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**President: Mr. Mongi SLIM (Tunisia).**

AGENDA ITEM 15

Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council  
(*continued*)\*

1. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): The Members of the Assembly will recall that at the 1044th meeting the election of one non-permanent member of the Security Council was deferred to a later meeting after three inconclusive ballots had been taken.
2. In accordance with the rules of procedure, we shall now proceed to three unrestricted ballots. All States Members of the United Nations are eligible, with the exception of the present members of the Council, the retiring members and the members who have already been elected during this session.
3. The ballot papers will now be distributed. They should bear the name of one country only; ballot papers bearing more than one name will be declared invalid.
4. We shall now proceed to the first unrestricted ballot.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Medicis (Brazil) and Mr. Caimerom Measketh (Cambodia) 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>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	98
<i>Required majority:</i>	66
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Romania . . . . .	49
Philippines . . . . .	47
India . . . . .	1
Japan . . . . .	1

5. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): Since the required majority has not been obtained, we shall proceed to a second unrestricted ballot.

\*Resumed from the 1044th meeting.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Medicis (Brazil) and Mr. Caimerom Measketh (Cambodia) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	102
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	102
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	102
<i>Required majority:</i>	68

*Number of votes obtained:*

Romania . . . . .	54
Philippines . . . . .	47
India . . . . .	1

6. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): The second ballot has also proved inconclusive. We shall accordingly proceed to the third unrestricted ballot.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Medicis (Brazil) and Mr. Caimerom Measketh (Cambodia) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	102
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	102
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	102
<i>Required majority:</i>	68

*Number of votes obtained:*

Romania . . . . .	53
Philippines . . . . .	48
India . . . . .	1

7. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): None of the three unrestricted ballots has produced a conclusive result. In accordance with rule 95 of the rules of procedure, the Assembly will now proceed to the first of three ballots to be restricted to the two candidates that obtained the greatest number of votes in the last ballot, that is, Romania and the Philippines.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Medicis (Brazil) and Mr. Caimerom Measketh (Cambodia) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	103
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	2
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	101
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	101
<i>Required majority:</i>	68

*Number of votes obtained:*

Romania . . . . .	52
Philippines . . . . .	49

8. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): Since neither of the candidates has obtained the required majority, we shall proceed to a second ballot restricted to Romania and the Philippines.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Medicis (Brazil) and Mr. Caimerom Measketh (Cambodia) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	103
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	103
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	103
<i>Required majority:</i>	69
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Romania . . . . .	55
Philippines . . . . .	48

9. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): Neither candidate having obtained the required majority, we shall now, under the rules of procedure, hold a third ballot restricted to the two candidate countries, the Philippines and Romania.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Medicis (Brazil) and Mr. Caimerom Measketh (Cambodia) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	103
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	103
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	103
<i>Required majority:</i>	69
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Romania . . . . .	53
Philippines . . . . .	50

10. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): Neither country has obtained the required majority. Under the rules of procedure, the General Assembly should now proceed to a series of three unrestricted ballots. I think that it would be useful to defer further balloting until a subsequent meeting, which will be scheduled in due course.

*It was so decided.*

## AGENDA ITEM 16

### Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council (concluded)\*

11. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): At its 1044th meeting the General Assembly decided to suspend the election to the two places remaining to be filled in the Economic and Social Council, the third ballot having failed to give a conclusive result.

12. In accordance with the rules of procedure, the General Assembly must now proceed to the first of a series of three unrestricted ballots. In the present instance, all States Members of the United Nations are eligible, with the exception of the members of the Council that will continue to serve after 1 January 1962 and of the four members elected on the first ballot at the 1044th meeting, namely Australia, Colombia, Senegal and the United States.

13. The ballot papers will now be distributed. I shall ask representatives to write on them the names of the two countries for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers bearing more than two names will be declared invalid.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Medicis (Brazil) and Mr. Caimerom Measketh (Cambodia) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	102
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	101
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	101
<i>Required majority:</i>	68
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
India . . . . .	74
Yugoslavia . . . . .	72
Thailand . . . . .	38
Haiti . . . . .	2
Iraq . . . . .	2
Iran . . . . .	2
Dominican Republic . . . . .	1
Romania . . . . .	1

*Having obtained the required majority, India and Yugoslavia were elected members of the Economic and Social Council.*

14. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): We have thus completed the election to the Economic and Social Council.

*The meeting rose at 5 p.m.*

\*Resumed from the 1044th meeting.