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Chairman: Mr. Rodolfo MUNOZ (Argentina).

Election of the Vice-Chairman

[Item 5]*

1. Mr. WINIEWICZ (Poland) nominated Mr. Bazhan (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic).
2. Mr. EGUIZABAL (El Salvador) nominated Mr. Khalidy (Iraq).
3. Mr. BARAN (Turkey) supported that nomination.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	51
<i>Number of abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	51
<i>Required majority</i>	26

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Khalidy	39
Mr. Bazhan	12

Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Awni Khalidy (Iraq) was elected Vice-Chairman.

Election of the Rapporteur

[Item 5]*

4. Mr. DE MARCHENA (Dominican Republic) nominated Mr. Scott (New Zealand).

5. Mr. S. S. LIU (China) supported the nomination.

Mr. J. V. Scott (New Zealand) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

Order of discussion of agenda items

6. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that he had received from the President of the General Assembly a letter (A/C.4/203) giving a list of the items on the agenda of the seventh session that had been

referred to the Fourth Committee. He asked whether members had any comments to make on the subject of the order in which the Committee should discuss those items.

7. Mr. DE MARCHENA (Dominican Republic) thought that after considering the first three items, which concerned information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, it would be more logical to examine items 6 and 7, which related to that question; he therefore proposed that they should become items 4 and 5 and that items 4 and 5 should become items 6 and 7.

8. The Committee would also be well-advised to reverse the order of the last two items. The United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa, 1952, would submit shortly to the Trusteeship Council a special report on the Ewe and Togoland unification problem, which the Council would consider at the second part of its eleventh session, and the members of the Committee ought to examine that document before taking up item 8.

9. Mr. FORSYTH (Australia) observed that the items relating to the Non-Self-Governing Territories came first on the list of agenda items and the report of the Trusteeship Council and other questions relating to the Trust Territories came later. Under the terms of the Charter the General Assembly had specific responsibilities and duties in connexion with the Trust Territories, but the Charter did not assign specific functions to the General Assembly in relation to Non-Self-Governing Territories. Clearly the authors of the Charter had intended the General Assembly to regard trusteeship questions as the more important. That being so, the items concerning the Trust Territories should be at the head of the list, as far as the technical difficulties allowed. He realized that in the present case there were technical difficulties, but an explanation should appear in the record.

10. Mr. BUNCHE (Secretary of the Committee) explained that the examination of the items relating to the Trust Territories, including the Trusteeship

* Indicates the item number on the agenda of the General Assembly.

Council's report, would have to be postponed as all the documents were not yet ready.

11. Mr. FOURIE (Union of South Africa) pointed out that some of the documents relating to the question of South West Africa were not ready either. The Committee's decision on the order of discussion of the last two items on its agenda should therefore be postponed.

There being no objection, the Committee adopted the order of discussion of agenda items proposed by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

Requests for oral hearings

12. Mr. BUNCHE (Secretary of the Committee) read out a request for an oral hearing addressed to the Secretary-General by the Wa-Meru tribe on 5 September 1952.¹

¹ Later reproduced in document A/C.4/206.

13. Mr. BENSON (Secretariat) read out a request for a hearing addressed to the Secretary-General by the Union des populations du Cameroun on 4 October 1952.¹

14. He also read out a request for a hearing addressed to the Chairman of the Fourth Committee by the All-Ewe Conference on 18 October 1952.²

15. Mr. COOPER (Liberia) proposed that the above requests for hearings should be circulated as General Assembly documents.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4.15 p.m.

² Later reproduced in document A/C.4/206.