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President: Mr. Yang (Cameroon)

The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The President: Before proceeding, I would like to inform members that, since the issuance of document A/79/720/Add.4, Guinea-Bissau has made the payments necessary to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations. That information will be reflected in document A/79/720/Add.5, to be issued.

May I therefore take it that the General Assembly takes note of the information contained in that document?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 4

Election of the President of the General Assembly

Election of the President of the General Assembly for the eightieth session

The President: In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I now invite members to proceed to the election of the President of the General Assembly at its eightieth session.

In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, the Assembly shall elect a President at least three months before the opening of the session over which they are to preside. The President so elected will assume their functions only at the beginning of the session for which they are elected and shall hold office until the close of that session.

May I recall that, in accordance with paragraph 1 of the annex to resolution 33/138, of 19 December 1978, the President of the General Assembly at its eightieth session should be elected from among the Western European and other States.

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I have received the candidature of Ms. Annalena Baerbock of Germany.

In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, the election shall be held by secret ballot. Before we begin the voting process, I would like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

Ballot papers will now be distributed and the voting has therefore begun. Ballot papers will be given only to the person seated directly behind the country's nameplate.

In accordance with resolution 71/323 of 8 September 2017, the name of the candidate that has been communicated to the Secretariat, at least 48 hours prior to the election today, has been printed on the ballot papers. Also, an additional blank line corresponding to the number of vacant seats to be filled, in this case one, has been provided on the ballot papers for inscribing another name, as necessary.

Representatives are requested to use only the ballot papers that are now being distributed, and to put an X in the box next to the name of the candidate for whom they wish to vote, or write the name of an individual from among eligible Western European and other States on the blank line provided on the ballot paper. Ballot papers containing votes for more than one candidate or containing only the name of a country will be declared invalid. Ballot papers containing a vote for a representative who does not belong to the Western European and other States will be declared invalid.

If the box next to the name of a candidate is checked, the name of that candidate does not have to be repeated on the blank line.

If a ballot paper contains any notation other than a vote in favour of the eligible candidate, those notations will be disregarded.

If a mistake is made in filling out the ballot paper, delegations should request a new ballot paper from the Secretariat at the front of the General Assembly Hall.

At the invitation of the President, the representatives of El Salvador, France, Iraq, the Republic of Moldova, Senegal and Thailand acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 10.15 a.m. and resumed at 10.40 a.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	188
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	188
Abstentions:	14
Number of members voting:	174
Required simple majority:	88
Number of votes obtained:	
Ms. Annalena Baerbock (Germany)	167
Ms. Helga Schmidt (Germany)	7

Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Annalena Baerbock of Germany was elected President of the General Assembly at its eightieth session.

The President: I warmly congratulate Her Excellency Ms. Annalena Baerbock on her election as the next President of the United Nations General Assembly.

It is fitting that, in this milestone eightieth year of the General Assembly, leadership should fall to someone whose career has been defined by an unwavering commitment to multilateralism. Ms. Baerbock served as the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany during one of the most turbulent periods in recent

memory. Her experience at the helm of diplomacy amid global uncertainty will serve this Assembly well.

I take this opportunity to commend her compelling vision — better together. For no nation alone can confront the shared trials of our time. The challenges of our time are enormous.

Her pledge to serve as an honest broker — to listen, to build trust and to foster dialogue across different divides — is precisely what the Assembly needs.

Her priorities align powerfully with the aspirations of our global community.

I pledge my full support to the President-elect in the weeks ahead and I hope all representatives will do the same. I look forward to working with her team to prepare the ground for a session that delivers on its promise.

Madam President-elect, I wish you every success.

I now invite Her Excellency Ms. Annalena Baerbock, who has just been elected President of the General Assembly at its eightieth session, to take the floor.

Ms. Baerbock: First of all, I extend special gratitude to His Excellency, President Philémon Yang, for your kind words and guidance. Your wise, inspiring and unifying leadership of the General Assembly will guide me during my term.

I thank colleagues for their overwhelming support and their trust. I am deeply grateful and humbled to have the honour to serve all of them and preside over the General Assembly during its eightieth session.

As I emphasized at the informal interactive dialogue, I will serve all 193 Member States as an honest broker and as a unifier. As the President of the General Assembly, I will engage in a trust-based dialogue with all Member States. My door will always be open for everyone.

Better together — this is the theme of my presidency, which will guide my work as President of the General Assembly. I am grateful to hear it resonates with so many colleagues.

When visitors come to the General Assembly, they obviously do not enter through these glass doors. Instead, they take a narrow hallway on the third floor. And they come upon a quote from Dag Hammarskjöld, the second Secretary-General of the United Nations: “The United Nations was not created to take mankind to heaven, but to save humanity from hell.”

It is a powerful reminder. This Organization was founded on the ashes of the Second World War. Yet the response to the horrors of war was a common vision — not heaven, but a hopeful vision, a vision based on human rights, on respect for international law, on peaceful coexistence and on international cooperation to benefit all peoples.

Today we live in challenging times. We are walking on a tightrope of uncertainty. But the birth of the United Nations 80 years ago reminds us that we have lived through difficult times before. And it is up to us to take on these challenges.

We might come from different regions, from different backgrounds. We might see the world differently. And we might even disagree sometimes. But when we come together at the United Nations, we are all united by this common vision and by the founding principles of the United Nations.

The Charter of the United Nations is and will remain the irrevocable foundation of our work. As President of the General Assembly, I will be committed to upholding our Charter and the purposes and principles enshrined within it. I will focus on what we can do together instead of asking what divides us, because we are better together.

The eightieth session of the General Assembly will be a crucial moment for our Organization. The United Nations, the centre of the multilateral system, is under immense pressure politically and financially. More than 120 armed conflicts remind us that the primary mission of the United Nations — “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war” — remains unaccomplished. Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will remain elusive without bold, ambitious, accelerated, just and transformative action, as we committed to in the Pact for the Future (resolution 79/1).

Yet nothing would be better without the United Nations. We have achieved much together over the past 80 years. Just as the founding fathers and also a few founding mothers of our Organization resolved to combine their efforts, we also need to join efforts now to preserve what the United Nations has achieved since its establishment in 1945 to address current global crises and to adapt to emerging and future challenges.

As President, my first key objective will be to support Member States to renew, refocus and make our Organization fit for purpose, fit for the twenty-first century. This Organization requires adequate, reliable funding. And at the same time, we need to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the entire system.

I would like to thank the Secretary-General for his leadership in that respect and for launching the UN80 Initiative. That initiative is an important opportunity to make the United Nations stronger and more effective. As do many delegations, I welcome the fact that he has committed to closely consulting with Member States during that process.

As President of the General Assembly, I will place a strong emphasis on ensuring that the perspectives and interests of all Member States are considered. This means that we, as the General Assembly, also have to do our homework. While we need to be bold, ambitious and ready to make difficult decisions, the UN80 Initiative should not be a mere cost-cutting exercise. Our common goal is a strong, focused, nimble and fit-for-purpose organization, one that is capable of realizing its core objectives. We need a United Nations that delivers on peace, development and justice.

That brings me to the second main task for the upcoming session. The Pact for the Future is a blueprint for the actions we need to take in order to forge a better future for all. People around the world must feel that our work makes a real difference in their daily lives. The General Assembly is the most representative and main deliberative and policy-making body of the United Nations. It is in our hands to use that role to its full potential.

It is key to further strengthen the role of the General Assembly with regard to peace and security matters, in close cooperation with the Security Council and the Peacebuilding Commission. However, lasting peace will never be reached without sustainable development. Yet fewer than a fifth of the SDG targets are on track. A key focus of the eightieth session will therefore be to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, working closely with the Economic and Social Council and other relevant partners.

The three pillars of the Charter of the United Nations — peace and security, development and human rights — are deeply interconnected. Respect for international law, international human rights law and international humanitarian law are essential for a world in which every person can live in peace, prosperity and dignity.

Better together is a team sport. My third priority is a United Nations that embraces everyone. I see the diversity of the General Assembly as our strength. This is the place where all nations come together and where every country has a seat and a voice.

As President, I aim to ensure that this multitude of perspectives is taken into account, that every Member State, region and group is heard, that the General Assembly is a truly inclusive forum, by activating, for example, the General Committee and by building on the different interactive formats of my predecessors. That includes the revitalization process, as well as the selection of the next Secretary-General, which will be at the centre of the eightieth session. Transparency and inclusiveness will be key. I will organize the selection process in line with General Assembly resolutions and build on past best practices. However, I depend on members' support and commitment, because the General Assembly will be only as strong as the commitment of its members.

As only the fifth woman in this position in 80 years, I am fully aware that peace and development can be sustained only when half of the world's population, women, have an equal seat at the table.

Inclusive multilateralism also means engaging with civil society and especially with young people. It improves the outcome and legitimacy of decisions of the General Assembly when they are based on a wide range of input and broad consultations.

Active communication and promoting a better understanding of the United Nations will be vital during the eightieth session, in particular in these times of disinformation.

To ensure that we foster our understanding and no voice is left unheard, I commit to promoting multilingualism, a core value of the United Nations. I will embed that principle into the daily work of my Office, building on the great work of my predecessor, and with a truly diverse and multilingual Office of the President of the General Assembly team in which all regional groups are represented. That is possible only through members' generous contributions to the trust fund and great secondments to my team from all different regional groups, for which I am thankful.

Eighty years on, the world does not look like heaven, but it is our world. And this is the task of our time — to make the United Nations fit for purpose and fit for the future, to uphold the Charter and to deliver tangible results for everyone. I am deeply honoured to work with one and all in this challenging endeavour — better together.

The President: I thank the President-elect of the General Assembly.

I now give the floor to the Secretary-General, His Excellency Mr. António Guterres.

The Secretary-General: Let me begin by congratulating Her Excellency Ms. Annalena Baerbock of Germany on her election as the President of the General Assembly at its eightieth session.

And to our current President of the Assembly at its seventy-ninth session — His Excellency Mr. Philemon Yang of Cameroon — I thank you for your leadership. From day one, you have presided over the General Assembly with wisdom, vision and skill. You hit the ground running with the Summit of the Future. And, since then, you have carried that work forward, taking on critical global issues, preparing for numerous milestone events in this eightieth anniversary year, working to strengthen our institution and serving as a powerful voice and advocate for Africa and its enormous potential. I thank you, President Yang, for your advice, guidance and deep commitment to the United Nations and multilateral solutions.

As President-elect Baerbock prepares to lead the General Assembly during its eightieth session, she does so at a difficult and uncertain moment for the multilateral system. Conflicts, climate catastrophe, poverty and inequality continue to challenge the human family. Mistrust and divisions are rife. The Sustainable Development Goals are alarmingly off-track. Aid and development funding are drying up, and our institutions and structures still reflect the world of yesterday, not a vision of tomorrow. This is a moment for us to unite, to forge common solutions and to take action to confront these challenges.

President-elect Baerbock's vision — "Better Together" — is an inspiring rallying cry for today's world and the global problem-solving system embodied by the United Nations to address these challenges. Her priority issues range from peace and development to reform and transparency in the United Nations. She brings a wealth of Government and diplomatic experience to this task, including serving as her country's Foreign Minister. And let us not forget the historic significance of her being only the fifth woman to be elected President of the General Assembly. President-elect Baerbock can count on my full support as she takes on this important responsibility.

(spoke in French)

For 80 years, the General Assembly has played an indispensable role in building consensus, finding solutions and working towards a better, more peaceful and more egalitarian world. As we approach the end of the seventy-ninth session and prepare for the opening of the eightieth, let us commit to upholding the values of solidarity and collaboration that have defined our Organization since its inception.

The President: I thank the Secretary-General for his statement.

I now give the floor to the representative of Gabon, who will speak on behalf of the Group of African States.

Mr. Ondias Okouma (Gabon) *(spoke in French)*: I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of African States at this important meeting.

At the outset, on behalf of our Group, I would like to congratulate Her Excellency Ms. Annalena Baerbock on her election to the presidency of the General Assembly at its eightieth session. We wholeheartedly wish her every success.

The eightieth session of the General Assembly will be held in a very difficult period, marked by numerous challenges, such as climate change, conflicts and food insecurity. The African Group therefore hopes that the President-elect's experience will be useful in supporting our collective efforts to get safely through this difficult period and the one to follow. The African Group appreciates her recognition of the enormous weight of United Nations leadership, and we note her commitment to ensuring that we overcome these challenges and emerge stronger. Our Group will, of course, continue to support the Office of the President of the General Assembly in that regard.

To Mr. Philemon Yang, the African Group would like to take this opportunity to pay you a heartfelt tribute, as outgoing President of the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session, for your decisive leadership in these special times. Since taking office, you have opened up new perspectives for exemplary leadership in times of crisis, setting the tone in an unprecedented way that we believe will define, in many respects, the future functioning of our delicate intergovernmental processes. Your successor will be able to seamlessly build on your achievements.

The African Group listened carefully to the President-elect during the exchanges we had prior to her election, and we also carefully examined her action plan. The African Group took note of her commitments and the principles and priorities set out therein, as they are in line with the terms of the African Union's theme for this year — "Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations". Within that framework, the African Group wishes to highlight the following non-exhaustive list of issues that merit special attention at the eightieth session of the General Assembly.

First, we stress that independence, impartiality and integrity are essential for the President of the General Assembly to successfully carry out his or her duties and responsibilities.

Secondly, the development of Africa is an integral part of the eight main priorities identified by the United Nations over many years, as reaffirmed by

numerous General Assembly resolutions. The African Group is therefore counting on the leadership of the President-elect to maintain that special focus on Africa in all pillars of our Organization's programme of work, including the allocation of the necessary resources to essential programmes.

Similarly, we support the focus on developing countries, including those in special situations, such as the least developed countries, landlocked countries and small island States.

Furthermore, our Group hopes that the eightieth session of the General Assembly will continue to follow up on the commitments made in the Pact for the Future (resolution 79/1) and the agenda for sustainable peace, in accordance with the obligations of the Charter of the United Nations, for the maintenance of international peace and security and with the ownership and leadership of the countries concerned.

In the same vein, we recognize that it is more important than ever for the international community to invest more in prevention and peacebuilding.

For Africa, it is the right time to work towards strengthening the United Nations peacebuilding architecture. And in that respect, we underscore the crucial efforts currently being made under the auspices of the ongoing review of the peacebuilding architecture.

Moreover, in order to achieve social progress, to improve the living standards of our peoples and to promote universal human rights for all, the African Group takes very seriously the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals.

As has already been recognized, climate change poses a real existential threat to our survival and livelihoods. Natural disasters, environmental impacts, soil degradation and the desertification that accompanies it seriously compromise agricultural production and exacerbate food insecurity in our regions. We hope that this issue will continue to be a priority for the General Assembly.

As previous speakers have said, there has never been a more crucial time than now for the promotion and preservation of multilateralism. The African Group believes that, under the able leadership of the President-elect, the eightieth anniversary of the United Nations offers us a timely opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to multilateralism and to make it a collective reality.

Before I conclude, I would like to add, on behalf of the African Group, that my Group is counting on the wise leadership of the President-elect to join the Secretary-General and world leaders to ensure that the General Assembly is united behind an environment free of intolerance within all its institutions. There is absolutely no place for any form of intolerance or discriminatory practice in a multinational forum such as the United Nations.

(spoke in English)

In conclusion, on behalf of the African Group, I would like to once again congratulate the President-elect and express the readiness of our Group to work closely with her in the implementation of our shared goals.

The President: I now give the floor to the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, who will speak on behalf of the Group of Asia-Pacific States.

Mr. Irvani (Islamic Republic of Iran): It is a profound honour and privilege for me to address the General Assembly on behalf of the Group of Asia-Pacific States.

On behalf of the States of the Asia-Pacific Group, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to Her Excellency Ms. Annalena Baerbock of Germany on her election as President of the General Assembly at its eightieth session.

President-elect Baerbock will assume the office at a time when the international community continues to confront a multitude of complex and interlinked crises. These unprecedented challenges demand a collective, an inclusive and a principled response, supported by the spirit of solidarity in pursuing the common good of all humankind.

Today's multilateral engagement is more essential than ever, and the Assembly's role, as the most representative organ and the principle deliberative and policy-making body of the United Nations, in promoting multilateralism remains extremely vital. We therefore underscore the importance of the President-elect's commitment to conducting the Assembly's work in the spirit of inclusiveness, transparency, professionalism, impartiality, collaboration, cooperation, responsibility and accountability and assure her of the full cooperation and support of the Asia-Pacific States during her tenure.

I also take this opportunity to convey our deep appreciation and congratulations to you, President Philemon Yang, for your leadership throughout the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly. Your dedication and steadfast guidance, Sir, have been truly commendable. Please be assured of our continued and resolute support during the remainder of your presidency.

The President: I now give the floor to the representative of Liechtenstein, who will speak on behalf of the Group of Western European and other States.

Mr. Wenaweser (Liechtenstein): On behalf of the members of the Group of Western European and other States, it is my honour to congratulate Her Excellency Annalena Baerbock on the occasion of her election as President of the General Assembly at its eightieth session.

The President-elect's background in international law and experience in multilateral diplomacy as Foreign Minister of Germany, as well as her role as an outspoken champion of the United Nations, make her an outstanding President-elect of the General Assembly, the bedrock of multilateralism.

The members of our Group are particularly pleased that our region has finally and successfully nominated a woman for the function of President of the General Assembly. We look forward to working together with other regional groups to improve the regretful track record of only five female Presidents so far in the history of the Assembly.

This is a pivotal moment for the United Nations, which finds itself at a crossroads. As we are preparing to commemorate its eightieth anniversary, the Assembly is facing major challenges: from armed conflicts to humanitarian crises, from climate change to sustainable development, compounded by an unprecedented liquidity crisis. Most importantly though, we are witnessing an erosion of respect for international law and multilateralism itself. There could not be a better moment for a President of the General Assembly with strong roots in international law and one who views the Charter of the United Nations as — to quote from her vision statement — “the bedrock of our collective aspirations and our joint work”.

The eightieth anniversary will provide an important moment to showcase our collective commitment to the Charter of the United Nations and to express our political will to invest in the United Nations.

We will work with her on meaningful and urgently needed change in close coordination with the Secretary-General's UN80 Initiative. Implementing the Pact for the Future (resolution 79/1), including enhancing ways in which the General Assembly can contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security, in line with the Charter of the United Nations, will be a priority for us.

We will also count on her to uphold multilingualism as a core value of the United Nations, furthering the initiatives of her predecessors in that respect.

She can count on our support in building bridges and standing up for effective multilateralism and solidarity through our shared commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in holding each other accountable to pay our contributions to the United Nations budget in full and on time. We believe that we are indeed better together, and it has never been more important for us to prove it.

The President-elect will guide the General Assembly during the selection process for the next Secretary-General. We encourage her to work in close cooperation with the President of the Security Council to help to enable a transparent process and continue to encourage the nomination of women candidates.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you, the President of the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, Your Excellency, Mr. Philémon Yang, on behalf of all the members of the Group of Western European and other States, for your leadership and commitment to guide the work of the Assembly and to enhance unity in diversity.

The President: I now give the floor to the representative of the host country.

Ms. Shea (United States of America): On behalf of the United States, as host country of the United Nations, we look forward to a mutually respectful and constructive working relationship with Ms. Annalena Baerbock as President of the General Assembly for its eightieth session.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Philémon Yang for his dedicated service as President of the General Assembly over the last year. Mr. President, you have modelled the circumspection and restraint needed to guide this body through challenging debates. We thank you.

The President-elect assumes this role at a critical juncture. The eightieth anniversary of the United Nations provides an opportunity to reflect on its role and contributions with respect to international peace and security. It also presents an opening to make the United Nations more efficient in using its resources and making it more effective at achieving its goals.

In the President-elect's campaign vision statement, she reaffirmed that the Charter of the United Nations remains the bedrock of this Organization and she called for greater focus on reform. In that effort, the President-elect has a partner in the United States. We have a chance to make the United Nations more fit for purpose — to prioritize its core mission of international peace and security. We hope the President-elect will follow through on the promise to refocus the United Nations towards that end.

The General Assembly needs to be more effective and, as many in this great Hall have said, abandon time-consuming, fruitless pursuits that waste resources and do little to address global challenges. It must re-focus on urgent issues demanding United Nations attention, including ending armed conflict, advancing peace, combating antisemitism and reforming this Organization so it might fully live up to its founding purposes.

We call on the President-elect to lead United Nations Member States in setting aside politics and personal biases and cooperating to advance common goals as outlined in the Charter. It is essential that she work constructively with all world leaders and Member States to bring peace and security to the world.

We look forward to working with United Nations Member States and the President-elect to return the United Nations to its purposes and principles under the Charter.

The President: I would like to remind members that, in accordance with resolution 70/305, of 13 September 2016, the President-elect will take an oath of office of her own at the moment of handing over the gavel in the final plenary meeting of the seventy-ninth session.

The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Drawing of lots for the seating protocol for the eightieth regular session

The President: As announced in the Journal of the United Nations, we will now proceed to the drawing of lots to determine the Member State that will occupy the first seat in the General Assembly Hall at the eightieth session. In accordance with the established practice, the Secretary-General draws the name of one Member State from a box containing the names of the States members of the General Assembly. The delegation whose name has been drawn will occupy the first seat in the General Assembly Hall, and the other countries will follow in English alphabetical order, also taking into account resolution ES-10/23, of 10 May 2024. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

I now invite the Secretary-General to proceed with the drawing of lots.

Having been drawn by lot by the Secretary-General, the Niger was chosen to occupy the first seat in the General Assembly Hall at the eightieth session.

Agenda item 6

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly for the eightieth session

The President: I should now like to consult members with a view to proceeding to the election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its eightieth session.

In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

“The Vice-Presidents shall be elected after the election of the Chairmen of the six Main Committees referred to in rule 98, in such a way as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee.”

It is my understanding that since the elections of the Chairpersons of the Main Committees will conform with paragraph 48 of resolution 72/313 of 17 September 2018, on the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees from the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third sessions of the General Assembly, it will not have an impact on the geographical distribution of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly and the representative character of the General Committee.

May I take it that the General Assembly therefore agrees to proceed to elect the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly?

It was so decided.

The President: In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, of 19 December 1978, the 21 Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its eightieth session shall be elected according to the following pattern: six representatives from African States; five representatives from Asia-Pacific States; one representative from Eastern European States; three representatives from Latin American and Caribbean States; one representative from Western European and other States; and five representatives of the permanent members of the Security Council.

In accordance with paragraph 16 of decision 34/401, the election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly by secret ballot will be dispensed with when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled. We shall proceed accordingly.

I shall now read out the names on the slate of candidates:

African States:

Cabo Verde, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Lesotho, Tunisia, Senegal

Asia-Pacific States:

Bangladesh, Lebanon, Maldives, Saudi Arabia, Timor-Leste

Eastern European States:

Montenegro

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Argentina, Saint Kitts and Nevis, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Western European and other States:

Andorra

Since the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in each region, I declare those candidates elected, in addition to the five representatives of the permanent members of the Security Council.

The following States have therefore been elected to vice-presidencies of the General Assembly at its eightieth session: Andorra, Argentina, Bangladesh, Cabo Verde, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, France, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Maldives, Montenegro, the Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the States that have been elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its eightieth session.

I now give the floor to the representative of the United States of America on a point of order.

Mr. Shrier (United States of America): As a point of order, the United States dissociates itself from the re-election of Venezuela as Vice-President of the General Assembly at its eightieth session. The United States does not recognize Nicolás Maduro Moros and his representatives as the Government of Venezuela.

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

I wish to remind members that, as announced in *The Journal of the United Nations*, consecutive meetings of the six Main Committees for the purpose of electing their Chairs and Bureaux for the eightieth session of the Assembly will take place immediately following the adjournment of this meeting. After the election of the Chairpersons of the six Main Committees, the General Committee of the Assembly for the eightieth session will be fully constituted, in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure.

The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.