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President: Mr. Al-Nasser (Qatar)

In the absence of the President, Ms. Kamara (Liberia), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

Agenda item 113 (continued)

Election to fill vacancies in principal organs

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice

Memorandum by the Secretary-General
(A/66/182)

List of candidates (A/66/183)

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The Acting President: As members will recall, at its 53rd plenary meeting, on 10 November 2011, the Assembly elected four members of the International Court of Justice to serve for a nine-year term commencing on 6 February 2012. There is still one vacancy on the Court to be filled. The Assembly will now proceed, at its ninth meeting, to vote in respect of the remaining vacancy.

I should like to remind representatives that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

“After the President has announced the beginning of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting.”

We shall now begin the voting process. All the candidates whose names appear on the ballot papers are eligible. May I remind delegations that only the name of one candidate should be marked with a cross. Any ballot paper on which more than one name is marked will be considered invalid. Votes may only be cast for the names that appear on the ballot papers.

At the invitation of the Acting President, Ms. Bonkougou (Burkina Faso), Ms. Shiolashvili (Georgia), Ms. Reyes (Honduras), Mr. Weydert (Luxembourg), Mrs. Azmee (Malaysia) and Ms. Kloeg (Netherlands) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 3.40 p.m. and resumed at 4.05 p.m.

The Acting President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	180
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	180
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	180
Required absolute majority:	97
Number of votes obtained:	
Ms. Julia Sebutinde (Uganda)	97
Mr. Abdul G. Koroma (Sierra Leone)	83

Ms. Julia Sebutinde of Uganda has obtained an absolute majority in the General Assembly.

I have communicated the result of the voting to the President of the Security Council.

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I have received a letter from the President of the Security Council, which reads:

“I have the honour to inform you that at the 6682nd meeting of the Security Council, held on 13 December 2011, for the purpose of electing five members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office beginning on 6 February 2012, Ms. Julia Sebutinde obtained an absolute majority of votes.”

As a result of the voting that has taken place independently in the General Assembly and the Security Council, Ms. Julia Sebutinde has obtained an absolute majority in both organs. She is therefore a duly elected member of the International Court of Justice to serve for a nine-year term commencing

6 February 2012. I take this opportunity to extend to her the congratulations of the Assembly on her election.

The following five candidates have obtained an absolute majority in both organs: Mr. Giorgio Gaja (Italy), Mr. Hisashi Owada (Japan), Ms. Julia Sebutinde (Uganda), Mr. Peter Tomka (Slovakia) and Ms. Xue Hanqin (China). They are therefore duly elected members of the International Court of Justice to serve for a nine-year term commencing 6 February 2012. I take this opportunity to extend to them the congratulations of the Assembly on their elections. I also wish to thank the tellers for their assistance.

We have thus concluded this stage of our consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 113.

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.