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>> CHAIRMAN: Good morning, everyone. If we could take our seats, we're about to start our Eleventh Meeting of Committee 6.

Now our agenda today is document ADM/73. We only have two items to discuss this morning. So if there are any comments on the agenda... I see none.

So we will move directly to the discussion of Resolution 150, which is document DT/79. And I will ask Mr. Ba if he could introduce the document, which is the approval of the accounts of the Union for the years 2010 to 2013. Mr. Ba, please.

>> SECRETARY OF THE SESSION: Thank you, Madam, and good morning to everybody.

Resolution 150 were the accounts from 2010 to 2013, “considering” when we look at Number 53 of the Constitution, the report from the Council to the Plenipotentiary, which is in document PP 14/65 on the finances from 2010 to 2013, and the report of this Committee on finance and administration of the current conference, which you find in PP-14/150, decides to approve the accounts of the Union for this period, 2010 to 2013.

Thank you, Madam.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Ba.

I'll now open the floor for any comments on the document. I see none. So I'll consider that endorsed and we will send it on to Committee 4.

Now we will move on now to discussion of a Draft New Resolution, options for the Union's headquarter premises over the long-term, which is document DT/82. And I'll ask Mr. Belmont from Spain if he could introduce the document. Please, Mr. Belmont.

>> SPAIN: Thank you very much, Chair.

The Ad Hoc Working Group which we established met four times to draft this new Resolution. The spirit of our meetings was very constructive. The starting point was to look firstly at the common points which we shared, so that on that basis we could draft a new Resolution, and that new Resolution is what we're presenting here today.

The new Resolution has the main aim of creating a Council Working Group so that on the basis of the existing document we can continue discussing the various options for how to maintain and ensure the adequate functioning of the premises of the organization’s headquarters.

We have set out the terms of reference of the Working Group, referring to the mandate of the Working Group, and its obligation to present reports to the Council. We have also looked at logistical aspects of the Working Group. The only change which we have made as against the version which was approved at the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group was when we referred to the expenses, instead of using the word "Expenditure" we have now used this word "Expenses."

We changed that to make it clear that these are operational costs.

I'll keep -- I'll leave my presentation at that, but if there are any questions, I'll gladly answer them. Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr. Belmont.

I'll now open the floor for any comments or any questions.

I see none. I'll pass the floor to Mr. Ba, to make a comment.

>> SECRETARY OF THE SESSION: Thank you, Madam Chair.

On behalf of the Secretariat, may I offer our warmest thanks to the representative of Spain for completing this work, this huge amount of work that has been achieved, and congratulate the group on its work.

Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: And I would also like to thank as Chair or to add as Chair to that sentiment as well. Mr. Belmont, you've done an extremely good job on what is quite a complex issue that has been under consideration for some time. And I understand that the discussions were extremely productive and that people were very active in the discussions. And we have come to a very good place.

So with that, I think we can endorse the draft Resolution and send it to Committee 4.

And with that, we have actually ended our work for this morning. I think we have one new document which we won't have available until tomorrow. So with that, we will end our work. So I thank you very much. And we will see you tomorrow morning, I think.

Just also to let you know that the report from Committee 6 is in preparation at the moment. And we think we will be able to present that at the Wednesday session of plenary. So once again, thank you all.

Russian Federation, please.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Madam Chair.

We have some members of our Delegation who are leaving, so could I ask you which document you were referring to, the one that we will be dealing with tomorrow?

Thank you.

>> CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Russian Federation.

I understand that we are to receive a document from Com 5. So at this stage I'm not exactly sure what that one is, but we will certainly post it as soon as we receive it.

Thank you very much. And just to confirm, there is no session of Committee 6 this afternoon.

Thank you.

(End of meeting 11:25)

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