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**President:** Mr. Muhammad ZAFRULLA KHAN  
(Pakistan).

## AGENDA ITEM 5

### Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers

1. The PRESIDENT: The Chairmen of the seven Main Committees have now been elected, and the following persons will therefore be members of the General Committee:

*First Committee:* Mr. Omar A. H. Adeel (Sudan);

*Special Political Committee:* Mr. Leopoldo Benites (Ecuador);

*Second Committee:* Mr. Bohdan Lewandowski (Poland);

*Third Committee:* Mr. Nemi Chandra Kasliwal (India);

*Fourth Committee:* Mr. Guillermo Flores Avendaño (Guatemala);

*Fifth Committee:* Mr. Jan Paul Bannier (Netherlands);

*Sixth Committee:* Mr. Constantine Eustathiades (Greece).

## AGENDA ITEM 6

### Election of Vice-Presidents

2. The PRESIDENT: Rule 31 of the rules of procedure establishes the pattern for the election of the thirteen Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, who are elected after the election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees. All members of the General Assembly are eligible in this election of the Vice-Presidents, with the exception of those who have in the elections so far held been accorded representation in the General Committee. The countries whose representatives have been elected Chairmen of Committees therefore are not eligible for election to Vice-Presidencies.

3. Members of the Assembly have already been informed of the regional distribution of posts through the Journal, which contains in its issue today a sample ballot for the election of the Vice-Presidents.

4. In connexion with this ballot, I should like to point out that, in consequence of the election of the President of the General Assembly, the number of posts allocated under group A, which refers to the Asian and African States, has been reduced from four to three. Therefore the number of posts now available under group A is only three. I am informed that the fourth line under that group has been deleted on the ballot papers. I would consequently request Members to take full note of the fact that they may vote for only three candidates from among the Asian and African States in the election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

5. I should like to remind Members of the Assembly that if the number of names for any one group on the ballot paper is greater than the number prescribed for that group, the vote as regards that particular group will be considered invalid, but the vote in respect of the other groups will be counted.

6. Will representatives be kind enough to write on the ballot papers the names of the thirteen States Members of the United Nations for which they wish to vote, and not names of individuals. Members that receive a majority of the votes cast, in accordance with the provisions of rule 31, will be declared elected.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Traore (Mali) and Mr. Algarde (Norway) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	108
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	108
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	108
<i>Required majority:</i>	55

### *Number of votes obtained:*

#### *Group A:*

Jordan . . . . .	89
Madagascar . . . . .	76
Guinea . . . . .	73
Sierra Leone . . . . .	68
Ivory Coast . . . . .	2
Congo (Brazzaville) . . . . .	1
Mali . . . . .	1
Ghana . . . . .	1
Thailand . . . . .	1

#### *Group B:*

Romania . . . . .	97
Czechoslovakia . . . . .	2

#### *Group C:*

Colombia . . . . .	101
Haiti . . . . .	99
Brazil . . . . .	1
Cuba . . . . .	1
Mexico . . . . .	1

**Group D:**

Belgium.....	97
Australia.....	95
Austria.....	1
Norway.....	1
Spain.....	1
Sweden.....	1

**Group E:**

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	100
France.....	99
United States of America.....	99
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	95
China.....	69

The representatives of the following countries, having obtained the required majority, were elected Vice-Presidents: Australia, Belgium, China, Colombia, France, Guinea, Haiti, Jordan, Madagascar, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

7. The PRESIDENT: The General Committee of the General Assembly at its seventeenth session is now fully constituted.

8. I would request the members of the General Committee to attend the first meeting of the Committee, which will be held this afternoon. I should also like to invite those Members who have proposed items for inclusion in the agenda and who desire to attend the General Committee, in accordance with rule 43, to make known their intention as soon as possible to the Secretariat so that proper arrangements may be made for their participation.

9. The next plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held to-morrow, Thursday, at 10.30 a.m., at which time the general debate will open. I would very earnestly request Members to co-operate in establishing strict punctuality for the various plenary meetings as well as for the meetings of the Main Committees and of the General Committee.

*The meeting rose at 1.15 p.m.*