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Held at Headquarters, New York,
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The meeting was called to order at 10.40 a.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENTS

The PRESIDENT: Since this is the first meeting of the Security Council since the month of July, I should like to pay a tribute, on behalf of the Council, to the President for the month of August, His Excellency Mr. Hans Werner Lautenschlager, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations, and to the President for the month of July, His Excellency Mr. Pierre-Louis Blanc, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations, for the great diplomatic skill with which they conducted the business of the Council during the past two months.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (S/19018, S/19062, S/19063 and S/19123)

The PRESIDENT: I should like to recall that at its 2739th meeting, on 27 March 1987, the Security Council adopted resolution 595 (1987), in which it decided that the election to fill the vacancy in the International Court of Justice should take place on 14 September 1987 at a meeting of the Security Council and at a meeting of the forty-first session of the General Assembly. This vacancy was caused by the death of Judge Guy Ladreit de Lacharrière on 10 March 1987.

This morning the Security Council and the General Assembly will proceed independently with the election, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Statute of the Court, for the purpose of filling this vacancy.

The list of candidates nominated by national groups is contained in documents S/19062 and S/19123. Document S/19063 contains the curriculum vitae of the candidate.

(The President)

The Security Council also has before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General, in document S/19018, describing the present composition of the Court and setting out the procedure to be followed in the conduct of the election.

I should like to remind the Council that under Article 10, paragraph 1 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice

"Those candidates who obtain an absolute majority of votes in the General Assembly and in the Security Council shall be considered as elected".

The required majority in the Security Council is eight votes.

Article 15 of the Statute of the Court provides that

"A member of the Court elected to replace a member whose term of office has not expired shall hold office for the remainder of his predecessor's term". Accordingly, the member elected to fill the remainder of the term left vacant by the death of Judge Ladreit de Lacharrière will serve until 5 February 1991.

The voting will be by secret ballot. When we proceed to the vote, members of the Council will receive a ballot containing the name of the candidate. Members of the Council casting a vote should place an "x" next to the name of the candidate. Votes may be cast only for the candidate whose name appears on the ballot paper; otherwise, the ballot will be considered invalid.

Each elector may vote for only one candidate. When a candidate has obtained the required majority, I shall notify the President of the General Assembly of the name of that candidate and I shall request the Council to remain in session pending the receipt from the President of the General Assembly of the result of the voting in the Assembly.

I shall now proceed to draw lots to select the two delegations to act as tellers.

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The PRESIDENT: The names of the delegations of Italy and Japan have been drawn, and I therefore request each of them to appoint one of its members to act as teller.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Treves (Italy) and Mr. Hayashi (Japan) acted as tellers.

The PRESIDENT: I take it that the Council is now ready to proceed with the election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Ladreit de Lacharrière.

It is so decided.

I shall ask the Conference Officer to distribute the ballots. I would repeat that members wishing to cast a vote should place an "x" at the left of the name of the candidate.

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The PRESIDENT: I take it that all the members of the Council have now voted, and I ask the Conference Officer to collect the ballots.

All the ballot papers have been collected.

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The PRESIDENT: I have now been informed that the ballot papers have been collected in the General Assembly.

The counting of the ballots in the Security Council will therefore now begin. The tellers will now count the ballots. There will be two independent countings of the ballots, one by each of the tellers.

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

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	15
<u>Number of invalid ballots:</u>	0
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	15
<u>Required majority:</u>	8
<u>Number of votes obtained:</u>	

Mr. Gilbert Guillaume (France)	15
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The PRESIDENT: Mr. Gilbert Guillaume has thus received the required majority of votes in the Security Council.

I shall communicate the result of the voting to the President of the General Assembly in writing. I request the Council to remain in session while we wait for the President of the General Assembly to inform the Council of the result of the voting in the Assembly.

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The PRESIDENT: I have just received a letter from the President of the General Assembly, which reads as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that at the 103rd plenary meeting of the forty-first session of the General Assembly, held today for the purpose of electing one member of the International Court of Justice, Mr. Gilbert Guillaume of France obtained an absolute majority of votes in the General Assembly."

As the Security Council and the General Assembly have agreed on the same candidate, the distinguished jurist Mr. Gilbert Guillaume of France has been elected a member of the International Court of Justice for a term of office expiring on 5 February 1991.

I should like to congratulate him and wish him every success in the high office to which he has been elected.

The Security Council has thus concluded its business for this meeting.

The meeting rose at 11 a.m.