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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1.   At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors".

2.   At its 20th meeting, on 6 November 1998, the Fifth Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/53/103) concerning the vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors that will occur as a result of the expiration of the term of office of one of its members on 30 June 1999.

3.   The Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/7) containing a list of three Auditors-General (or officers holding the equivalent title) nominated by their respective Governments for appointment to the Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1999.

4.   At the same meeting, the Committee proceeded to elect by secret ballot an Auditor-General (or officer holding the equivalent title) from the candidates proposed. The result of the voting was as follows:

Number of ballots cast:	177
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	177
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	176
Required majority:	89

Number of votes obtained:

The Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines	117
The Auditor-General of Pakistan	33
The Comptroller and Auditor-General of India	26

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

5. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly appoint the Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1999.

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