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AGENDA ITEM 5

Election of the officers of the Main Committees

1. The PRESIDENT: I should like to inform members that the following representatives have been elected Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the General Assembly and are accordingly members of the General Committee for the thirty-fourth session [*decision 34/303*]:

First Committee: Mr. Davidson L. Hepburn (Bahamas);

Special Political Committee: Mr. Hammoud El-Choufi (Syrian Arab Republic);

Second Committee: Mr. Costin Murgescu (Romania);

Third Committee: Mr. Samir Sobhy (Egypt);

Fourth Committee: Mr. Thomas S. Boya (Benin);

Fifth Committee: Mr. André Xavier Pirson (Belgium);

Sixth Committee: Mr. Pracha Guna-Kasem (Thailand).

AGENDA ITEM 6

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

2. The PRESIDENT: Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, we shall now proceed to the election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly who are to be chosen in such a manner as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee.

3. All members of the General Assembly are eligible in this election except those already represented in the General Committee—namely, those countries whose representatives have been elected to the chairmanships of the Main Committees and to the presidency of the General Assembly.

4. In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, the 21 Vice-Presidents shall be elected according to the following

pattern: group A—five representatives from African States; group B—five representatives from Asian States; group C—one representative from Eastern European States; group D—three representatives from Latin American States; group E—two representatives from Western European and other States; group F—five representatives from the permanent members of the Security Council.

5. Under rule 92 of the rules of procedure, all elections shall be held by secret ballot and there shall be no nominations.

6. However, after consultations with the regional groups, I understand that it is the wish of the General Assembly to waive rule 92 in this particular election and dispense with the balloting procedure. In other words, whenever the number of candidates in a given group corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in that group, those candidates will be declared elected. May I take it that the Assembly agrees to proceed to the election on that basis?

It was so decided.

7. The PRESIDENT: With the permission of the Assembly, I shall read out the candidates nominated by each group: group A—Ethiopia, Lesotho, Somalia, Togo and the United Republic of Cameroon; group B—Cyprus, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Singapore and Yemen; group C—Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic; group D—Costa Rica, Guyana and Panama; group E—Iceland and Turkey.

8. Since the number of candidates nominated by each group corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in that group, I declare those candidates elected. I also declare elected representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

The representatives of the following Member States were elected by acclamation Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Ethiopia, France, Guyana, Iceland, Lesotho, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Somalia, Togo, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United States of America and Yemen (decision 34/304).

9. The PRESIDENT: The General Committee for the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly has therefore been fully constituted in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure.

10. I call on the representative of Viet Nam, who wishes to speak on a point of order.

11. Mr. HA VAN LAU (Viet Nam) (*interpretation from French*): Mr. President, I thank you for allowing me to speak on a point of order.

12. Today, the day that marks the commencement of this session of the Assembly, we do not wish to disturb this solemn atmosphere, but the delegation of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam feels that it is essential to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the illegal presence in this room of people belonging to the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique who represent no one but themselves. In this connexion, we take the liberty to refer to the position of the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea expressed in the official document A/34/460 published on 10 September 1979. The People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea has already informed the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the fact that a delegation was sent from the People's Republic of Kampuchea headed by Mr. Hun Sen, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of that country, to the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

13. In the spirit of the decision taken by the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, recently held in Havana [*see A/34/542, annex, sect. II*], the delegation of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam unreservedly supports the just stand taken by the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea and hopes that the General Assembly will accede to its request and refuse to authorize the Pol Pot clique illegally to occupy Kampuchea's seat in this

Assembly, and immediately restore this seat to the People's Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea.

14. The PRESIDENT: We have just heard the point of order raised by the representative of Viet Nam in connexion with the credentials of Democratic Kampuchea. According to rule 71 of the rules of procedure, the President is required to decide immediately on a point of order raised by a representative in the course of discussion on any matter.

15. May I also invite the attention of the Assembly to rule 29 of the rules of procedure which provides as follows:

“Any representative to whose admission a Member has made objection shall be seated provisionally with the same rights as other representatives until the Credentials Committee has reported and the General Assembly has given its decision.”

16. Consequently, in the light of the statement made by the representative of Viet Nam, I would request the Credentials Committee to meet expeditiously and report to the General Assembly on Friday morning, 21 September. If there is no objection, it will be so decided.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 6.15 p.m.