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President:

Mr. FLORIN

(German Democratic Republic)

- Election of the officers of the Main Committees
- Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

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The meeting was called to order at 4.50 p.m.

ITEM 5 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): The following representatives have been elected Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the Assembly and are accordingly members of the General Committee for the forty-second session:

First Committee	Mr. Bagbeni Adeito Nzengeya (Zaire)
Special Political Committee	Mr. Hamad Abdelaziz Al-Kawari (Qatar)
Second Committee	Mr. Guennadi I. Oudovenko (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)
Third Committee	Mr. Jorge E. Ritter (Panama)
Fourth Committee	Mr. Constantine Moushoutas (Cyprus)
Fifth Committee	Mr. Henrik Amneus (Sweden)
Sixth Committee	Mr. Rajab A. Azzarouk (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

I congratulate the Chairmen on their election.

ITEM 6 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, we shall now proceed to the election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

All members of the General Assembly are eligible in this election except those already represented in the General Committee, namely, those countries whose representatives have been elected to the presidency of the General Assembly or to the chairmanships of the Main Committees.

(The President)

In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, the 21 Vice-Presidents shall be elected according to the following pattern:

- (a) Six representatives from African States;
- (b) Five representatives from Asian States;
- (c) Three representatives from Latin American States;
- (d) Two representatives from Western European or other States;
- (e) Five representatives from the permanent members of the Security Council.

In accordance with paragraph 16 of annex VI to the rules of procedure, the election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly by secret ballot shall be dispensed with when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled. In other words, whenever the number of candidates in a given group corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in that group, those candidates will be declared elected.

We shall proceed accordingly.

The representative of Thailand wishes to speak.

Mr. KASEMSRI (Thailand): Mr. President, permit me first to extend to you the warm greetings and sincere congratulations of the Group of Asian States on your unanimous election to preside over the forty-second session of the General Assembly.

The Asian Group takes pleasure, also, in conveying its warm tribute and grateful appreciation to Mr. Humayun Rasheed Choudhury, your distinguished predecessor, the President of the forty-first session of the General Assembly, for his dedicated work on behalf of this Assembly.

Regarding the candidatures of the Asian Group for the vice-presidencies of the forty-second session of the General Assembly, it is my privilege and pleasure to inform you and the Assembly that, thanks to the gracious gesture of the Socialist

(Mr. Kasemsri, Thailand)

Republic of the Union of Burma, the Asian Group is able to endorse the following five candidatures for the vice-presidencies: the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Mongolian People's Republic, the Republic of Singapore, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): I shall now read out the names of the candidates endorsed by three regional groups:

African States: Botswana, Cameroon, Comoros, Mauritania, Togo and Tunisia

Asian States: Jordan, Mongolia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and the Syrian Arab Republic

Western European and other States: the Netherlands and Portugal

Since the number of candidates endorsed by the African and Asian Groups and the Group of Western European and other States corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in each group, I declare those candidates elected, in addition to the five permanent members of the Security Council.

Regarding the Latin American Group, I have received a communication dated 14 September 1987, from the Chairman of that group, informing me that it could not reach an agreement and therefore requests that a vote be taken to elect three Vice-Presidents from among the following States: Chile, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Assembly will now proceed to an election by secret ballot for the Latin American Group. Any ballot paper containing the names of more than three States or the names of States from another region will be declared invalid.

In accordance with existing practice, the required number of candidates receiving the largest number of votes and not less than the majority required will be declared elected.

May I take it that the General Assembly agrees to that procedure?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): Ballot papers will now be distributed. I request members to use only those ballot papers and to write on them the names of the States for which they wish to vote. The ballot paper indicates that three States are to be elected. Ballot papers containing more than that number will be declared invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mrs. Judith Berthaud (Haiti), Mr. Janos Budai (Hungary), Mr. K. Venkataramiah (India) and Mr. Alexander T. Ralebitso (Lesotho) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 5.20 p.m. and resumed at 5.55 p.m.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): The result of the voting is as follows:

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	154
<u>Number of invalid ballots:</u>	0
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	154
<u>Abstentions:</u>	0
<u>Number of Members voting:</u>	154
<u>Required majority:</u>	78
<u>Number of votes obtained:</u>	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	116
Nicaragua	110
Paraguay	102
Chile	67
Barbados	1
Mexico	1
Jamaica	1

Having obtained the required majority, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines were elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): I take this opportunity to congratulate the States that have just been elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

The General Committee for the forty-second session of the General Assembly has now been fully constituted in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure.

The meeting rose at 6 p.m.