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1. Rapporteur's Report

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The Chairman directed the Secretary to refer this proposal to the Coordination Committee and to include the statement of the Peruvian Delegate in its summary record.

3. Unfinished Business

The Secretary listed the subjects upon which the Committee may still have to take action as a result of decisions yet to be taken by other committees as follows:

Method of selection of Deputy Secretaries General; a proposed penalty of loss of voting rights if members fail to fulfill obligations under Chapter VIII, Section B, paragraph 5; method of nominating members of the Trusteeship Council if established; voting majority required for expulsion of member states and restoration of rights; voting procedure in regard to treaties which may become inapplicable; procedure in regard to requests by the Assembly for advisory opinions from the International Court of Justice and the relation of this question to the term of the President of the Assembly.

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AGENDA FOR THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE II/1

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I. Discussion of Rapporteur's Report.