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President: Mr. José MAZA (Chile).

AGENDA ITEM 14.

Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council

1. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): The first item on our agenda today is the election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace Brazil, New Zealand and Turkey, whose terms of office expire on 31 December 1955. All Members of the United Nations are eligible for election except those already represented on the Security Council. The present membership of the Council is as follows: Belgium, Brazil, China, France, Iran, New Zealand, Peru, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

2. Rule 94 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that the election shall be by secret ballot and that there shall be no nominations. Accordingly I request the General Assembly to proceed directly to the vote.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Barrington (Burma) and Mr. Kiselyov (Byelorussian SSR), acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	59
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	59
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	58
Required majority:	39

Number of votes obtained:

Cuba	53
Australia	42
Poland	34
Philippines	33
Indonesia	2
Thailand	2
Union of South Africa	1
Yugoslavia	1

Cuba and Australia, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, were elected non-permanent members of the Security Council.

3. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): There is a third seat for which the required majority has not been obtained. We shall proceed to a second vote. In the second vote ballots may be cast only for

Poland and the Philippines, the two countries which obtained the greatest number of votes.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Barrington (Burma) and Mr. Kiselyov (Byelorussian SSR), acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	59
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	59
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	58
Required majority:	39

Number of votes obtained:

Philippines	35
Poland	23

4. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): Neither of the two countries has obtained the two-thirds required by the rules of procedure. In accordance with rule 95, we shall proceed to a third vote, again restricted to the two countries which obtained the largest number of votes, namely, the Philippines and Poland.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Barrington (Burma) and Mr. Kiselyov (Byelorussian SSR), acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	59
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	59
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	58
Required majority:	39

Number of votes obtained:

Philippines	38
Poland	20

5. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): As neither country has obtained the two-thirds majority required by the rules of procedure, we should, in accordance with rule 95, proceed to a second ballot under the same conditions. However, I take the liberty of proposing, provided there is no objection, that we defer the next ballot to another meeting.

6. I call upon the representative of the United States on a point of order.

7. Mr. LODGE (United States of America): I understood the President, to make a proposal that we adjourn by unanimous consent. I objected because it seems to the United States that it would be a mistake to adjourn now. We are very close to deciding this question. All the representatives have all the issues very clearly in mind. It would be better to continue and settle the issue now, in the interests of orderly procedure. If we put it off, we shall not know any more at the time to which we put it off than we do now. We are in a better position to vote now than we ever will be, and it is for that reason that I suggest that we continue with the voting.

8. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): I call upon the representative of the USSR on a point of order.

9. Mr. KUZNETSOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (*translated from Russian*): The Soviet delegation is of the opinion that further voting should now be suspended.

10. We consider that the question before us is a very important one, namely, the election of a new member of the Security Council. The results of the voting so far show that other delegations, too, regard this as a most important and serious matter. We therefore think it would be advisable to enable delegations to give more thought to the question of what country should be elected to the vacant seat. All delegations are probably familiar with the present position and with the discussion which has ranged around this problem during the last few days. That is why we think it would be wiser to postpone the voting and enable members to decide the question with due regard to all the circumstances.

11. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): It has not been agreed that the voting should be suspended. The position is that, in two restricted ballots, neither country obtained the two-thirds majority. We shall therefore proceed with the third restricted vote, on the Philippines and Poland.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Barrington (Burma) and Mr. Kiselyov (Byelorussian SSR), acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	59
Invalid ballots:	2
Number of valid ballots:	57
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	56
Required majority:	38
Number of votes obtained:	
Philippines	36
Poland	20

12. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): The third member of the Council has not been elected. In accordance with rule 95 of the rules of procedure, we shall proceed with a new ballot not restricted to specific countries; each delegation is free to write on the ballot paper the name of the country it wishes, with the exception of the countries which are at present members of the Security Council. I shall again ask the tellers to come to the ballot box.

13. The Soviet representative wishes to speak on a point of order. I would ask the tellers to return to their seats.

14. Mr. KUZNETSOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (*translated from Russian*): Since the delegations may now put forward other candidates, the Soviet delegation proposes that the meeting should be suspended now, before the voting is resumed. If it is impossible to postpone the voting until the next meeting, we suggest a suspension of fifteen to twenty minutes.

15. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): I call upon the representative of the United States on a point of order.

16. Mr. LODGE (United States of America): I may have misunderstood, but I did understand the President to say that the voting had begun and that representatives would come forward to put their ballots in the ballot box. Under all parliamentary procedures in any coun-

try of which I have ever heard, it is not in order to interrupt the voting. Once it has begun, the voting should continue until all the members have voted. Therefore I consider that it was out of order for the representative of the Soviet Union or for any representative — including the representative of the United States — to attempt to make a speech while the voting was in progress, as I thought it was.

17. The United States will certainly not be unreasonable. We would not object to a twenty-minute recess if that is what is desired. But we do think that it is a violation of orderly procedure for members to get up and make speeches once the voting has begun.

18. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): The position is as follows: I informed the Assembly that, in accordance with rule 95 of the rules of procedure, we would proceed with a second ballot in which delegations could write on their ballot papers the names of any countries they wished, with the exception of the countries which are at present members of the Security Council. I then asked the tellers to come forward to the ballot box. At that moment — and hence, in the Chair's opinion, before the voting began — the representative of the Soviet Union asked to speak on a point of order and the President consented.

19. The representative of the Soviet Union has proposed that the voting should be postponed until another meeting, and the representative of the United States has indicated that he does not object to a suspension of the voting for twenty minutes to see whether we can find some means of reaching agreement.

20. If there is no objection, I propose that we suspend the meeting for twenty minutes.

21. I construe the Assembly's silence to mean approval of the proposal for a twenty-minute suspension of the meeting.

The meeting was suspended at 11.55 a.m. and resumed at 12.25 p.m.

22. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): We have had three restricted ballots without any decision regarding the election to the third seat on the Security Council. In these circumstances, rule 95 provides that, after the third inconclusive ballot, votes may be cast for any eligible Member State. Accordingly any member of the Assembly not at present represented on the Security Council, excluding Cuba and Australia which have just been elected, is eligible in the vote with which we shall proceed forthwith. This will be the first unrestricted ballot. Slips have been distributed bearing the words "Fifth ballot" to meet the wishes of certain punctilious representatives.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Barrington (Burma) and Mr. Kiselyov (Byelorussian SSR), acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	59
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of ballot papers:	59
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	57
Required majority:	38

Number of votes obtained:

Philippines	30
Yugoslavia	25
Poland	1
Yemen	1

23. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): As no country has obtained the required two-thirds majority, we shall proceed to vote once more. This ballot will also be unrestricted.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Barrington (Burma) and Mr. Kiselyov (Byelorussian SSR), acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	59
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	59
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	57
Required majority:	38
Number of votes obtained:	
Philippines	29
Yugoslavia	28

24. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): In this second unrestricted ballot no country has obtained the required majority. We shall therefore proceed with a third unrestricted vote.

25. I call upon the United Kingdom representative on a point of order.

26. Sir Pierson DIXON (United Kingdom): It seems to me that the result which has just been announced by the President shows that the situation which confronts us at the moment is somewhat different from that which was revealed by the earlier stages of the proceedings today. In these circumstances, it occurs to me that it might be for the convenience of delegations if there were an adjournment and we did not proceed today any fur-

ther with the voting. I should like to suggest that there should be an adjournment until, say, Tuesday, 18 October. The actual date perhaps could be arranged by the President through the usual channels in accordance with the convenience of the President and the Secretariat. I make that as a formal proposal.

27. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): The United Kingdom representative proposes that the voting should be suspended and resumed at a meeting to be held not earlier than next Tuesday, 18 October.

28. I call on the USSR representative on a point of order.

29. Mr. KUZNETSOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (*translated from Russian*): The Soviet delegation agrees with the United Kingdom representative that further voting should be postponed so that delegations may consider all aspects of the situation more thoroughly.

30. For the same reasons, the Soviet delegation proposes that the election of members of the other main organs of the United Nations, the Economic and Social Council and the Trusteeship Council, should also be deferred until 18 October. I do not think I need set out to prove the usefulness of this suggestion.

31. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): If there is no objection, the election of members of all the Councils will be suspended until a meeting to be held not earlier than Tuesday, 18 October.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.