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 (Federal Republic of Germany).

Number of ballot papers:	142
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	142
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	141
Required majority:	94
Number of votes obtained:	
Costa Rica	78
Guyana	63

AGENDA ITEM 15

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

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

1. The PRESIDENT: Since one seat in the Security Council remains to be filled from the group of Latin American States, we shall now proceed, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a second ballot restricted to Costa Rica and Guyana, the two countries which obtained the greatest number of votes in the vote taken at the 41st meeting. Ballot papers will now be distributed.

2. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot paper the name of the one country for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers containing the names of States other than Costa Rica or Guyana, as well as any containing more than one name, will be declared invalid.

3. In the interest of expediting the work of the Assembly, I should like to suggest a simpler procedure for collecting the ballot papers. With the permission of the tellers, I shall request each of them to accompany the conference officers as they collect the ballot papers. I am sure that delegations will agree with me that this will not only save the Assembly's time, but will also expedite our work. Most of the representatives will be familiar with this procedure from their experience of the casting of ballots in the Committees.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Tinca (Romania), Mr. Jasudasen (Singapore) and Mr. Adeyemi (Nigeria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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

The meeting was suspended at 3.50 p.m. and resumed at 4 p.m.

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

6. The PRESIDENT: As neither of the two countries obtained the required majority, the General Assembly will now proceed to the second unrestricted ballot. As before, only Costa Rica and Guyana are eligible, and papers containing the names of other States or more than one name will be declared invalid. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Tinca (Romania), Mr. Jasudasen (Singapore) and Mr. Adeyemi (Nigeria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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

The meeting was suspended at 4.10 p.m. and resumed at 4.20 p.m.

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

Number of ballot papers:	145
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	145
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	144
Required majority:	96
Number of votes obtained:	
Costa Rica	74
Guyana	70

9. The PRESIDENT: As neither of the two candidates obtained the required majority, the General Assembly will now proceed to the third restricted ballot. As before, only Costa Rica and Guyana are eligible, and papers containing the names of other States or more than one name will be declared invalid. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

10. The representative of Chile wishes to speak on a point of order. I now call upon him.

11. Mr. DÍEZ (Chile) (*interpretation from Spanish*): In my capacity as Chairman of the group of Latin American States, and at the request of the delegations of Costa Rica and Guyana. I would request you, Mr. President, with the consent of the General Assembly, to suspend the voting procedure so that the Latin American group may meet to consider the situation that has arisen.

12. The PRESIDENT: I would ask the representative of Chile to give the Assembly an idea as to how long he wishes the meeting to be suspended.

13. Mr. DÍEZ (Chile) (*interpretation from Spanish*): It is extremely difficult for me to anticipate how long the meeting of the Latin American group would last, but I think that within an hour we could bring a reply to the Assembly and tell it whether we have been successful or report on whatever progress we may have achieved. In any event, I think one hour would be sufficient for the two delegations, to give their views and for consultations to take place within the group.

14. The PRESIDENT: Is there any objection to the request made by the group of Latin American States through its Chairman that the meeting be suspended for one hour to allow that group to meet?

15. Mr. MISHRA (India): We have no objection to a suspension of the meeting, but we should like to ask you, Mr. President, to rule that the ballot papers that have already been distributed, some of which may have been filled, are no longer valid.

16. The PRESIDENT: Before I suspend the meeting for one hour I should like to ask members to destroy the ballot papers they now have, filled or unfilled. They are not to be used. New ballot papers will be distributed for the next vote, if a vote is necessary.

17. Mr. RAMPHUL (Mauritius): Mr. President, I fully agree with what you have said, but I fear there might be some unwitting confusion at some stage. I am still holding a ballot paper which I have filled out; I may be tempted not to destroy it and to put two in the box. May I suggest, therefore, that the new, fresh ballot papers which will be distributed be either stamped or marked so that we will know that it is the third restricted ballot.

18. The PRESIDENT: The new papers to be distributed will certainly be marked in such a way as to be easily distinguishable from the ones that are now in front of members, so that there can be no mistake.

The meeting was suspended at 4.30 p.m. and resumed at 6.00 p.m.

19. The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of Chile.

20. Mr. DÍEZ (Chile) (*interpretation from Spanish*): I wish to inform the General Committee and, through it, the General Assembly, that the group of Latin American States met to consider the situation resulting from the election of non-permanent members of the Security Council with respect to a vacant seat to be filled from that group.

21. The Latin American group heard several statements during its debate, including statements made by the representatives of Costa Rica and Guyana. The delegation of Guyana stated that while it had distributed to the group a document presenting its candidature for the 1981 elections to the Security Council, the number of votes it obtained in the series of ballots held today compelled it to reconsider its position and to inform its Government of the situation. Since it was unable to get a reply from its Government today, the delegation requested the Latin American group to suspend its meeting until tomorrow at 10 a.m. and asked that the Chairman of the group inform the Assembly of the situation.

22. The group agreed and is to meet tomorrow at 10 a.m. to continue its examination of the situation. The Latin American group thanks the Assembly for its consideration in the light of this situation, which came as a surprise to the group itself.

23. The PRESIDENT: Having heard the statement by the Chairman of the Latin American group, may I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to suspend its consideration of this item until tomorrow afternoon?

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 6.05 p.m.