



Tuesday, 19 October 1982,  
at 3.15 p.m.

**NEW YORK**

*President:* Mr. Imre HOLLAI (Hungary).

**AGENDA ITEM 15**

**Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:**

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

1. The PRESIDENT: The item before the Assembly this afternoon is the election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace those whose terms of office expire on 31 December 1982. The five outgoing members are the following: Ireland, Japan, Panama, Spain and Uganda. Those five countries cannot be re-elected and therefore their names must not appear on the ballot papers.

2. Apart from the five permanent members, the Security Council will include in 1983 the following States: Guyana, Jordan, Poland, Togo and Zaire. Therefore, the names of those States also should not appear on the ballot papers.

3. Of the five non-permanent members which will remain in office in 1983, three are from Africa and Asia, one from Latin America and one from Eastern Europe. Consequently, pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 1991 A (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, the five non-permanent members should be elected according to the following pattern: two from Africa and Asia, two from Western European and other States and one from Latin America. The ballot paper takes that pattern into account. In this connection I have been asked to announce that there is an understanding to the effect that of the two States to be elected from Africa and Asia, one should be from Africa and one from Asia.

4. I wish to inform the Assembly that the required number of candidates receiving the largest number of votes and the majority required will be declared elected. In case of a tie vote for the last vacancy, there will be a restricted ballot limited to those candidates which have obtained an equal number of votes. May I take it that the General Assembly agrees to that procedure?

*It was so decided.*

5. The PRESIDENT: In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, the election will be held by secret ballot and there will be no nominations.

6. I wish to inform the Assembly that I have just received a letter from the Chairman of the Group of Asian States for the month of October, which reads as follows:

"As Chairman of the Group of Asian States for the month of October 1982, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that Pakistan is the sole candidate of the Group for election to the Security Council."

7. I now call upon the Chairman of the Group of Western European and other States.

8. Mr. MEDINA (Portugal) (*interpretation from French*): As Chairman of the Group of Western European and other States for the month of October, I have been asked to inform you, Mr. President, and all the members of the General Assembly that the Group has three candidates for election to the Security Council. They are, in alphabetical order: Malta, New Zealand and the Netherlands.

9. The PRESIDENT: The ballot papers will now be distributed. I request representatives to use only those ballot papers and to write on them the names of the five Member States for which they wish to vote. As I have indicated, the ballot papers should not include the names of the five permanent members of the Security Council, the five outgoing non-permanent members or the five countries that are already non-permanent members for 1983. Any ballot paper containing more than five names will be declared invalid.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ibrahim (Indonesia), Mr. Soumana (Niger) and Mr. Turyansky (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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

*The meeting was suspended at 3.35 p.m. and resumed at 4.15 p.m.*

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

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	153
<i>Number of invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	153
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	153
<i>Required majority:</i>	102

<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Zimbabwe .....	138
Pakistan .....	127
Netherlands .....	100
Malta .....	94
Nicaragua .....	92
New Zealand .....	77
Dominican Republic .....	59
Sri Lanka .....	6
Barbados .....	1
Benin .....	1

Comoros .....	1
Congo .....	1
Cyprus .....	1
Denmark .....	1
Ghana .....	1
India .....	1
Senegal .....	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Pakistan and Zimbabwe were elected (see also paragraphs 21, 25 and 29 below).

12. The PRESIDENT: There remain three seats to be filled: one from the Group of Latin American States and two from the Group of Western European and other States. I shall now draw lots to determine with which of the Groups the balloting will begin.

*The President drew lots.*

13. The PRESIDENT: The result of the drawing of lots is that the balloting will begin with the one seat to be filled in the Group of Latin American States.

14. In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, this ballot will be restricted to the two countries from the Group of Latin American States that obtained the largest number of votes in the first ballot this afternoon—that is, the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua.

15. The ballot papers will now be distributed. I request 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 countries other than the Dominican Republic or Nicaragua, or containing more than one name, will be declared invalid.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ibrahim (Indonesia), Mr. Soumana (Niger) and Mr. Turyansky (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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

*The meeting was suspended at 4.40 p.m. and resumed at 4.50 p.m.*

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

Number of ballot papers:	155
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	155
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	154
Required majority:	103
Number of votes obtained:	
Nicaragua .....	99
Dominican Republic .....	55

18. The PRESIDENT: As neither of the two countries obtained the required two-thirds majority; the General Assembly will continue the voting and there will be a second restricted ballot.

19. As in the last ballot, the only countries whose names may be included in the ballot papers are the Dominican Republic or Nicaragua. Any papers containing the names of other countries or more than one name will be declared invalid. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ibrahim (Indonesia), Mr. Soumana (Niger) and Mr. Turyansky (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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

*The meeting was suspended at 4.55 p.m. and resumed at 5.10 p.m.*

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

Number of ballot papers:	155
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	155
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	154
Required majority:	103
Number of votes obtained:	
Nicaragua .....	104
Dominican Republic .....	50

*Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Nicaragua was elected.*

22. The PRESIDENT: We shall now proceed to the election of two non-permanent members of the Security Council from the Group of Western European and other States. In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, the present ballot will be restricted to the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the first ballot this afternoon, to a number not more than twice the places remaining to be filled. In the light of the statement made at the beginning of the present meeting by the Chairman of the Group of Western European and other States for the month of October, the present ballot will be restricted to Malta, the Netherlands and New Zealand.

23. Ballot papers will now be distributed. I request members of the Assembly to use only those ballot papers and to write on them the names of the countries for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers containing the names of countries other than Malta, the Netherlands or New Zealand, or containing more than two names, will be declared invalid.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ibrahim (Indonesia), Mr. Soumana (Niger) and Mr. Turyansky (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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

*The meeting was suspended at 5.20 p.m. and resumed at 5.45 p.m.*

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

Number of ballot papers:	155
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	155
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	154
Required majority:	103
Number of votes obtained:	
Netherlands .....	103
Malta .....	102
New Zealand .....	66

*Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, the Netherlands was elected.*

26. The PRESIDENT: There still remains one seat to be filled from the Group of Western European and other States. In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, we shall proceed to a second ballot, restricted to the two candidates which have obtained the largest number of votes in the ballot just completed. These two countries are Malta and New Zealand.

27. Ballot papers will now be distributed.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ibrahim (Indonesia), Mr. Soumana (Niger) and Mr. Turyansky (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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

*The meeting was suspended at 5.50 p.m. and resumed at 6.05 p.m.*

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

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	155
<i>Number of invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	155
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	154
<i>Required majority:</i>	103
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Malta .....	111
New Zealand .....	43

*Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Malta was elected.*

*Malta, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan and Zimbabwe were therefore elected non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 1983 (see decision 37/306).*

30. The PRESIDENT: I congratulate the countries which have been elected non-permanent members of the Security Council and thank the tellers for their assistance in this election.

#### *Statement by the President*

31. The PRESIDENT: I should like to inform members of the Assembly that I have received a letter [A/37/552] from the Permanent Representative of Guinea to the United Nations dated today, 19 October, in which, in his capacity as Chairman of the Group of African States, he requests that the General Assembly consider urgently under agenda item 33 (Policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa) the application of South Africa for a credit from IMF. A draft resolution [A/37/L.5] on this subject has been submitted and it is the wish of the Group of African States to introduce it at the plenary meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon so that the Assembly may take a decision on it on Thursday, 21 October.

*The meeting rose at 6.10 p.m.*