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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: The representative of Colombia, in his capacity as Chairman of the Group of Latin American States, has asked to be allowed to speak and I call on him.

2. Mr. LIEVANO (Colombia) (*interpretation from Spanish*): On behalf of the group of Latin American States, it is my duty to inform the General Assembly that, after the results of the voting held on Friday 24 October were known, the group held a special meeting on Monday 27 October to consider developments in the situation which had arisen in the light of those results. At that meeting, the delegation of Nicaragua officially informed the group of the decision by its Government not to be a candidate at this time for the seat on the Security Council to be allocated to that region. The delegations of the member States thanked the representative of Nicaragua for that decision, which strengthens the unity of our regional group. The group then requested its Chairman to inform the General Assembly—and this is what I am now doing—that Latin America has only one candidate, namely Costa Rica.

3. The PRESIDENT: We shall now proceed to the eleventh ballot in the election of one non-permanent member of the Security Council.

4. As the result of the third restricted ballot was inconclusive, we must therefore proceed to an unrestricted ballot in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

5. In this unrestricted ballot any member from Group B—the Latin American States—may be a candidate, except Jamaica, which is retiring and

therefore not eligible for immediate re-election, and Mexico, whose term as a member of the Council is still unexpired. May I remind representatives that ballot papers bearing 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.

6. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballot papers are counted.

The meeting was suspended at 11 a.m. and resumed at 11.15 a.m.

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

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	135
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	135
<i>Abstentions:</i>	3
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	132
<i>Required majority:</i>	88
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Costa Rica	82
Panama	16
Guyana	12
Nicaragua	10
Saint Lucia	4
Brazil	3
Cuba	2
Barbados	1
Grenada	1
Peru	1

8. The PRESIDENT: Since the required majority has not been obtained, we shall proceed to a second unrestricted ballot. If we total all the ballots, this will be the twelfth. As before, I request representatives to write on each ballot the name of one country from group B other than Mexico or Jamaica. Any ballot papers bearing 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.

9. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballot papers are counted.

The meeting was suspended at 11.25 a.m. and resumed at 11.35 a.m.

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

* Resumed from the 47th meeting.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	143
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	143
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	142
<i>Required majority:</i>	95
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Costa Rica	84
Panama	38
Guyana	8
Nicaragua	7
Brazil	2
Cuba	1
Guatemala	1
Haiti	1

11. The PRESIDENT: Since the required majority has not been obtained, we shall now proceed to a third unrestricted ballot. As before, I would request members to write on each ballot the name of one country from group B other than Mexico and Jamaica.

12. I call on the representative of Panama on a point of order.

13. Mr. ILLUECA (Panama) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Panama wishes to go on record as stating that it has not submitted its candidature for the Latin American post on the Security Council. Panama will support the candidature of Costa Rica as long as that country remains a candidate.

14. The PRESIDENT: Ballot papers will now be distributed. May I remind members again that those containing more than one name will have to be declared invalid.

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.

15. 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.

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

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	143
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	143
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	142
<i>Required majority:</i>	95

<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Costa Rica	83
Panama	25
Guyana	18
Nicaragua	10
Brazil	4
Cuba	2

17. The PRESIDENT: As the third unrestricted ballot has also proved inconclusive, we must proceed to the fourteenth ballot, a restricted ballot, in accordance with the rules of procedure. The only countries whose names may be included on the ballot papers are Costa Rica and Panama. Any ballot 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. Tinca (Romania), Mr. Jasudasen (Singapore) and Mr. Adeyemi (Nigeria) 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 12.05 p.m. and resumed at 12.20 p.m.

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

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	144
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	144
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	142
<i>Required majority:</i>	95
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Costa Rica	85
Panama	57

20. The PRESIDENT: I will now suspend the meeting so that I can consult with the two Member States involved in this restricted ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 12.25 p.m. and resumed at 1.05 p.m.

21. The PRESIDENT: My consultations with the two Member States concerned have thus far been inconclusive. In order to allow for more time before we resume our balloting, I propose now to adjourn the meeting. The voting will be resumed at a later meeting of which members will be notified in due course.

The meeting rose at 1.10 p.m.