Chairman: Mr. CHARLONE (Uruguay)

The CHAIRMAN announced that the General Committee had set a time limit of 20 December for the completion of the work of the Committee. He would carry out his duties with the utmost impartiality and knew that he would receive the fullest co-operation from the members of the Committee.

Election of Vice-Chairman

On behalf of the representatives of Ecuador, Mexico and Argentina, Mr. LORETO (Venezuela) nominated Mr. Coppola D'Anna (Italy) as Vice-Chairman. The Italian representative asked that his candidature be withdrawn as he did not feel able to undertake the heavy duties of the office.

Mr. Anwar MAZI (Egypt), supported by the representative of Afghanistan, nominated Mr. SHAHID (Iraq).

Mr. CAFLAN (United Kingdom) supported by the representative of Norway, nominated Mr. VAN VELDEN (Union of South Africa).

Mr. VAN VELDEN (Union of South Africa) was elected Vice-Chairman.

Decision as to whether the meetings of the Committee should be held in public or in private:

On the proposal of the representative of Chile, seconded by the representative of the United Kingdom, it was agreed that the meetings of the committee would be held in public unless a delegation requested otherwise for the consideration of a confidential document.

Submission of Amendments

In conformity with the explanation given by the Deputy Executive Secretary, document E/CONF.2/11, it was agreed that the final date for the submission of amendments was 6 December, but that delegations which wished their amendments to appear in the preliminary annotated agenda would submit them to the Secretary of the Committee by 6.00 p.m. Monday.

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.