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*President:* Mr. Shahid ..... (Maldives)

*In the absence of the President, Mr. Afonso (Mozambique), Vice-President, took the Chair.*

*The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.*

## Agenda item 115 (continued)

### Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs

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

**The Acting President:** Since no candidate obtained the required two-thirds majority in the previous ballot, there remains one seat to be filled from among the Eastern European States. We shall therefore proceed to the third unrestricted ballot.

In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, this seventh round of balloting shall be unrestricted. May I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Eastern European States may be a candidate, except those that will remain members of the Economic and Social Council as of 1 January 2023, as well as those that were already elected for a term beginning on 1 January 2023. The following members therefore cannot be voted for in the present balloting: Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Members are requested to put an "X" in the box next to the name of a State printed on the ballot paper or to write the name of another eligible State on the blank line. If the box next to the name of a State is checked, the name of that State does not have to be repeated on the blank line.

There should be no more than one checked box or handwritten name for the vacant seat to be filled. Accordingly, members can check only one box or write one name of an eligible State from among the Eastern European States in the space provided. If the ballot paper contains a vote for a Member State that will remain a member of the Economic and Social Council as of 1 January 2023 or that was already elected for a term beginning on 1 January 2023, the ballot paper will be declared invalid.

Finally, if a ballot paper contains any notation other than a vote in favour of an eligible Member State, those notations will be disregarded.

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*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

*The meeting was suspended at 10.20 a.m. and resumed at 10.40 a.m.*

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

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*Eastern European States (1 seat)*

Number of ballot papers:	185
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	185
Abstentions:	1
Number of members present and voting:	184
Required two-thirds majority:	123
Number of votes obtained:	
Russian Federation	98
North Macedonia	86

**The Acting President:** Since no candidate obtained the required two-thirds majority in the previous ballot, there remains one seat to be filled from among the Eastern European States. We shall therefore proceed to the fourth restricted ballot. In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, this eighth round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Eastern European States that were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous unrestricted ballot, namely North Macedonia and the Russian Federation.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting. We shall now begin the voting process.

Members are requested to put an X in the box next to the name of a State printed on the ballot paper. There should be no more than one checked box for the vacant seat to be filled. A ballot will be declared invalid if both boxes are checked. Any notations other than a vote in favour of an eligible Member State will be disregarded.

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*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

**The Acting President:** I request delegations that have not yet voted to do so now by coming to the front of the Hall.

The voting is now closed. No more ballot papers will be accepted.

*The meeting was suspended at 10.50 a.m. and resumed at 11.05 a.m.*

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

*Eastern European States (1 seat)*

Number of ballot papers:	185
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	185
Abstentions:	1
Number of members present and voting:	184
Required two-thirds majority:	123
Number of votes obtained:	
Russian Federation	102
North Macedonia	82

**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 Eastern European States.

We shall therefore proceed to the fifth restricted ballot. In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, this ninth round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Eastern European States that were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous unrestricted ballot, namely, North Macedonia and the Russian Federation.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Ballot papers will now be distributed. The voting has thus begun.

Members are requested to put an X in the box next to the name printed on the ballot paper. There should not be more than one checked box for the vacant seat to be filled. A ballot will be declared invalid if both boxes are checked. Any notations other than a vote in favour of an eligible Member State will be disregarded.

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*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

*The meeting was suspended at 11.15 a.m. and resumed at 11.30 a.m.*

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

*Eastern European States (1 seat)*

Number of ballot papers:	186
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	186
Abstentions:	1
Number of members present and voting:	185
Required two-thirds majority:	124
Number of votes obtained:	
Russian Federation	105
North Macedonia	80

**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 Eastern European States.

We shall therefore proceed to the sixth restricted ballot. In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, this tenth round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Eastern European States that were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous unrestricted ballot, namely, North Macedonia and the Russian Federation.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Ballot papers will now be distributed. The voting has thus begun.

Members are requested to put an X in the box next to the name printed on the ballot paper. There should not be more than one checked box for the vacant seat to be filled. A ballot will be declared invalid if both boxes are checked. Any notations other than a vote in favour of an eligible Member State will be disregarded.

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*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

*The meeting was suspended at 11.40 a.m. and resumed at noon.*

**The Acting President:** The results of the voting are as follows:

*Eastern European States (1 seat)*

Number of ballot papers:	185
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	185
Abstentions:	2
Number of members present and voting:	183
Required two-thirds majority:	122
Number of votes obtained:	
Russian Federation	103
North Macedonia	80

**The Acting President:** Since no candidate obtained the required two-thirds majority in the previous ballot, there remains one seat to be filled from among the Eastern European States. We shall therefore proceed to the fourth unrestricted ballot.

In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, the eleventh round of balloting shall be unrestricted. May I remind the Assembly that any member State from among the Eastern European States may be a candidate except those that will remain members of the Economic and Social Council as of 1 January 2023, as well as those that were already elected for a term beginning on 1 January 2023.

The following members can therefore not be voted for in the present balloting: Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Ballot papers will now be distributed, and the voting has begun.

Members are requested to put an "X" in the box next to the name printed on the ballot paper or to write the name of another eligible State on the blank line. If the box next to the name of a State is checked, the name of that State does not have to be repeated on the blank line.

There should not be more than one checked box or handwritten name for the vacant seat to be filled.

Accordingly, members can check only one box or write one name of an eligible State from among the Eastern European States in the space provided.

If a ballot paper contains a vote for a Member State that will remain a member of the Economic and Social Council as of 1 January 2023 or that was already elected for a term beginning on 1 January 2023, the ballot paper will be declared invalid.

Finally, if a ballot paper contains any notation other than a vote in favour of an eligible member State, those notations will be disregarded.

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*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

*The meeting was suspended at 12.10 p.m. and resumed at 12.35 p.m.*

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

*Eastern European States (1 seat)*

Number of ballot papers:	185
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	185
Abstentions:	3
Number of members present and voting:	182
Required two-thirds majority:	122
Number of votes obtained:	
Russian Federation	102
North Macedonia	79
Hungary	1

**The Acting President:** The unrestricted ballot has again been inconclusive. One seat remains to be filled from among the Eastern European States. In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, we should continue with the series of balloting. Given the lateness of the hour, further balloting will take place on a date to be determined.

The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 115.

*The meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.*