



General Assembly

Seventy-second session

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President: Mr. Lajčák (Slovakia)

*In the absence of the President, Mr. Tevi (Vanuatu),
Vice-President, took the Chair.*

Council will be considered as elected, pursuant to Article 10, paragraph 1, of the Statute.

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Once again, I should like to remind representatives that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure,

Agenda item 113 (continued)

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice

Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/72/181)

List of candidates (A/72/182 and A/72/182/ Add.1)

Curricula vitae (A/72/183)

The Acting President: As members will recall, there is still one vacancy on the Court to be filled. The Assembly will now proceed to vote in respect of the remaining vacancy, and we will maintain the same format used for the 44th and 45th meetings on this item, held last Thursday. Accordingly, the General Assembly and the Security Council will proceed, independently of each other, to fill the one remaining seat on the Court, in accordance with Article 8 of the Statute of the Court.

This election in the Assembly will be held in accordance with the Statute of the Court, in particular Articles 2 to 4 and 7 to 12, and rules 150 and 151 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

The candidate who obtains an absolute majority of votes both in the General Assembly and in the Security

“After the President has announced the beginning of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting”.

Any announcements, including those concerning withdrawals of candidatures, should therefore be made prior to the commencement of the voting process, that is to say, before the announcement of the beginning of the voting process.

We shall now begin the voting process. Ballot papers will now be distributed. Ballot papers will be given only to the representative seated directly behind the country's nameplate. Representatives are requested to use only the ballot papers that are being distributed.

The two candidates whose names appear on the ballot paper are eligible.

May I remind delegations that only the box next to the name of one candidate should be marked with a cross. Any ballot paper on which more than one name is checked will be considered invalid. Votes may be cast only for those whose names appear on the ballot papers.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Aldoseri (Bahrain), Ms. Sánchez Rodríguez (Cuba), Mrs. Le Diffard (Hungary), Ms. Rheindrayani (Indonesia),

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Mr. McSwiney (Ireland) and Mr. Waweru (Kenya) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 3.20 p.m. and resumed at 3.45 p.m.

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

Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	3
Number of members present and voting:	189
Absolute majority:	97
Number of individual votes obtained:	
Mr. Dalveer Bhandari (India)	110
Mr. Christopher Greenwood (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	79

Mr. Dalveer Bhandari obtained an absolute majority in the General Assembly.

The Acting President: I have communicated the result of the voting to the President of the Security Council.

The President of the General Assembly has received from the President of the Security Council the following letter, which I will read out on behalf of the President of the Assembly.

“I have the honour to inform you that at the 8094th meeting of the Security Council, held on 13 November 2017, for the purpose of electing one member of the International Court of Justice for a term of office beginning on 6 February 2018, Mr. Christopher Greenwood (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) obtained an absolute majority of votes.”

The same candidate was not successful in both the General Assembly and the Security Council. In accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of the Statute of the Court, it will be necessary to hold another meeting to fill the remaining vacancy. I propose that this meeting be adjourned and that the 50th meeting be held immediately to vote on the remaining vacancy.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.