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Président: Mr. José MAZA (Chile).

AGENDA ITEM 15

Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council (*continued*)

1. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): Four of the six seats on the Economic and Social Council which will become vacant on 31 December 1955 were filled during the voting yesterday. We must now proceed to fill the two remaining seats. We adjourned yesterday after having completed the first of a series of unrestricted ballots. In accordance with rule 96 of the rules of procedure, the next two ballots will also be unrestricted. Accordingly, the number of candidates will not be limited; the only Members that are excluded are those already represented on the Economic and Social Council or that have just been elected to it.

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:	1
Number of valid ballots:	58
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	58
Required majority:	39

Number of votes obtained:

Brazil	38
Greece	33
Afghanistan	24
Costa Rica	5
Belgium	1
Honduras	1
India	1
Israel	1
Luxembourg	1
Syria	1
Uruguay	1

2. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): As no country has been elected in this ballot, we must proceed to another ballot, which 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:	0
Number of members voting:	59
Required majority:	40

Number of votes obtained:

Brazil	45
Greece	33
Afghanistan	21
Costa Rica	2
Honduras	2
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1
Israel	1
Luxembourg	1
Syria	1
Thailand	1
Yemen	1

Brazil, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council.

3. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): There remains one seat to be filled. We shall therefore proceed to another ballot to decide upon it. This ballot has to be restricted to twice the number of places to be filled; as there is only one vacant seat, the ballot will be restricted to Greece and Afghanistan.

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:	0
Number of members voting:	59
Required majority:	40

Number of votes obtained:

Greece	38
Afghanistan	21

4. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): Since this ballot has proved inconclusive, we shall proceed to another ballot restricted to the same two countries, namely, Greece and Afghanistan.

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:	58
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	58
Abstentions:	0

Number of members voting:	58
Required majority:	39
Number of votes obtained:	
Greece	40
Afghanistan	18

Greece, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council.

AGENDA ITEM 16

Election of two members of the Trusteeship Council

5. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): The next item on the agenda is the election of two members of the Trusteeship Council to fill the two vacancies which will occur when the term of office of El Salvador and Syria expires on 31 December 1955.

6. Votes may be cast for any Member of the United Nations, including the two outgoing Members, except for those ten Members whose term of office does not expire on 31 December, namely, Australia, Belgium, China, France, Haiti, India, New Zealand, the USSR, the United Kingdom and the United States.

7. As before, the elections will be held by secret ballot and there will be no nominations. The representative of Burma has declared himself to be an interested party in this election, and I therefore request the representative of Brazil to act as teller in his place, together with the representative of the Byelorussian SSR.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. de Freitas Valle (Brazil) and Mr. Kiselyov (Byelorussian SSR), acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	58
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	58
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	58
Required majority:	39
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	40
Syria	36

Burma	17
Liberia	16
Iceland	1

Guatemala, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, was elected a member of the Trusteeship Council.

8. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): We shall proceed to another ballot to fill the remaining vacancy. The ballot will be restricted to Syria and Burma.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. de Freitas Valle (Brazil) 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:	3
Number of members voting:	56
Required majority:	38
Number of votes obtained:	
Syria	37
Burma	19

9. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): As neither country has been elected, we shall proceed to another ballot restricted to the same two candidates, Syria and Burma.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. de Freitas Valle (Brazil) 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:	
Syria	43
Burma	14

Syria, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, was elected a member of the Trusteeship Council.

The meeting rose at 12.10 p.m.