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**President: Mr. Gaston THORN  
 (Luxembourg).**

*In the absence of the President, Mr. Waldron-Ramsey (Barbados), Vice-President, took the Chair.*

**AGENDA ITEM 15**

**Election of five non-permanent members  
 of the Security Council**

1. The PRESIDENT: The first item on our agenda this morning is the election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace those whose term of office expires on 31 December 1975. The five outgoing members are the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Costa Rica, Iraq, Mauritania and the United Republic of Cameroon. Those five countries are not eligible for re-election and their names must not, therefore, appear on the ballot papers.
2. Apart from the five permanent members, the Security Council in 1976 will include the following countries: Guyana, Italy, Japan, Sweden and the United Republic of Tanzania. Therefore, the names of those States should also not appear on the ballot papers.
3. Of the five non-permanent members which will remain in office in 1976, two are from Africa and Asia, one from Latin America and two from the Western European and other States. Therefore, in accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution 1991 A (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, the non-permanent members to be elected should be selected as follows: three from Africa and Asia, one from Eastern Europe and one from Latin America. The ballot paper takes that pattern into account.
4. In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, the election shall be held by secret ballot and there shall be no nominations.
5. The ballot papers are now being distributed. I request representatives to use only the ballot papers which have been distributed and to write on them the names of the five Member States for which they wish to vote. As I have indicated, the ballot papers should not include the names of the five permanent members of the Security Council, of the five outgoing non-permanent members or of the five countries that are already non-permanent members for 1976. Any

ballot paper containing more than five names will be declared invalid.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Hepburn (Bahamas) and Mr. Talvitie (Finland) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

6. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

*The meeting was suspended at 11.25 a.m. and resumed at 12.05 p.m.*

7. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting for the election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	140
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	140
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	140
Required majority:	94

*Number of votes obtained:*

Romania .....	137
Dahomey .....	133
Panama .....	132
Libyan Arab Republic .....	126
India .....	60
Pakistan .....	59
Philippines .....	25
Cuba .....	2
Argentina .....	1
Bolivia .....	1
Morocco .....	1
Nigeria .....	1
Rwanda .....	1
Senegal .....	1
Sierra Leone .....	1
Venezuela .....	1
Yugoslavia .....	1
Zambia .....	1

*Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Dahomey, the Libyan Arab Republic, Panama and Romania were elected non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 1976.*

8. The PRESIDENT: There remains one seat to be filled. In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, we shall proceed to a second ballot restricted to the two candidates that have obtained the highest number of votes. Those two countries are India and Pakistan. Ballot papers will now be distributed. May I remind representatives that only one non-permanent member of the Security Council is to be elected in this ballot. Therefore a ballot paper containing any name other than India or Pakistan will be declared invalid since the ballot is restricted to those two States.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Hepburn (Bahamas) and Mr. Talvitie (Finland) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

9. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

*The meeting was suspended at 12.25 p.m. and resumed at 12.35 p.m.*

10. The PRESIDENT: The result of the vote is as follows:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	140
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	139
<i>Abstentions:</i>	4
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	135
<i>Required majority:</i>	90
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Pakistan .....	76
India .....	59

11. The PRESIDENT: As neither of the two countries obtained the required two-thirds majority the General Assembly will continue the voting and will hold a second restricted ballot. As in the last ballot, the only countries whose names may be included in the ballot papers are India and Pakistan. Any papers containing the names of other countries will be declared invalid. Ballot papers will now be distributed.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Hepburn (Bahamas) and Mr. Talvitie (Finland) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

12. The PRESIDENT: I propose again to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

*The meeting was suspended at 12.50 p.m. and resumed at 12.55 p.m.*

13. The PRESIDENT: The result of the second restricted ballot is as follows:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	140
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	140
<i>Abstentions:</i>	3
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	137
<i>Required majority:</i>	92

*Number of votes obtained:*

Pakistan .....	73
India .....	64

14. The PRESIDENT: As neither of the two candidates has obtained the required two-thirds majority, the General Assembly will continue the voting and will hold a third restricted ballot. As in the last ballot, the only countries whose names may be included in the ballot papers are India and Pakistan. Any papers containing the names of other countries will be declared invalid. Ballot papers will now be distributed.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Hepburn (Bahamas) and Mr. Talvitie (Finland) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

15. The PRESIDENT: I shall again suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

*The meeting was suspended at 1.15 p.m. and resumed at 1.20 p.m.*

16. The PRESIDENT: The result of the vote is as follows:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	140
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	140
<i>Abstentions:</i>	3
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	137
<i>Required majority:</i>	92
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Pakistan .....	78
India .....	59

17. The PRESIDENT: Since the result of this third restricted ballot did not produce a candidate with the required two-thirds majority, I am afraid that, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, we shall have to proceed to unrestricted balloting when we resume this afternoon. In unrestricted balloting any Member State may be a candidate for election except, of course, the five permanent members of the Security Council, those we elected this morning, those whose term as members of the Council is still unexpired and, of course, the outgoing members of the council.

*The meeting rose at 1.25 p.m.*