

# FIFTH COMMITTEE

## Administrative and Budgetary Questions

### HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING

*Held at Flushing Meadow, New York, on Tuesday, 20 September 1949, at 3.15 p.m.*

*Acting Chairman: General Carlos P. RÓMULO (Philippines).*

#### Election of Chairman

1. RAHIM Bey (Egypt) nominated Mr. Kyrrou (Greece).

2. Mr. MAKIN (Australia) seconded the nomination.

3. Mr. VOYNA (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) nominated Mr. Smoliar (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic).

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

*As a result of the vote, Mr. Kyrrou (Greece) was elected Chairman.*

*The meeting rose at 3.35 p.m.*

### HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIFTH MEETING

*Held at Lake Success, New York, on Friday, 23 September 1949, at 3 p.m.*

*Chairman: Mr. A. KYROU (Greece).*

#### Speech by the Chairman

1. The CHAIRMAN expressed his great appreciation of the honour paid to his country and of the confidence placed in him by members in electing him Chairman. During the third session of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee had acquired a high reputation under the chairmanship of Mr. Wilgress and Mr. Ignatieff. He would, with the help of all the members of the Committee, do his utmost to contribute to the success of the fourth session. The Fifth Committee's task was not a spectacular one, but its decisions had far-reaching consequences. Many countries were faced with economic and financial difficulties, so that members of the Committee would have to examine, even more thoroughly than in the past, the budgetary implications of the proposals submitted to them. He would see that each question was thoroughly discussed by the Committee. He was certain, moreover, that the Committee could carry out its work in a minimum of time by avoiding political questions and devoting itself mainly to the study of administrative and budgetary questions affecting the United Nations.

#### Election of the Vice-Chairman

2. The Jam Saheb of NAWANAGAR (India) nominated Mr. de Holte-Castello, the representative of Colombia, as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

3. Mr. LARRAÍN (Chile) and Mr. HSIA (China) supported that proposal.

4. Mr. DROHOJOWSKI (Poland) nominated Mr. Voyna, representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Voyna had been a member of the Fifth Committee in 1946 and in 1948 and was particularly well qualified in economic and financial matters.

5. Mr. ROSCHIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) seconded Mr. Drohojowski's proposal.

6. Mr. DE HOLTE CASTELLO (Colombia) thanked the Indian representative for having nominated

him and the Chilean and Chinese representatives for their support. His delegation's sole aim was to serve the United Nations and it did not covet any distinctions. He would ask the Indian representative to withdraw his proposal in order that Mr. Voyna might be unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

*Mr. Voyna (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.*

7. Mr. VOYNA (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) thanked the members of the Committee for the honour they had shown him, and especially the Polish and USSR representatives who had proposed and seconded his nomination.

#### Election of the Rapporteur

8. Mr. MACHADO (Brazil) nominated Miss Witteveen, representative of the Netherlands, as Rapporteur.

9. Mr. LEBEAU (Belgium), Mr. WITHERSPOON (Liberia) and Mr. HILLI (Iraq) supported that proposal.

*Miss Witteveen was unanimously elected Rapporteur.*

10. Miss WITTEVEEN (Netherlands) expressed appreciation of the honour shown her country and wished to thank in particular the Brazilian, Belgian, Liberian and Iraqi representatives.

11. The CHAIRMAN introduced to the Committee Mr. Price, Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Mr. Turner, Secretary of the Committee, and Mr. Aghnides, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the report of which was one of the main working papers of the Committee.

#### Adoption of the agenda (A/C.5/301)

12. The CHAIRMAN, in reply to a question by Mr. MACHADO (Brazil), stated that, generally speaking, the Committee would discuss the questions on its agenda in the order in which they