr. NATAF (Secretary of the Committee) said that the Committee had before it the programme budget implications for its request for four additional weeks of meeting time in 2010 and 2011. In the light of the financial implications, the Committee should decide whether to adopt the decision to request the approval of the General Assembly. After its adoption, the request would be transmitted to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.
2. The CHAIRPERSON said that while he and other Committee members had misgivings about the high cost of holding extra meetings in 2010 and 2011, those meetings were necessary for the Committee to consider the large number of State party reports it had before it. He suggested that the Committee should adopt the decision, and discuss staffing requirements and other practical matters at a later stage following approval of the request by the General Assembly.
3. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 6.10 p.m.