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President: Mr. Freitas do Amaral (Portugal)

In the absence of the President, Mr. Pibulsonggram (Thailand), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 4.30 p.m.

Agenda item 15 (continued)

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

The Acting President: This afternoon the General Assembly will continue the election of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council to replace those members whose term of office expires on 31 December 1995.

As members will recall, when the 62nd plenary meeting was adjourned earlier today there still remained one seat to be filled from among the Asian States.

In accordance with the rules of procedure, we shall proceed now to the third round of balloting, by secret ballot, for the remaining seat from among the Asian States.

This third round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Asian States that were not elected but that obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely, Cambodia and Jordan.

This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

Ballot papers will now be distributed. I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers for the Asian States the name of the State for which they wish to vote.

Ballot papers will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Cambodia or Jordan as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

At the invitation of the Acting President, Ms. Bosheck (Germany), Ms. Corado-Cuevas (Guatemala), Mr. Kazykhanov (Kazakstan) and Ms. Raduchowska-Brochwicz (Poland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 4.50 p.m. and resumed at 5 p.m.

The Acting President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Asian States

Number of ballot papers:	157
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	157
Abstentions:	0
Number of Members voting:	157
Required two-thirds majority:	105
Number of votes obtained:	
Jordan	90
Cambodia	67

The Acting President: Since no candidate obtained the required two-thirds majority in the previous ballot, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Asian States.

We shall therefore proceed to the third restricted ballot. This fourth round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Asian States that were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely Cambodia and Jordan.

This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

Ballot papers will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers for the Asian States the name of the State for which they wish to vote.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 5.20 p.m. and resumed at 5.30 p.m.

The Acting President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Asian States

Number of ballot papers:	152
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	152
Abstentions:	0
Number of Members voting:	152
Required two-thirds majority:	102
Number of votes obtained:	
Jordan	103
Cambodia	49

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Jordan was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1996.

The Acting President: I congratulate Jordan on its election.

The following 18 States have thus been elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1996: Argentina, Bangladesh, Canada, the Central African Republic, China, the Czech Republic, Finland, Gabon, Guyana, Jordan, Lebanon, Nicaragua, Romania, the Russian Federation, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

I wish to thank the tellers and the Secretariat for their assistance in this election.

The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 15 (b).

The meeting rose at 5.35 p.m.