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AGENDA ITEM 16

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

1. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will proceed this afternoon to elect six members of the Economic and Social Council. These members are to fill the vacancies which will occur in the Council on 31 December 1960, when six of the existing members of the Council retire. The six members of the Council who will retire on 31 December are: Chile, China, Costa Rica, France, Netherlands and Sudan. In the case of the Economic and Social Council, outgoing members are eligible for immediate re-election.

2. For the information of the members of the Assembly, I would recall that the following countries will continue to be members of the Economic and Social Council after 1 January 1961: Afghanistan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Denmark, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela. These countries are therefore not eligible in the present elections.

3. I would ask representatives to write on the ballot paper the names of the six countries for whom they wish to vote. Ballot papers containing more than six names will be declared invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Loizou (Cyprus) and Mr. Svenningsen (Denmark) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	93
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	93
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	93
Required majority:	62

Number of votes obtained:

Uruguay	77
El Salvador	73
France	70
Jordan	68
Ethiopia	62
Belgium	52
China	51

Ghana	11
Liberia	3
Chile	2
Indonesia	2
Nigeria	2
Somalia	2
Costa Rica	1
Czechoslovakia	1
Dominican Republic	1
Guinea	1
Haiti	1
India	1
Iran	1
Ireland	1
Israel	1
Mali	1
Mexico	1
Netherlands	1
Sudan	1
Sweden	1
United Arab Republic	1
Yemen	1

Having obtained the required majority, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Jordan and Uruguay were elected.

4. The PRESIDENT: In accordance with rule 95 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly will now proceed to a restricted ballot confined to the two countries with the next highest numbers of votes after the five which were elected. The two countries are Belgium and China. Members of the Assembly are requested to write on the ballot paper the name of one of those two countries, otherwise the ballot paper will be invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Loizou (Cyprus) and Mr. Svenningsen (Denmark) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	99
Invalid ballots:	13
Number of valid ballots:	86
Abstentions:	12
Number of members voting:	74
Required majority:	50

Number of votes obtained:

Belgium	37
China	37

5. The PRESIDENT: Neither of the two countries having received the necessary two-thirds majority, the Assembly will proceed to a further restricted ballot confined to Belgium and China. Members of the Assembly are requested to write on the ballot paper the name of one of those two countries, otherwise the ballot paper will be invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Loizou (Cyprus) and Mr. Svenningsen (Denmark) acted as tellers.

* Resumed from the 914th meeting.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	97
Invalid ballots:	13
Number of valid ballots:	84
Abstentions:	16
Number of members voting:	68
Required majority:	46

Number of votes obtained:

Belgium	35
China	33

6. The PRESIDENT: Having held three inconclusive ballots in respect of this seat, the Assembly will now proceed to hold three unrestricted ballots. In this ballot, every Member is eligible except the members of the Economic and Social Council who continue to hold office after 1 January 1961 and the five members elected on the first ballot. Members are requested to write the name of one country on the ballot paper; any ballot paper containing the name of more than one country will be invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Loizou (Cyprus) and Mr. Svenningsen (Denmark) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	97
Invalid ballots:	5
Number of valid ballots:	92
Abstentions:	7
Number of members voting:	85
Required majority:	57

Number of votes obtained:

Belgium	34
China	22
India	14
Ghana	4
Indonesia	2
Sweden	2
Austria	1
Chad	1
Finland	1
Guinea	1
Israel	1
Liberia	1
Nepal	1

7. The PRESIDENT: The result of the fourth ballot being inconclusive, the Assembly will proceed to a fifth ballot, which will also be unrestricted. Members of the Assembly are requested to write on the ballot paper the name of one country which is not a member of the Economic and Social Council with a term extending beyond 1 January 1961 and not one of the five countries elected earlier.

Mr. Nesbitt (Canada), Vice-President, took the Chair.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Loizou (Cyprus) and Mr. Svenningsen (Denmark) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	98
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	98
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	97
Required majority:	65

Number of votes obtained:

India	39
Belgium	33
China	18
Austria	2
Canada	1
Indonesia	1
Iran	1
Morocco	1
Sweden	1

8. The PRESIDENT: We shall now proceed to the third unrestricted ballot.

Mr. Boland (Ireland) resumed the Chair.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Loizou (Cyprus) and Mr. Svenningsen (Denmark) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	96
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	96
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	95
Required majority:	64

Number of votes obtained:

India	46
Belgium	34
China	11
Austria	4

9. The PRESIDENT: In accordance with rule 95 of the rules of procedure, the Assembly will now proceed to take a series of three restricted ballots, the ballots being restricted to India and Belgium. Members of the Assembly will, therefore, write on their ballot papers the name of either India or Belgium.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Loizou (Cyprus) and Mr. Svenningsen (Denmark) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	98
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	97
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	95
Required majority:	64

Number of votes obtained:

India	50
Belgium	45

10. The PRESIDENT: The result of the first of the series of three restricted ballots being inconclusive, the Assembly will proceed to a further restricted ballot, a ballot restricted to India and Belgium.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Loizou (Cyprus) and Mr. Svenningsen (Denmark) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	97
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	97
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	95
Required majority:	64

Number of votes obtained:

Belgium	48
India	47

11. The PRESIDENT: As neither of the countries concerned has received the required two-thirds majority, the Assembly will proceed to a ninth ballot, which will also be restricted to those two countries. This will be the third in the present series of the ballots restricted to India and Belgium.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Loizou (Cyprus) and Mr. Svenningsen (Denmark) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	98
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	98
<i>Abstentions:</i>	4
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	94
<i>Required majority:</i>	63

Number of votes obtained:

India	50
Belgium	44

12. The PRESIDENT: This ballot also having proved inconclusive, the Assembly will now proceed to a tenth ballot, which will be an unrestricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Loizou (Cyprus) and Mr. Svenningsen (Denmark) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	97
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	96
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	95
<i>Required majority:</i>	64

Number of votes obtained:

India	47
Belgium	36
China	6
Austria	3
Cambodia	1
Luxembourg	1
Madagascar	1

13. The PRESIDENT: The result of the tenth ballot is also inconclusive. The Assembly has now held ten ballots for the remaining vacancy on the Economic and Social Council, and so far the ballots have been inconclusive. The result of the latest ballot would, moreover, indicate that no conclusion is immediately within sight. In these circumstances, subject to the agreement of the Assembly, I would propose to defer further balloting now and to resume it at the next meeting. In the absence of objection, I shall take it that the Assembly is agreeable to that course.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 5.40 p.m.