GENERAL COMMITTEE

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF SECOND MEETING

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Thursday, 9 May 1974, at 6.10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: Professor A. POUYAN (Iran)
President of the Health Assembly

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1. PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

The General Committee fixed the timetable for the meetings of the main committees and of the General Committee on Monday, 13 May and established a provisional programme of work for Tuesday, 14 May.

The CHAIRMAN mentioned that 40 speakers still had to take the floor in the general discussion on items 1.9 and 1.10 of the agenda; consequently, the total length of the discussion could be estimated as 6 hrs. 40 mins. It therefore seemed necessary to provide for night meetings.

Dr GUILLEN OVALLE (Peru) felt that speakers should restrict themselves to commenting on the reports of the Executive Board and the Director-General. Any other information concerning the health situation in their particular country could be submitted to the Secretariat for inclusion in the Official Records. He suggested, furthermore, that the time allotted to speakers participating in the general discussion be limited to 5 minutes.

The PRESIDENT pointed out that a time limit would be unfair at that stage, since until then speakers had been allowed 10 minutes, but he thought that the suggestion could be considered for future Health Assemblies.

After an exchange of views the General Committee decided that the Health Assembly would hold night meetings from 8.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. on Monday, 13 May and Tuesday, 14 May, in order to terminate the general discussion on items 1.9 and 1.10 of the agenda by Wednesday, 15 May, during the counting of the votes cast in the ballot for the election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board.

The meeting rose at 6.25 p.m.