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President: Prince WAN WAITHAYAKON (Thailand).

AGENDA ITEM 17

Election of a member of the International Court of Justice to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Hsu Mo (continued)

1. The PRESIDENT: The first ballot at this meeting will be unrestricted, that is, representatives may vote for any candidate whose name appears on the ballot paper.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mangasha (Ethiopia) and Mr. de Gripenberg (Finland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	80
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	80
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	79
Required majority:	42
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Wellington Koo (China)	39
Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama (Japan)	38
Mr. Claro Recto (Philippines)	2

2. The PRESIDENT: As no candidate has received the required majority, the Assembly will proceed to a restricted ballot, that is, restricted to Mr. Wellington Koo and Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mangasha (Ethiopia) and Mr. de Gripenberg (Finland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	79
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	79

Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	79
Required majority:	42
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Wellington Koo (China)	40
Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama (Japan)	39

3. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will proceed to another restricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mangasha (Ethiopia) and Mr. de Gripenberg (Finland) acted as tellers.

Number of ballot papers:	79
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	79
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	79
Required majority:	42
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Wellington Koo	40
Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama	39

4. The PRESIDENT: There will now be an unrestricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mangasha (Ethiopia) and Mr. de Gripenberg (Finland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	78
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	78
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	78
Required majority:	42
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama (Japan)	40
Mr. Wellington Koo (China)	36
Mr. Plinio Bolla (Switzerland)	1
Mr. Claro Recto (Philippines)	1

5. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now proceed to another unrestricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mangasha (Ethiopia) and Mr. de Gripenberg (Finland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	80
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	80
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	80
Required majority:	42

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama (Japan)	40
Mr. Wellington Koo (China)	38
Mr. Claro Recto (Philippines)	2

6. The PRESIDENT: No candidate has received the required majority. I propose that we now suspend this meeting until 3 p.m., at which time we shall proceed to a third unrestricted ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 1 p.m. and was resumed at 3 p.m.

7. The PRESIDENT: This is the third meeting for the election of a member of the International Court of Justice to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Hsu Mo. The third unrestricted ballot will now be held.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mangasha (Ethiopia) and Mr. de Gripenberg (Finland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	73
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	73
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	73
<i>Required majority:</i>	42
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Wellington Koo (China)	37
Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama (Japan)	35
Mr. Claro Recto (Philippines)	1

8. The PRESIDENT: Another ballot will be held, restricted to Mr. Wellington Koo and Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mangasha (Ethiopia) and Mr. de Gripenberg (Finland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	77
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	77
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	77
<i>Required majority:</i>	42
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Wellington Koo (China)	39
Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama (Japan)	38

9. The PRESIDENT: As neither candidate has received the required majority, the Assembly will proceed to another restricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mangasha (Ethiopia) and Mr. de Gripenberg (Finland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	78
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	77
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	77
<i>Required majority:</i>	42
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Wellington Koo (China)	39
Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama (Japan)	38

10. The PRESIDENT: We shall have one more restricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mangasha (Ethiopia) and Mr. de Gripenberg (Finland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	78
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	78
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	78
<i>Required majority:</i>	42
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama (Japan)	40
Mr. Wellington Koo (China)	38

11. The PRESIDENT: We shall now proceed to an unrestricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mangasha (Ethiopia) and Mr. de Gripenberg (Finland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	79
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	79
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	79
<i>Required majority:</i>	42
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama (Japan)	44
Mr. Wellington Koo (China)	35

12. The PRESIDENT: I shall read out to the Assembly the following letter which I have received from the President of the Security Council:

"I have the honour to inform you that, at the 759th meeting of the Security Council, held on 19 December 1956, for the purpose of electing a member of the International Court of Justice to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Hsu Mo, Mr. Wellington Koo, China, obtained an absolute majority of votes."

13. As this is the third meeting for this election, I propose that we postpone the election until after we have concluded item 56, on the question of amending the United Nations Charter to increase the number of non-permanent members of the Security Council.

It was so decided

AGENDA ITEM 14

Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council

14. The PRESIDENT: We shall now proceed to the election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace Belgium, Iran and Peru, whose terms of office expire on 31 December 1956. I would point out that these three outgoing members are not eligible for re-election and that, in addition to the five permanent members of the Security Council, the following members will also be represented on the Security Council after 1 January 1957, namely, Australia, Cuba and the Philippines.

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

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jacques Léger (Haiti) and Mr. Boland (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	77
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	77
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	77
Required majority:	52
Number of votes obtained:	
Colombia	73
Iraq	69
Sweden	41
Spain	32
India	3
Italy	2
Brazil	1
Ireland	1
Liberia	1
Mexico	1
Norway	1
Yemen	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Colombia and Iraq were elected non-permanent members of the Security Council.

16. The PRESIDENT: As regards the third seat, there will now be a ballot restricted to Sweden and Spain.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jacques Léger (Haiti) and Mr. Boland (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	79
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	79
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	79
Required majority:	53
Number of votes obtained:	
Sweden	47
Spain	32

17. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now proceed to another restricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jacques Léger (Haiti) and Mr. Boland (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	77
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	77
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	77
Required majority:	52
Number of votes obtained:	
Sweden	49
Spain	28

18. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now proceed to an unrestricted ballot.

19. I call on the representative of Spain on a point of order.

20. Mr. DE LEQUERICA (Spain) (translated from Spanish): Although there are no nominations in this election, I should like, with the kind indulgence of the President, to thank most sincerely the many delegations which nominated Spain for a seat on the Security Council. At the same time, however, I would ask them, in the interest of the smooth functioning of our General Assembly and its organs and of the unity of all peace-loving nations, to refrain from voting for Spain.

21. We are deeply grateful to them. Nor do I wish to conceal our great regard for Sweden, a country with which Spain enjoys excellent relations and with which it has never had any difficulty in all its history since the remote days of Gustav Adolph, in the seventeenth century. We should like to erase even that distant memory and are prepared—although this may be revealing a secret—to vote for Sweden.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jacques Léger (Haiti) and Mr. Boland (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	77
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	77
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	77
Required majority:	52
Number of votes obtained:	
Sweden	71
Spain	5
Italy	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Sweden was elected a non-permanent member of the Security Council.

AGENDA ITEM 15

Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council

22. The PRESIDENT: This election is being held to fill the vacancies which will occur in the Economic and Social Council on 31 December 1956, when the terms of office of the following members expire: Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Norway, Pakistan, the Soviet Union and the United Kingdom. In this case the outgoing members are eligible for re-election. I should like to point out that the following States will continue to be represented on the Economic and Social Council after 1 January 1957: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Dominican Republic, Egypt, France, Greece, Indonesia, Netherlands, United States and Yugoslavia.

23. We shall now proceed to vote by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jacques Léger (Haiti) and Mr. Boland (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	78
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	78
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	78
Required majority:	52
Number of votes obtained:	
Mexico	70
Poland	65

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	63
Finland	60
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	59
Ceylon	45
Pakistan	43
Thailand	26
Uruguay	2
Venezuela	2
Cambodia	1
Chile	1
Costa Rica	1
Czechoslovakia	1
Ecuador	1
Greece	1
India	1
Italy	1
Yemen	1
Yugoslavia	1

Having obtained the required majority, Mexico, Poland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Finland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were elected members of the Economic and Social Council.

24. The PRESIDENT: As regards the sixth seat, there will be another ballot, restricted to Ceylon and Pakistan.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jacques Léger (Haiti) and Mr. Boland (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	76
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	75
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	73
<i>Required majority:</i>	49
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Pakistan	39
Ceylon	34

25. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now proceed to another restricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jacques Léger (Haiti) and Mr. Boland (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	77
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	76
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	75
<i>Required majority:</i>	50
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Pakistan	44
Ceylon	31

26. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now proceed to an unrestricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jacques Léger (Haiti) and Mr. Boland (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	77
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	76
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	75
<i>Required majority:</i>	50
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Pakistan	44
Ceylon	28
Thailand	3

27. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now proceed to another unrestricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jacques Léger (Haiti) and Mr. Boland (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	77
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	77
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	76
<i>Required majority:</i>	51
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Pakistan	48
Ceylon	27
Thailand	1

28. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now proceed to another unrestricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jacques Léger (Haiti) and Mr. Boland (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	77
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	77
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	75
<i>Required majority:</i>	50
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Pakistan	51
Ceylon	24

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

AGENDA ITEM 16

Election of two members of the Trusteeship Council

29. The PRESIDENT: Two members must be elected to the Trusteeship Council to fill the vacancies which will occur when the terms of India and Haiti expire on 31 December 1956. As in the case of the Economic and Social Council, retiring members are eligible for re-election to membership in the Trusteeship Council.

30. I might point out that, in addition to the members specifically referred to in Article 86 of the Charter, the terms of office of the following countries in the Trusteeship Council do not expire at the end of this year: Burma, Guatemala and Syria.

31. The election will be held by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jacques Léger (Haiti) and Mr. Boland (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	76
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	75
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	75
<i>Required majority:</i>	50

Number of votes obtained:

<i>India</i>	57
<i>Haiti</i>	54
<i>Liberia</i>	36
<i>Syria</i>	1

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

The meeting rose at 6.20 p.m.