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SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Wednesday, 11 November 1987, at 8.45 p.m.

President: Mr. KIKUCHI (Japan)

<p><u>Members:</u> Argentina Bulgaria China Congo France Germany, Federal Republic of Ghana Italy Union of Soviet Socialist Republics United Arab Emirates United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland United States of America Venezuela Zambia</p>	<p>Mr. DELPECH Mr. BAEV Mr. HUANG Jiahua Mr. DOUMA Mr. SCHRICKE Mr. SCHARIOTH Mr. TANOH Mr. BUCCI Mr. BYKOV Mr. AL-SHAALI Mr. EDWARDS Miss BYRNE Mr. AGUILAR Mr. KAZEMBE</p>
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The meeting was called to order at 8.50 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (S/19155, S/19156/Rev.1 and S/19158)

The PRESIDENT: As different candidates have obtained an absolute majority of votes in the Security Council and in the General Assembly, both organs will now proceed, again independently of one another, in a third meeting in accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of the Statute of the Court, with the election of one candidate for the seat remaining vacant. All candidates whose names appear on the ballot paper are eligible.

The absolute majority in the Security Council is eight votes.

The voting will be by secret ballot. When we proceed to the vote, members of the Council will receive a ballot containing the names of all the candidates. Only those candidates whose names appear on the ballot paper are eligible.

If there is no objection, I propose to appoint the same tellers as at the previous meetings.

Since there is no objection, I invite the tellers to take a place at the tables behind the Council table.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Nwaneampek (Ghana) and Mr. Mfula (Zambia) acted as tellers.

The PRESIDENT: I take it that the Council is now ready to proceed with the election of one member of the International Court of Justice.

Since there is no objection, it is so decided.

I shall now ask the Conference Officer to distribute the ballots.

(The President)

Members of the Council should indicate the candidate for whom they wish to vote by placing an "X" at the left of the name on the ballot paper.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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The PRESIDENT: I take it that all the members of the Council have now voted, and I ask the Conference Officer to collect the ballots.

All the ballot papers have been collected.

I should like to remind the Council that the ballots will not be counted until it has been verified that the ballot papers in the General Assembly have been collected. The Council will remain in session pending the receipt of that information.

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The PRESIDENT: I have now been informed that the ballot papers have been collected in the General Assembly.

The counting of the ballots in the Security Council will now begin. The tellers will count the ballots.

There will be two independent countings of the ballots, one by each of the tellers.

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

Number of ballot papers: 15

Number of invalid ballots: 0

Number of valid ballots: 15

Required majority: 8

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana) 10

Mr. José Sette-Camara (Brazil) 5

The PRESIDENT: Mr. Shahabuddeen has accordingly received the required absolute majority of votes in the Security Council.

I shall communicate the result of the vote to the President of the General Assembly.

I request the Council to remain in session while we wait for the President of the General Assembly to inform the Council of the result of the voting in the Assembly.

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The PRESIDENT: I have received from the President of the General Assembly the following letter:

"I have the honour to inform you that, at the 66th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, held today for the purpose of electing five members of the International Court of Justice, the following candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes in the General Assembly: Mr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen.

"Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration."

As a result of the independent voting in the Security Council and in the General Assembly, Mr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen, having obtained the required majority of votes in both bodies, is elected as a member of the International Court of Justice for a term of office of nine years beginning on 6 February 1988.

On behalf of the Council, I should like to congratulate him and to wish him every success in the high office to which he has been elected.

As no member wishes to make a statement, the Security Council has thus concluded its business for this meeting.

The meeting rose at 9.55 p.m.