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**AGENDA ITEM 15**

**Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (*continued*):\***

**(a) Elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council**

1. The PRESIDENT: In accordance with the decision taken by the Assembly at its 111th plenary meeting, held on Thursday, 20 December, the Assembly meets today solely to resume the election of one non-permanent member of the Security Council from the group of Latin American States for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 1980.

2. As members are aware, during 13 plenary meetings held since 26 October 1979 the Assembly has held 124 ballots which have proved inconclusive. The Assembly will now proceed to the one hundred and twenty-fifth ballot, the first of a series of three unrestricted ballots, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure. In this unrestricted ballot, any member State from the group of Latin American States may be a candidate for election except, of course, Bolivia, which is about to vacate its seat, and Jamaica, which is already a member of the Security Council. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

3. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

*The meeting was suspended at 11.10 a.m. and resumed at 11.20 a.m.*

4. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	147
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\* Resumed from the 110th meeting.

<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	147
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	145
<i>Required majority:</i>	97
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Cuba .....	83
Colombia .....	60
Ecuador .....	1
Uruguay .....	1

5. The PRESIDENT: Since no country has obtained the required majority in the first in this series of unrestricted ballots, we shall proceed to the second unrestricted ballot. As in the first unrestricted ballot, any member State from the group of Latin American States may be a candidate for election except, of course, Bolivia and Jamaica. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

6. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

*The meeting was suspended at 11.30 a.m. and resumed at 11.35 a.m.*

7. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	149
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	149
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	148
<i>Required majority:</i>	99
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Cuba .....	85
Colombia .....	61
Ecuador .....	1
Uruguay .....	1

8. The PRESIDENT: Since the second in this series of unrestricted ballots has proved inconclusive, we shall now proceed to the third unrestricted ballot. As before, in this unrestricted ballot any member State from the group of Latin American States may be a candidate for election except, of course, Bolivia and Jamaica. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

9. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

*The meeting was suspended at 11.45 a.m. and resumed at 11.55 a.m.*

10. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	149
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	149
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	147
<i>Required majority:</i>	98
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Cuba .....	85
Colombia .....	61
Ecuador .....	1

11. The PRESIDENT: Since this third unrestricted ballot has proved inconclusive, the Assembly will now proceed to the first of a series of three restricted ballots in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure. This balloting is restricted to the two candidates which have obtained the largest number of votes, namely, Cuba and Colombia. Any papers containing the names of other countries will be declared invalid. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

12. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

*The meeting was suspended at 12.05 p.m. and resumed at 12.10 p.m.*

13. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	149
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	149
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	147
<i>Required majority:</i>	98
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Cuba .....	85
Colombia .....	62

14. The PRESIDENT: As neither of the two countries obtained the required two-thirds majority, the General Assembly will continue the voting and will hold a second restricted ballot. As in the last ballot, the only countries whose names may be included in the ballot papers are Cuba and Colombia. Any papers contained the names of other countries will be declared invalid. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

15. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

*The meeting was suspended at 12.20 p.m. and resumed at 12.25 p.m.*

16. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	149
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	149
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	147
<i>Required majority:</i>	98
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Cuba .....	84
Colombia .....	63

17. The PRESIDENT: As neither of the two countries obtained the required two-thirds majority, the General Assembly will continue the voting and will hold a third restricted ballot. As in the last ballot, the only countries whose names may be included in the ballot papers are Cuba and Colombia. Any papers containing the names of other countries will be declared invalid. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

18. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

*The meeting was suspended at 12.30 p.m. and resumed at 12.45 p.m.*

19. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	148
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	148
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	146
<i>Required majority:</i>	98
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Cuba .....	81
Colombia .....	65

20. The PRESIDENT: As this third restricted ballot has proved inconclusive, we shall resume the balloting at 3 p.m.

*The meeting rose at 12.45 p.m.*