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President: Mr. Charles MALIK (Lebanon).

### AGENDA ITEM 15

#### Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council

1. The PRESIDENT: The first item on the agenda this afternoon is the election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace the members whose terms expire on 31 December 1958, namely, Colombia, Iraq and Sweden. The retiring members are not eligible for immediate re-election. In addition to the five permanent members of the Security Council, Canada, Japan and Panama will continue to be represented after 1 January 1959.

2. The election will be by secret ballot and there can be no nominations.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Nisot (Belgium) and Mr. Voutov (Bulgaria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	79
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	0
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	79
<u>Abstentions:</u>	0
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	79
<u>Required majority:</u>	53

Number of votes obtained:

Argentina . . . . .	78
Italy . . . . .	76
Tunisia . . . . .	74
Iran . . . . .	2
Finland . . . . .	1
Greece . . . . .	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Argentina, Italy and Tunisia were elected non-permanent members of the Security Council.

### AGENDA ITEM 16

#### Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council

3. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now proceed to the election of six members of the Economic and

Social Council, to fill the vacancies which will occur in the Council on 31 December 1958, when the terms of office of the following members expire: Brazil, Canada, Greece, Indonesia, the United States of America and Yugoslavia. Outgoing members are eligible for immediate re-election. I should like to point out that the following members will continue to be represented on the Council after 1 January 1959: Chile, China, Costa Rica, Finland, France, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, the Sudan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom. I invite the Assembly to proceed to a vote by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Woulbroun (Belgium) and Mr. Voutov (Bulgaria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	81
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	0
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	81
<u>Abstentions:</u>	0
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	81
<u>Required majority:</u>	54

Number of votes obtained:

Venezuela . . . . .	74
New Zealand . . . . .	73
United States of America . . . . .	68
Spain . . . . .	65
Bulgaria . . . . .	57
Afghanistan . . . . .	42
Thailand . . . . .	34
Philippines . . . . .	29
Ireland . . . . .	9
Ceylon . . . . .	6
Greece . . . . .	5
Morocco . . . . .	4
Brazil . . . . .	1
Canada . . . . .	1
El Salvador . . . . .	1
Guatemala . . . . .	1
Japan . . . . .	1
Portugal . . . . .	1
Yugoslavia . . . . .	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Bulgaria, New Zealand, Spain, the United States of America and Venezuela were elected members of the Economic and Social Council.

4. The PRESIDENT: Another ballot will now be necessary for the sixth unfilled vacancy on the Economic and Social Council. According to our rules of procedure, this ballot will be restricted to the candidatures of Afghanistan and Thailand. Ballot papers bearing the names of any other candidates will be declared invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Woulbroun (Belgium) and Mr. Voutov (Bulgaria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	81
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	0
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	81
<u>Abstentions:</u>	0
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	81
<u>Required majority:</u>	54

Number of votes obtained:

Afghanistan . . . . .	49
Thailand . . . . .	32

5. The PRESIDENT: Since neither one has received a two-thirds majority, I shall ask you to write on another ballot one of the two names. This will have to be done three times in this restricted form. If neither is elected we shall then have the unrestricted vote. However, this time please write either Afghanistan or Thailand. This is the second restricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Woulbroun (Belgium) and Mr. Mitchev (Bulgaria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	81
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	0
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	81
<u>Abstentions:</u>	0
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	81
<u>Required majority:</u>	54

Number of votes obtained:

Afghanistan . . . . .	48
Thailand . . . . .	33

6. The PRESIDENT: As neither of the two countries has obtained the necessary two-thirds majority, neither has been elected. We shall therefore proceed to the third restricted ballot, which will be limited to Afghanistan and Thailand.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Woulbroun (Belgium) and Mr. Mitchev (Bulgaria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	81
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	0
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	81
<u>Abstentions:</u>	0
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	81
<u>Required majority:</u>	54

Number of votes obtained:

Afghanistan . . . . .	52
Thailand . . . . .	29

7. The PRESIDENT: As neither of these two States has obtained the required two-thirds majority on the third restricted ballot, we shall now proceed, in accordance with the rules of procedure, to a new ballot, which will be unrestricted. First, however, I recognize the representative of Thailand.

8. Prince WAN WAITHAYAKON (Thailand): I wish to announce that Thailand withdraws in favour of Afghanistan. Afghanistan and Thailand are friendly nations, and this has been a friendly contest: we have been vying with each other in order to serve the United Nations. Thailand will be glad to see Afghanistan serve on the Economic and Social Council on behalf of our region.

9. The PRESIDENT: I think we had better proceed now with the unrestricted ballot prescribed by our

rules of procedure. After the result of the balloting has been announced, I shall give the floor to the representative of Afghanistan.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Smoldersen (Belgium) and Mr. Mitchev (Bulgaria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	81
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	0
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	81
<u>Abstentions:</u>	1
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	80
<u>Required majority:</u>	54

Number of votes obtained:

Afghanistan . . . . .	62
Philippines . . . . .	14
Ghana . . . . .	1
Hungary . . . . .	1
Ireland . . . . .	1
Thailand . . . . .	1

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

10. Mr. PAZHAWAK (Afghanistan): I have asked permission to express to representatives in the General Assembly my delegation's gratitude for their votes in support of our candidacy to a seat in the Economic and Social Council. We are particularly grateful to the delegation of Thailand and to H. R. H. Prince Wan Waithayakon. We have been deeply moved by that delegation's friendly gesture, a gesture which springs from one source only, and that source is the friendly relations which have always existed between Afghanistan and Thailand. We are very glad that it was expressed through the person of H. R. H. Prince Wan Waithayakon, since he is known to us, as indeed to the whole world, as a man with a spirit of understanding.

11. There was also another candidate for this seat from our part of the world, namely, Ceylon. In this connexion, we wish to express our appreciation of Ceylon's offer to withdraw from the election in favour of Afghanistan.

12. I do not wish to take up the time of the General Assembly while it is engaged in the business of elections, but I should like to say one thing: that the existence of this spirit of friendship, cordiality and understanding in our part of the world is a much greater source of pleasure to my delegation than is our election, and we hope that this spirit will continue to grow.

## AGENDA ITEM 17

Election of three members of the Trusteeship Council

13. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly now has to proceed to the election of three members of the Trusteeship Council. They must be elected in order to fill the vacancies which will occur when the terms of office of Burma, Guatemala and the United Arab Republic expire on 31 December 1958.

14. Before proceeding to the election, I believe that I should draw the attention of the Assembly to the provisions of Article 86 of the Charter, which deal with the composition of the Trusteeship Council. The balance established in this Article between Members of the United Nations administering Trust Territories

and those not administering Trust Territories will be affected in the foreseeable future when one of the Members ceases to be an Administering Authority and therefore ceases to be a member of the Council. This will occur in 1960.

15. In the light of the elections which will take place today, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its next regular session, to consider the procedure to be followed in order that the provisions concerning the composition of the Council and its balance may be maintained after the number of Administering Authorities has been reduced.

16. As in the case of the Economic and Social Council, members retiring from the Trusteeship Council are also eligible for immediate re-election. In addition to the members to which Article 86 of the Charter specifically refers, I should like to point out that Haiti and India will continue to serve on the Council after 1 January 1959. We shall now proceed to a vote by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Willot (Belgium) and Mr. Mitchev (Bulgaria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	81
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	0
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	81
<u>Abstentions:</u>	0
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	81
<u>Required majority:</u>	54

Number of votes obtained:

Paraguay . . . . .	.66
Burma . . . . .	.61
United Arab Republic . . . . .	.53
Liberia . . . . .	.37
Indonesia . . . . .	4
Ethiopia . . . . .	3
Ghana . . . . .	2
Ceylon . . . . .	1
Guatemala . . . . .	1
Mexico . . . . .	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Burma and Paraguay were elected members of the Trusteeship Council.

17. The PRESIDENT: The remaining States not having obtained the necessary two-thirds majority, we shall now proceed to the first restricted ballot, which will be restricted to the United Arab Republic and Liberia. Only one name is to be written on each ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Willot (Belgium) and Mr. Grinberg (Bulgaria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	81
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	1
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	80
<u>Abstentions:</u>	0
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	80
<u>Required majority:</u>	54

Number of votes obtained:

United Arab Republic . . . . .	.49
Liberia . . . . .	.31

18. Mr. DUKULY (Liberia): The Liberian Government is going to take a position similar to that taken by Thailand, when Prince Wan Waithayakon withdrew in favour of a particular country. We have come to do the same thing; we are retiring from this election, not with hate, but with love and with thanks to all those countries that voted for Liberia. If we do not succeed today, then surely we shall succeed tomorrow. The United Arab Republic is an African country north of the Sahara, and Liberia is an African country south of the Sahara. Therefore, we have a common interest and we give way to the United Arab Republic.

19. The PRESIDENT: We shall now proceed to the second restricted ballot, and then I will give the floor, after the result of the voting has been announced, to the representative of the United Arab Republic.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Willot (Belgium) and Mr. Mitchev (Bulgaria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	81
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	2
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	79
<u>Abstentions:</u>	7
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	72
<u>Required majority:</u>	48

Number of votes obtained:

United Arab Republic . . . . .	.65
Liberia . . . . .	7

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, the United Arab Republic was elected a member of the Trusteeship Council.

20. Mr. LOUTFI (United Arab Republic) (translated from French): I do not want to take up the Assembly's time at this late hour. I should simply like to say that I was very touched by the decision taken by my friend and colleague, the Chairman of the Liberian delegation. I am deeply grateful to him. It is a gesture which I appreciate all the more as it comes from the representative of an African country with which we have always had very cordial relations. I am sure that this decision was taken in the spirit of the Accra Conference, which brought our countries even closer together. Once again, I most sincerely thank the delegation and Government of Liberia.

21. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly this afternoon has fully constituted the three Councils of the United Nations. It has elected three non-permanent members to the Security Council, six members to the Economic and Social Council and three members to the Trusteeship Council. I wish to extend my sincerest congratulations to the twelve States that have been accorded the trust and confidence of the Assembly this afternoon. I wish them very successful terms of office on these three principal organs of the United Nations.

The meeting rose at 5.55 p.m.