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President: Mr. Paul J. F. LUSAKA (Zambia).

AGENDA ITEM 15

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:

- (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council
- 1. The PRESIDENT: This morning, the General Assembly will proceed first to the election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace those whose terms of office expire on 31 December 1984. The five outgoing members are Malta, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan and Zimbabwe. These five States cannot be re-elected and therefore their names should not appear on the ballot papers.
- 2. Apart from the five permanent members, the Security Council will include in 1985 the following States: Burkina Faso, Egypt, India, Peru and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. Therefore, the names of these States also should not appear on the ballot papers.
- 3. Of the five non-permanent members which will remain in office in 1985, three are from Africa and Asia, one is from Eastern Europe and one is from Latin America. Consequently, pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 1991 A (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, the five non-permanent members should be elected according to the following pattern: two from Africa and Asia, one from Latin America and two from Western European and Other States. The ballot paper takes that pattern into account. In accordance with the established practice, there is an understanding to the effect that, of the two States to be elected from Africa and Asia, one should be from Africa and one from Asia.
- 4. I should like to inform the Assembly that the required number of candidates receiving the largest number of votes and the majority required will be declared elected. In case of a tie vote for the last seat there will be a restricted ballot limited to those candidates which have obtained an equal number of votes. I take it that the General Assembly agrees to that procedure.

It was so decided.

5. The PRESIDENT: In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, the election shall be held by secret ballot and there shall be no nominations.

- 6. The Assembly will recall that in the past, chairmen of regional groups have been allowed to speak at this stage to clarify the status of the candidatures.
- 7. I call on the representative of Sweden to speak in his capacity as Chairman of the Group of Western European and Other States.
- 8. Mr. FERM (Sweden): May I inform the members of the Assembly, in my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Western European and Other States for October, that Australia and Denmark are the candidates endorsed by our Group for election to the Security Council.
- 9. The PRESIDENT: Ballot papers are now being distributed. I request representatives to use only those ballot papers and to write the names of the five Member States for which they wish to vote. As I have indicated, the ballot papers should not include the names of the five permanent members, the five outgoing non-permanent members or the five States that are already non-permanent members for 1985. Any ballot paper containing more than five names will be declared invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Boukrif (Algeria), Mr. Halinen (Finland), Mr. Ruiz Cabañas (Mexico), Mr. Fernandez (Philippines) and Mr. Rydzkowski (Poland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 11.10 a.m. and resumed at 11.40 a.m.

10. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting for the election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council is as follows:

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Number of ballot papers:	158
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	158
Abstentions:	ī
Number of members voting:	157
Required majority:	105
Number of votes obtained:	
Australia	146
Denmark	145
Trinidad and Tobago	142
Thailand	99
Ethiopia	8 5
Somalia	70
Mongolia	54
Ecuador	6
Austria	2
Venezuela	2
Barbados	ī
Dominican Republic	•
Finland	i
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Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Australia, Denmark and Trinidad and Tobago were elected.

- 11. The PRESIDENT: There remain two seats to be filled from the African and Asian States.
- 12. I call on the representative of Ecuador on a point of order.
- 13. Mr. ALBORNOZ (Ecuador) (interpretation from Spanish): While I wish to thank the countries that have voted for Ecuador, I wish to reiterate that Ecuador withdrew its candidacy for a seat on the Security Council for reasons that were explained to the Group of Latin American States. Of course we are most thankful to those who voted for us.
- 14. The PRESIDENT: In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, we shall proceed to a second ballot, restricted to the four candidates which have obtained the largest number of votes. These four countries are Ethiopia, Mongolia, Somalia and Thailand. Ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Boukrif (Algeria), Mr. Halinen (Finland), Mr. Ruiz Cabañas (Mexico), Mr. Fernandez (Philippines) and Mr. Rydzkowski (Poland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 11.55 a.m. and resumed at 12.10 p.m.

15. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	158
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	158
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	157
Required majority:	105
Number of votes obtained:	
Thailand	100
Ethiopia	84
Somalia	72
Mongolia	54

16. The PRESIDENT: As none of the four candidates obtained the required two-thirds majority, the General Assembly will continue the voting and will hold a second restricted ballot. As in the last ballot, the only States whose names may be included on the ballot papers are Ethiopia, Mongolia, Somalia and Thailand. Any ballot paper containing the names of other States or more than two names will be declared invalid. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the in Itation of the President, Mr. Boukrif (Algeria), Mr. Halinen (Finland), Mr. Ruiz Cabañas (Mexico), Mr. Fernandez (Philippines) and Mr. Rydzkowski (Poland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 12.20 p.m. and resumed at 12.30 p.m.

17. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	158
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	158
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	157
Required majority:	105
Number of votes obtained:	
Thailand	103
Ethiopia	82
Somalia	74
Mongolia	51

18. The PRESIDENT: As none of the four States obtained the required two-thirds majority, the General Assembly will continue the voting and will hold a third restricted ballot. As in the last ballot, the only States whose names may be included in the ballot papers are Ethiopia, Mongolia, Somalia and Thailand, from the African and Asian groups. Any ballot papers containing the names of other States will be declared invalid. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Boukrif (Algeria), Mr. Halinen (Finland), Mr. Ruiz Cabañas (Mexico), Mr. Fernandez (Philippines) and Mr. Rydzkowski (Poland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 12.40 p.m. and resumed at 1 p.m.

19. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	158
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	158
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	156
Required majority:	104
Number of votes obtained:	
Thailand	106
Ethiopia	83
Somalia	72
Mongolia	49

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Thailand was elected.

Australia, Denmark, Thailand and Trinidad and Tobago were therefore elected non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two year term beginning on 1 January 1985 (decision 39/323).

20. The PRESIDENT: There remains one seat to be filled from the African and Asian States. The General Assembly will continue the balloting this afternoon.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.