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**President: Sir Leslie MUNRO (New Zealand).**

**AGENDA ITEM 14**

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

1. The **PRESIDENT**: The first item on the agenda today deals with the election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace Australia, Cuba and the Philippines. Members are aware that these three outgoing members are not eligible for re-election and that, in addition to the five permanent members of the Security Council, Colombia, Iraq and Sweden will continue to be represented after 1 January 1958 and are therefore not eligible for election at this time.

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

At the invitation of the President, Mr. de la Colina (Mexico) and Mr. Schurmann (Netherlands) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	78
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	0
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	78
<u>Abstentions:</u>	0
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	78
<u>Required majority:</u>	52
<u>Number of votes obtained:</u>	
Panama . . . . .	74
Canada . . . . .	72
Japan . . . . .	55
Czechoslovakia . . . . .	25
Argentina . . . . .	1
Brazil . . . . .	1
Chile . . . . .	1
Dominican Republic . . . . .	1
Italy . . . . .	1
India . . . . .	1
Sudan . . . . .	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Panama, Canada and Japan were elected non-permanent members of the Security Council.

**AGENDA ITEM 15**

**Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council**

3. The **PRESIDENT**: The Assembly will now proceed to the election of six members of the Economic and Social Council, to fill the vacancies which will occur in the Council on 31 December 1957, when the terms of office of the following members expire: Argentina, China, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, France and the Netherlands. 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 1958: Brazil, Canada, Finland, Greece, Indonesia, Mexico, Pakistan, Poland, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States and Yugoslavia. I invite the Assembly to proceed to the vote.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. de la Colina (Mexico) and Mr. Schurmann (Netherlands) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	81
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	1
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	80
<u>Abstentions:</u>	0
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	80
<u>Required majority:</u>	54
<u>Number of votes obtained:</u>	
Chile . . . . .	79
Costa Rica . . . . .	77
Sudan . . . . .	72
Netherlands . . . . .	71
France . . . . .	69
China . . . . .	54
Philippines . . . . .	4
Egypt . . . . .	3
Japan . . . . .	2
Afghanistan . . . . .	2
India . . . . .	1
Australia . . . . .	1
Thailand . . . . .	1
Ireland . . . . .	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Chile, Costa Rica, the Sudan, the Netherlands, France, and China were elected members of the Economic and Social Council.

**AGENDA ITEM 16**

**Election of five members of the International Court of Justice**

4. The **PRESIDENT**: The General Assembly will now proceed to the election of five members of the International Court of Justice in order to fill the vacancies which will occur on 5 February 1958, when the terms of office of Judges Abdel Hamid Badawi, V.K. Wellington Koo, John E. Read, Bohdan Winiarski, and Milovan Zoricic expire.

5. I should like to point out that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 264 (III), those States which are parties to the Statute but not Members of the United Nations are entitled to participate in the election in the General Assembly with the same rights as Members of the United Nations. I am happy, therefore, to welcome the representatives of Lichtenstein and Switzerland on this occasion.

6. I should also like to confirm that the Security Council will now proceed independently and concurrently with the General Assembly to elect the members of the Court.

7. Documents A/3653 and Add.1 to 3 contain the list of candidates, together with the information that Mr. John E. Read of Canada, Mr. Shigeru Kuriyama of Japan and Mr. R. B. Pal of India have withdrawn their candidatures. I should also inform the Assembly that I have been told this morning that Justice Myint Thein of Burma is not a candidate.

8. The curricula vitae of the candidates are contained in documents A/3671 and Add.1. The Assembly also has before it a memorandum from the Secretary-General [A/3678] on the present composition of the Court and also on the procedure to be followed in the Assembly and the Security Council in connexion with the election.

9. In accordance with Article 10, paragraph 1, of the Statute, the candidates who obtain an absolute majority of votes in the Assembly and in the Security Council will be considered elected as members of the Court. Candidates up to the number of five who obtain forty-three or more votes in the Assembly will be considered as elected by the Assembly.

10. We shall now proceed to the vote, which, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, will be taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. de la Colina (Mexico) and Mr. Schurmann (Netherlands) acted as tellers.

<u>A vote was taken by secret ballot.</u>	
<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	84
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	2
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	82
<u>Abstentions:</u>	0
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	82
<u>Required majority:</u>	43
<u>Number of votes obtained:</u>	
Sir Percy Spender (Australia) . . . . .	58
Mr. Abdel Hamid Badawi (Egypt) . . . . .	55
Mr. V. K. Wellington Koo (China) . . . . .	47
Mr. Bohdan Winiarski (Poland) . . . . .	44
Mr. Gaetano Morelli (Italy) . . . . .	37
Mr. Jean Spiropoulos (Greece) . . . . .	35
Mr. Henri Rolin (Belgium) . . . . .	29
Mr. Jaroslav Zourek (Czechoslovakia) . . . . .	20
Mr. Alfred Verdross (Austria) . . . . .	16
Mr. John Joseph Hearne (Ireland) . . . . .	13
Mr. Ahmed Matine Daftari (Iran) . . . . .	12
Mr. Phya Tamaprakhan (Thailand) . . . . .	7
Mr. Georges Sauser-Hall (Switzerland) . . . . .	5
Mr. Sture Petren (Sweden) . . . . .	4
Mr. Eelco N. van Kleffens (Netherlands) . . . . .	4
Mr. Paul Guggenheim (Switzerland) . . . . .	3
Mr. José Matos (Guatemala) . . . . .	3
Mr. Roberto Ago (Italy) . . . . .	2
Mr. Nihat Erim (Turkey) . . . . .	2

11. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly has given the required majority to Mr. Badawi, Mr. Koo, Sir Percy Spender and Mr. Winiarski.

12. It will now be necessary for the Assembly, in accordance with rule 96 of the rules of procedure, to proceed to a restricted ballot which will be confined to two candidates: Mr. Morelli and Mr. Spiropoulos.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. de la Colina (Mexico) and Mr. Schurmann (Netherlands) acted as tellers.

<u>A vote was taken by secret ballot.</u>	
<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	84
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	2
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	82
<u>Abstentions:</u>	1
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	81
<u>Required majority:</u>	43
<u>Number of votes obtained:</u>	
Mr. Jean Spiropoulos (Greece) . . . . .	42
Mr. Gaetano Morelli (Italy) . . . . .	39

13. The PRESIDENT: In these circumstances, the Assembly will have to take another restricted ballot which, I need hardly state will be limited to the same two candidates.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. de la Colina (Mexico) and Mr. Schurmann (Netherlands) acted as tellers.

<u>A vote was taken by secret ballot.</u>	
<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	84
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	1
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	83
<u>Abstentions:</u>	0
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	83
<u>Required majority:</u>	43
<u>Number of votes obtained:</u>	
Mr. Jean Spiropoulos (Greece) . . . . .	50
Mr. Gaetano Morelli (Italy) . . . . .	33

14. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has given the required majority to Mr. Badawi, Mr. Koo, Sir Percy Spender, Mr. Spiropoulos and Mr. Winiarski.

15. It is now my duty to read the following letter which I have received from the President of the Security Council:

"I have the honour to bring to your knowledge the fact that the Security Council has held its 793rd meeting on 1 October with the object of proceeding to the election of five members of the International Court of Justice. The following five candidates have received an absolute majority of votes: Mr. Badawi, Mr. Koo, Mr. Morelli, Sir Percy Spender, Mr. Winiarski."

16. In these circumstances, the following have been elected to the International Court of Justice: Mr. Badawi, Mr. Koo, Sir Percy Spender and Mr. Winiarski.

17. It will now be necessary for the Security Council to meet again to fill the fifth vacancy and the Assembly, of course, will also have to meet again for the same purpose.

The meeting rose at 12.55 p.m.