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**AGENDA ITEM 115**

**Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (continued)\***

1. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I should like to invite the attention of the General Assembly to document A/38/822, which contains a letter to me from the Secretary-General, in which he informs the Assembly that seven Member States are in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

2. I should like to remind delegations that under Article 19 of the Charter

“A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years.”

3. May I take it that the General Assembly decides to take note of this information?

*It was so decided.*

**AGENDA ITEM 15**

**Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (concluded)\*\***

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

4. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): As representatives will recall, the Assembly, at its 40th and 65th meetings, elected 17 States to fill vacancies occurring in the Economic and Social Council as of 31 December 1983.

5. Because the result of the first unrestricted ballot taken at the 99th meeting was inconclusive and as one seat still remains to be filled by a State from the Group of Latin American States, the Assembly must, in accordance with rule 94 of its rules of procedure, proceed to a second unrestricted ballot in the fourth series of unrestricted ballots.

6. I call on the representative of Nicaragua, who wishes to make a statement in his capacity as current chairman of the Group of Latin American States.

7. Mr. CHAMORRO MORA (Nicaragua) (*interpretation from Spanish*): I wish first of all to take this opportunity, Sir, to express the satisfaction of my delegation and of the other members of the Group of Latin American States at seeing you presiding once again over the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly. We are pleased to see you not only as President of the Assembly, but

also as the President of the sister Republic of Panama. Your presence here is a great honour for the countries of Latin America, and we could not let this opportunity pass without referring to the great occasion that it is for us.

8. I wish to inform the delegations that a consensus has emerged within the Group of Latin American States and that the Group has agreed, upon withdrawal of the candidacies of Haiti and Nicaragua for election to the Economic and Social Council, to endorse the candidacy of the sister Republic of Guyana. The Latin American Group is very satisfied and pleased that a consensus was possible within the Group and that Guyana has our support.

9. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I thank the representative of Nicaragua for his kind words and I deeply appreciate them because they come from the chairman of the regional group to which my country belongs and from the representative of a country with which Panama maintains fraternal relations which it greatly values.

10. I remind the Assembly that members have the right to vote for any State from the Latin American Group, except, of course, those which are already members of the Economic and Social Council. To make this clear, I shall mention the names of those countries which cannot be voted for in the present balloting: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Saint Lucia, Suriname and Venezuela.

11. Ballot papers will now be distributed. I request Members to write the name of one State only. Ballot papers bearing more than one name will be declared invalid.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Hutchens (Australia), U Aye (Burma), Ms. Gauch (Brazil), Mr. Földes (Hungary) and Mr. Kitikiti (Zimbabwe) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

12. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I propose to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

*The meeting was suspended at 3.55 p.m. and resumed at 4.10 p.m.*

13. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	142
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	142
Abstentions:	3
Number of members voting:	139
Required majority:	93
Number of votes obtained:	
Guyana .....	134
Haiti .....	3
Cuba .....	1
Nicaragua .....	1

*Guyana, having obtained the required majority, was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council, with immediate effect until 31 December 1986.*

\*Resumed from the 71st meeting.

\*\*Resumed from the 99th meeting.

14. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I wish to congratulate Guyana on its election. I pay a tribute to the delegations of Nicaragua and Haiti for their co-operation and express our thanks to them. Also, I thank the tellers for their assistance.

### AGENDA ITEM 38

#### Launching of global negotiations on international economic co-operation for development (*continued*)

15. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): As representatives will recall, the General Assembly, at its 104th meeting, adopted decision 38/448 A, in which it decided to keep open agenda item 38 in order to allow for the continuation of informal consultations. At that time I informed the Assembly that discernible progress had been made in the exploratory process which had taken place up to that time, and I suggested that this process of consultations should be continued. I also indicated then that I would remain in permanent contact with countries and groups of countries participating in that consultation process and would convene a new multilateral meeting with representatives of those countries and groups of countries to hear a report on the progress of those consultations so that the General Assembly would be in a position to adopt appropriate decisions in order to launch the global negotiations.

16. Owing to my constitutional responsibilities as President of Panama, which required my presence in that country, in March I requested Mohamed Sahnoun, Vice-President of the Assembly, to assume the responsibility of conducting informal consultations with delegations and to keep me informed of progress made in such consultations so that I could, on the basis of an assessment of the situation, propose to the Assembly at its resumed session appropriate action on this item. Mr. Sahnoun held a number of informal meetings with interested delegations and convened a meeting of the "Friends of the President" on 30 March. I should like to take this occasion to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Sahnoun for his contributions and for the very skilful and diplomatic manner in which he has conducted the informal consultations. I should like also to express my thanks to all delegations for their understanding and co-operation throughout the consultation process.

17. I am pleased to note that the exploratory process which began during the current session of the Assembly came to a successful conclusion in February of this year with the preparation of a summary record. It is particularly noteworthy that the exploratory process was characterized throughout by an atmosphere of mutual understanding and goodwill. Many important concepts and issues concerning the nature and scope of the two-phase approach and its connection with related issues have been clarified. Furthermore, the exploratory process concluded with an agreement that the summary record could serve as a reference for Governments regarding agenda item 38 of the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

18. The Secretariat of the United Nations, in a note verbale dated 9 April 1984, transmitted to Member States a note by Mr. Sahnoun, Vice-President of the General Assembly, on the results of the meeting of the "Friends of the President" on item 38, annexing the summary record of the exploratory process together with the communication by the Chairman of the Group of 77 and the representatives of interested socialist countries and the communication by the Chairman of the Group of 77 and China on the results of their informal consultations on global negotiations. In another note verbale, dated 10 May 1984, the Secretariat also transmitted to Member States, at the request of the Vice-President of the Assembly, a statement by the Group of 77.

19. I understand that all the aforementioned documents are now being examined carefully by Governments in their capitals. I should like therefore to suggest that agenda item 38 be kept open and that informal contacts among delegations on this question be continued with a view to the convening of another round of meetings of the "Friends of the President" in the early part of September to consider appropriate action by the Assembly before the closure of the thirty-eighth session. If I hear no objection, it will be so decided.

*It was so decided (decision 38/448 B).*

20. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I remain firmly committed, as I have mentioned on other occasions, to making every effort necessary in my capacity as President of the General Assembly to ensure that the Assembly adopts a wise and constructive decision to launch global negotiations as soon as possible. Once again I urge all delegations to co-operate in the common interest of the international community and to continue to build on the good work which has been achieved so far with a view to launching the global negotiations before the closure of the thirty-eighth session of the Assembly in September.

#### *Suspension of the session*

21. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I should like to thank all representatives for their co-operation in the work of this resumed session. I also wish to thank the Secretary-General and the Secretariat staff.

22. In accordance with Assembly decision 38/456 of 20 December 1983 and bearing in mind the action taken by the Assembly at this meeting, the following items remain on the agenda of the thirty-eighth session: item 38, "Launching of global negotiations on international economic co-operation for development"; item 40, "Observance of the quincentenary of the discovery of America"; item 41, "Question of Cyprus"; item 42, "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations"; and item 138, "Consequences of the prolongation of the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq".

23. I declare suspended the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

*The meeting rose at 4.20 p.m.*