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President: Mr. Ismat T. KITTANI (Iraq).

AGENDA ITEM 17

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs (*continued*)*

(f) Election of the members of the International Law Commission

1. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will proceed to the election of the members of the International Law Commission.

2. In conformity with the provisions of Chapter I of the statute [resolution 174 (II)] of the Commission, the 34 members of the Commission are to be elected for a period of five years, with effect from 1 January 1982. In accordance with article 7 of the statute of the Commission and having in mind the decision taken by the Assembly on 18 November 1981 [63rd meeting], the Secretary-General has submitted a list comprising the names in alphabetical order of all the candidates duly nominated. The list appears in the note by the Secretary-General [A/36/371/Rev. 2, para. 13] and on the ballot papers which will be distributed for each of the five regional groups. Only those candidates will be eligible for election.

3. Representatives are reminded that according to articles 2 and 8 of the statute, the persons to be elected to the Commission should individually possess the qualifications required—that is to say, they should be “persons of recognized competence in international law”—and that “in the Commission as a whole representation of the main forms of civilization and of the principal legal systems of the world should be assured”.

4. In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the election will be held by secret ballot.

5. Representatives are requested to mark with a cross the names of the candidates for whom they wish to vote, but not to mark more than the number of candidates prescribed for each regional group in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 36/39, namely: nine nationals from African States, eight from Asian States, three from Eastern European States, six from Latin American States, and eight from Western European or other States. Those can-

didates, up to the number prescribed for each regional group, who obtain the greatest number of votes and not less than a majority of the votes of the Members present and voting, will be declared elected.

6. Ballot papers, marked A, B, C, D and E, will now be distributed. I request representatives to use only those ballot papers and, as I said before, they should place a cross at the left of the names of the candidates for whom they wish to vote, but should not mark more than the maximum number indicated on each ballot. Ballot papers containing more than the maximum number for each group will be declared invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Klause (Canada), Mr. Mahorey (Gambia), Mr. Moncada Zapata (Nicaragua), Mr. Potocki (Poland) and Mr. Mauala (Solomon Islands) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

7. The PRESIDENT: Since the counting of ballots will take some time, I propose that we suspend the meeting while the tellers count the votes.

The meeting was suspended at 3.40 p.m. and resumed at 5.20 p.m.

8. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting for the election of 34 members of the International Law Commission is as follows:

Group A

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	154
<i>Number of invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	154
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of Members voting:</i>	154
<i>Required majority:</i>	78

<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Abdul G. Koroma (Sierra Leone).....	144
Mr. Richard Osulale A. Akinjide (Nigeria).....	143
Mr. Mohammed Bedjaoui (Algeria).....	143
Mr. Edilbert Razafindralambo (Madagascar).....	142
Mr. Doudou Thiam (Senegal).....	139
Mr. Khalafalla El Rasheed Mohamed Ahmed (Sudan).....	134
Mr. Frank X. Njenga (Kenya).....	134
Mr. Boutros Boutros Ghali (Egypt).....	132
Mr. Balanda Mikuin Leliel (Zaire).....	130

Group B

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	154
<i>Number of invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	154
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of Members voting:</i>	154

* Resumed from the 64th meeting.

Required majority: 78

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. S. P. Jagota (India)	129
Mr. Motoo Ogiso (Japan)	129
Mr. Zhengyu Ni (China)	126
Mr. Andreas J. Jacovides (Cyprus)	125
Mr. Riyadh Mahmoud Sami Al-Qaysi (Iraq)	123
Mr. Sompong Sucharitkul (Thailand)	113
Mr. Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada (Pakistan)	103
Mr. Chafic Malek (Lebanon)	96
Mr. Estelito P. Mendoza (Philippines) ...	95
Mr. Mustafa El-Sayed (Syrian Arab Republic)	93

Group C

Number of ballot papers:	154
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	154
Abstentions:	1
Number of Members voting:	153
Required majority:	77

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Constantin Flitan (Romania)	144
Mr. Alexander Yankov (Bulgaria)	144
Mr. Nikolai A. Ushakov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	136

Group D

Number of ballot papers:	154
Number of invalid ballots:	2
Number of valid ballots:	152
Absentions:	0
Number of Members voting:	152
Required majority:	77

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Jorge Castañeda (Mexico)	132
Mr. Carlos Calero Rodrigues (Brazil)	125
Mr. Leonardo Díaz González (Venezuela)	115
Mr. Jorge E. Illueca (Panama)	115
Mr. Julio Barboza (Argentina)	101
Mr. Laurel B. Francis (Jamaica)	100
Mr. Miguel Antonio D'Estéfano Pisani (Cuba)	85
Mr. Hector Roberto Herrera Cáceres (Honduras)	58

Group E

Number of ballot papers:	154
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	154
Abstentions:	0
Number of Members voting:	154
Required majority:	78

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Paul Reuter (France)	133
Mr. José Manuel Lacleta Muñoz (Spain)	125
Sir Ian Sinclair (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	123
Mr. Jens Evensen (Norway)	115
Mr. Constantin A. Stavropoulos (Greece)	115
Mr. Robert Quentin Quentin-Baxter (New Zealand)	114
Mr. Willem Riphagen (Netherlands)	113
Mr. Stephen C. McCaffrey (United States of America)	103
Mr. Giuseppe Sperduti (Italy)	95
Mr. Suat Bilge (Turkey)	78

Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Ahmed (Sudan), Mr. Akinjide (Nigeria), Mr. Al-Qaysi (Iraq), Mr. Balanda Mikuin Leliel (Zaire), Mr. Barboza (Argentina), Mr. Bedjaoui (Algeria), Mr. Boutros Ghali (Egypt), Mr. Calero Rodrigues (Brazil), Mr. Castañeda (Mexico), Mr. Díaz González (Venezuela), Mr. Evensen (Norway), Mr. Flitan (Romania), Mr. Francis (Jamaica), Mr. Illueca (Panama), Mr. Jacovides (Cyprus), Mr. Jagota (India), Mr. Koroma (Sierra Leone), Mr. Lacleta Muñoz (Spain), Mr. Malek (Lebanon), Mr. McCaffrey (United States of America), Mr. Ni (China), Mr. Njenga (Kenya), Mr. Ogiso (Japan), Mr. Pirzada (Pakistan), Mr. Quentin-Baxter (New Zealand), Mr. Razafindralambo (Madagascar), Mr. Reuter (France), Mr. Riphagen (Netherlands), Sir Ian Sinclair (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Stavropoulos (Greece), Mr. Sucharitkul (Thailand), Mr. Thiam (Senegal), Mr. Ushakov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. Yankov (Bulgaria) were elected members of the International Law Commission for a period of five years, beginning on 1 January 1982 [decision 36/316].

9. The PRESIDENT: On behalf of the General Assembly, I wish to congratulate all those who have been elected members of the International Law Commission, and to thank the tellers for their assistance in this election.

The meeting rose at 5.30 p.m.