

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

First, we want to thank you and the Secretariat for all your efforts to find a solution to this matter. Thank you for your time this morning to address it.

Mr. Chairman,

We are now facing this problem in the Commission because the objections to the nomination of one country was not addressed in a conclusive manner within the regional group concerned. In my statement yesterday, I mentioned our hope that the regional group could give another try to solve this. But we understand that, in spite of the different views in the Group, the Group does not want to go back to this issue. Now it is a burden for the work of the CCPCJ.

We continue to object to the election of the country concerned as a representative of the Eastern European Group. As you also mentioned yesterday, now we have our Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen, which is enough for the Commission to conduct its work. This is actually what we are doing right now, on the basis of Rule 51/c (49) of the Rules of Procedure of the Functional Commissions of the ECOSOC.

In order not to create any future precedent in conduct of the work in regional groups, the easiest way to get ourselves out of this situation is to apply Rule 51/d (49) of the Rules of Procedure. In this sense, I propose, through you Mr. Chairman, to the Members of the Commission, to close the debate on item 1: "Election of Officers".

I want to hear the reactions of the CCPCJ members to my motion and if there is objection, I invite you to submit my proposal to the voting of the Commission Members.

Thank you.