

14th meeting

Thursday, 26 May 1988, at 10.55 a.m.

President: Mr. Andrés AGUILAR (Venezuela).

E/1988/SR.14

AGENDA ITEM 14

POPULATION COMMISSION (E/1988/L.1)

Elections and nominations

STATISTICAL COMMISSION (E/1988/L.1)

1. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect eight members of the Statistical Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.
2. Ms. KIMBALL (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the following candidates had been endorsed by their regional groups: the Islamic Republic of Iran and Japan for the two vacancies to be filled by Asian States; Hungary for the vacancy to be filled by an Eastern European State; Brazil and Mexico for the two vacancies to be filled by Latin American and Caribbean States; and Canada, the Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the three vacancies to be filled by Western European and other States.
3. The PRESIDENT said that, since the number of nominees of the Groups of Asian, Eastern European and Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of vacancies for those Groups, he would take it that the Council wished to elect the nominees by acclamation.

*It was so decided.**

4. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect by secret ballot three members from the Group of Western European and other States.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Kufuor (Ghana) and Ms. Arguillas (Philippines) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	53
<i>Required majority:</i>	27
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Norway	39
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	39
Canada	37
Netherlands	32
Turkey	2
Malta	1

*Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Canada, Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were elected members of the Statistical Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.**

* See decision 1988/150.

5. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect nine members of the Population Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.

6. Ms. KIMBALL (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the Secretariat had been informed by the Chairmen of the regional groups and by the Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity for the African States that the following candidates had been endorsed by their regional groups: Egypt for one of the two vacancies to be filled by African States; Bangladesh for the vacancy to be filled by an Asian State; the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic for the vacancy to be filled by an Eastern European State; Brazil and Colombia for the two vacancies to be filled by Latin American and Caribbean States; and Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany and Turkey for the three vacancies to be filled by Western European and other States.

7. The PRESIDENT said that, since the number of nominees endorsed by the regional groups was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he would take it that the Council wished to elect the nominees by acclamation, and to postpone to a later stage the election of one nominee for the remaining vacancy to be filled from the Group of African States.

*It was so decided.**

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (E/1988/L.1)

8. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 10 members of the Commission for Social Development for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.

9. Ms. KIMBALL (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the Secretariat had been informed that the following States were candidates for the vacant posts for their regional groups: Cameroon for one of the two vacancies to be filled by African States; China, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Philippines for the two vacancies to be filled by Asian States; Poland for the vacancy to be filled by an Eastern European State; Chile and Ecuador for the two vacancies to be filled by Latin American and Caribbean States; and Finland, Malta and Spain for the three vacancies to be filled by Western European and other States.

10. The PRESIDENT said that, since the number of nominees for the Groups of Eastern European, Latin American and Caribbean and Western European and other States was equal to, and in the case of the Group of African States less than, the number of vacancies for their groups, he would take it that the Council wished to elect the nominees by acclamation, and to postpone to a later date the election of one nominee for the remaining vacancy to be filled by an African State.

*It was so decided.**

11. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect by secret ballot two members from the Group of Asian States.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Amorin (Uruguay) and Mr. Raichev (Bulgaria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
China	49
Philippines	44
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	12

*Having obtained the required majority, China and the Philippines were elected members of the Commission for Social Development for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.**

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (E/1988/L.1)

12. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 14 members of the Commission on Human Rights for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.

13. Ms. KIMBALL (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the Secretariat had been informed that the following States were candidates for membership in the Commission: Ethiopia, Morocco and Swaziland for the three vacancies to be filled by African States; Bangladesh, Cyprus, India and the Syrian Arab Republic for the three vacancies to be filled by Asian States; the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the two vacancies to be filled by Eastern European States; Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala and Panama for the three vacancies to be filled by Latin American and Caribbean States; and Belgium, Canada and Sweden for the three vacancies to be filled by Western European and other States.

14. The PRESIDENT said that, since the number of nominees from the Groups of African, Eastern European and Western European and other States was equal to the number of vacancies for those Groups, he would take it that the Council wished to elect those nominees by acclamation.

*It was so decided.**

15. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect by secret ballot three members from the Group of Asian States and three members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Cabral (Portugal) and Ms. Nduku Booto (Zaire) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect three members from the Group of Asian States.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28

Number of votes obtained:

India	45
Cyprus	39
Bangladesh	37
Syrian Arab Republic	32
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1

*Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Bangladesh, Cyprus and India were elected members of the Commission on Human Rights for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.**

A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect three members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Colombia	46
Cuba	38
Panama	27
Costa Rica	26
Guatemala	11

*Having obtained the required majority, Colombia and Cuba were elected members of the Commission on Human Rights for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.**

No other candidate having obtained the required majority, a second vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Panama	31
Costa Rica	23

*Having obtained the required majority, Panama was elected a member of the Commission on Human Rights for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.**

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (E/1988/L.1)

16. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 11 members of the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.

17. Ms. KIMBALL (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the Secretariat had been informed that the following States were candidates for membership on the Commission: Morocco, the Sudan and the United Republic of Tanzania for the three vacancies to be filled by African States; Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan and Thailand for the two vacancies to be filled by Asian States; Poland for the vacancy to be filled by an Eastern European State; Brazil and Colombia for the two vacancies to be filled by Latin American and Caribbean States; and Austria, Canada, France, Greece, Portugal and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and

Northern Ireland for the three vacancies to be filled by Western European and other States. The Secretariat had been informed that the candidatures of India (Group of Asian States) and Hungary (Group of Eastern European States) had been withdrawn.

18. The PRESIDENT said that, since the number of nominees for the Groups of African, Eastern European and Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of vacancies for those Groups, he would take it that the Council wished to elect the nominees by acclamation.

*It was so decided.**

19. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect by secret ballot two members from the Group of Asian States.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Kufuor (Ghana) and Mr. Amorín (Uruguay) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect two members from the Group of Asian States.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Japan	45
Thailand	25
Iraq	22
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	11

Having obtained the required majority, Japan was elected a member of the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.

No other candidates having obtained the required majority, a second vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	53
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	53
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
Thailand	27
Iraq	26

*Having obtained the required majority, Thailand was elected a member of the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.**

A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect three members from the Group of Western European and other States.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Austria	29

France	29
Canada	28
Greece	27
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	26
Portugal	19

*Having obtained the required majority, Austria, Canada and France were elected members of the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.**

COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (E/1988/L.3)

20. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 19 members of the Commission on Human Settlements for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.

21. Ms. KIMBALL (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the following candidates had been endorsed by their regional groups: Lesotho, Malawi, Somalia, Swaziland and Tunisia for the five vacancies to be filled by African States; China, Indonesia, Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic for the four vacancies to be filled by Asian States; Hungary and Yugoslavia for the two vacancies to be filled by Eastern European States; Bolivia, Guatemala and Paraguay for the three vacancies to be filled by Latin American and Caribbean States; and Canada, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Sweden for the five vacancies to be filled by Western European and other States. Nepal had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States for a vacancy having a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1988. That election had been postponed from previous sessions.

22. The PRESIDENT said that since the number of candidates endorsed by each regional group for the four-year term of office was equal to the number of vacancies, he would take it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates endorsed by each group.

*It was so decided.**

23. The PRESIDENT said that since no other candidates had been endorsed for the other vacancy to be filled by an Asian State, he would take it that the Council wished to elect Nepal by acclamation.

*It was so decided.**

24. The PRESIDENT suggested that, since no candidate had been endorsed for the vacancy postponed from previous sessions for the Group of Western European and other States and having a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991, that election should be further postponed.

*It was so decided.**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES (E/1988/L.10)

25. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 33 members of the Committee on Natural Resources for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.

26. Ms. KIMBALL (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the following candidates had been en-

dorsed by their regional groups: Botswana, Guinea-Bissau and the Sudan for three of the eight vacancies to be filled by African States; China and Japan for two of the five vacancies to be filled by Asian States; the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the two vacancies to be filled by Eastern European States; Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Paraguay and Uruguay for the eight vacancies to be filled by Latin American and Caribbean States; no candidates had been proposed for the four vacancies to be filled by Western European and other States.

27. The PRESIDENT said that, since the number of candidates endorsed by each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he would take it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates endorsed by each group and to postpone until a later date the election of five members from the African Group, three members from the Asian Group, one member from the Latin American and Caribbean Group and four members from the Group of Western European and other States.

*It was so decided.**

28. The PRESIDENT suggested that, since no candidates had been endorsed by the Asian and Western European and other States Groups for the vacancies for which elections had been postponed from previous sessions, those elections should be further postponed.

*It was so decided.**

COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS
(E/1988/L.2)

29. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 16 members of the Commission on Transnational Corporations for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.

30. Ms. KIMBALL (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the following candidates had been endorsed by their regional groups: Gabon and Swaziland for two of the four vacancies to be filled by African States; Cyprus and Indonesia for two of the three vacancies to be filled by Asian States; the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the vacancy to be filled by Eastern European States; Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba and Mexico for the four vacancies to be filled by Latin American and Caribbean States; and the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America for the four vacancies to be filled by Western European and other States.

31. The PRESIDENT said that, since the number of candidates endorsed by each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he would take it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates endorsed by each group and to postpone until a later date the election of two members from the Group of African States and one member from the Group of Asian States.

*It was so decided.**

INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON
INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND RE-
PORTING (E/1988/L.6)

32. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 17 members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.

33. Ms. KIMBALL (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the following candidates had been endorsed by their regional groups: Malawi, Nigeria and Uganda for three of the four vacancies to be filled by African States; Cyprus, Japan and India for three of the four vacancies to be filled by Asian States; Czechoslovakia for one of the two vacancies to be filled by Eastern European States; and the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the four vacancies to be filled by Western European and other States. No candidates had been proposed for the three vacancies to be filled by Latin American and Caribbean States.

34. The PRESIDENT said that, since the number of candidates endorsed by each group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he would take it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates endorsed by each group and to postpone until a later stage the election of one member from the Group of African States, one member from the Group of Asian States, one member from the Group of Eastern European States and three members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

*It was so decided.**

35. The PRESIDENT suggested that, since no candidates had been endorsed for the vacancies in the African, Asian, Eastern European, Latin American and Caribbean and Western European and other States Groups, for which elections had been postponed from previous sessions, those elections should be further postponed.

*It was so decided.**

COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION
AWARD (E/1988/30)

36. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 10 members of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 36/201, such representatives were to be elected by the Council for a period of three years with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation and the need to include those Member States that had made contributions to the Award.

37. Ms. KIMBALL (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the following candidates had been endorsed by their regional groups: Rwanda for one of the three vacancies to be filled by African States; Japan and Pakistan for two of the three vacancies to be filled by Asian States; the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic for the vacancy to be filled by Eastern European States; Ecuador and Mexico for the two vacancies to be filled by Latin American and Caribbean States; and Turkey for the vacancy to be filled by Western European and other States.

*See decision 1988/150.

38. The PRESIDENT said that he would take it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates endorsed by each group and to postpone until a later date elections to fill the three remaining vacancies, two for African States and one for Asian States.

*It was so decided.**

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
(E/1988/46 AND ADD.1 AND ADD.1/CORR.1 AND ADD.2 AND 3)

39. The PRESIDENT said that, owing to the resignations of Mr. Sviridov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. Daoudi (Syrian Arab Republic), the Council was required to elect two members to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990. He drew attention, in that connection, to paragraph 4 of document E/1988/46/Add.2, in which it was stated that the Government of the Soviet Union had nominated Mr. Kouznetsov to replace Mr. Sviridov on the Committee. In the absence of other candidatures to fill that vacancy, he would take it that the Council wished to elect Mr. Kouznetsov for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990.

*It was so decided.**

40. The PRESIDENT suggested that, since no candidate had been proposed to complete Mr. Daoudi's term, the Council should postpone that election until a later date.

*It was so decided.**

41. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989. Information regarding the election was contained in documents E/1988/46 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, and Add.2 and 3. He had been informed that the Group of Asian States had endorsed the candidate nominated by the Government of Cyprus and that the Government of Afghanistan had withdrawn its candidate. In addition, the Group of Eastern European States had endorsed the candidates nominated by Bulgaria and Poland, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States had endorsed the candidates nominated by Peru and Jamaica, and the Group of Western European and other States had endorsed the candidates nominated by Spain and France. The candidate nominated by Finland had been withdrawn.

42. Since the number of candidates from Asian, Eastern European, Latin American and Caribbean and Western European and other States equalled the number of vacancies open to candidates from those groups, and since those candidates had been endorsed by their regional groups, he would take it that, if he heard no objection, the Council wished to elect those candidates by acclamation.

*Mr. Alvarez Vita (Peru), Mrs. Jiménez Butragueño (Spain), Mr. Mrachkov (Bulgaria), Mr. Neneman (Poland), Mr. Rattray (Jamaica), Mr. Sparsis (Cyprus) and Mr. Texier (France) were elected members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.**

43. The PRESIDENT suggested that, since there were more candidates from African States than there were vacancies to be filled by those States, the Council

should proceed to elect two experts from African States by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Capriolo-Cattoretti (Bolivia) and Ms. Chohan (Pakistan) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Konate (Senegal)	32
Mr. Fofana (Guinea)	30
Mr. Aouami (Niger)	18
Mr. Apedo (Togo)	16

*Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Fofana (Guinea) and Mr. Konate (Senegal) were elected members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.**

COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL
(E/1988/48 AND ADD.1 AND 2)

44. The PRESIDENT said that, owing to the death of Mr. López-Rey y Arrojo (Bolivia), the Council was required to elect one member to the Committee for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990. He drew attention in that connection to paragraph 6 of document E/1988/48, in which it was indicated that the Government of Bolivia had nominated Mr. Miguel-Harb to fill the seat vacated by Mr. López-Rey y Arrojo. In the absence of other candidates, he would take it that the Council wished to elect Mr. Miguel-Harb for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990.

*It was so decided.**

45. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 13 members of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989. Information pertinent to the election was contained in document E/1988/48 and Add.1 and 2. Since the number of candidates from Asian, Eastern European, Latin American and Caribbean and Western European and other States was equal to the number of vacancies open to those States, and since those candidates had been endorsed by their regional groups, he would take it, if he heard no objection, that the Council wished to elect the candidates nominated from those States by acclamation.

*Mr. de la Cruz Ochoa (Cuba), Mr. De Silva (Sri Lanka), Mr. Faulkner (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Gainer (United States of America), Mr. Khair (Jordan), Mr. Kubiak (Poland), Mr. Murad (Saudi Arabia), Mr. Polimeni (Italy) and Mr. Sánchez Méndez (Colombia) were elected members of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.**

46. The PRESIDENT said that seven candidates had been nominated by African States to fill four vacancies for those States. The Secretariat had been informed by the secretariat of the Organization of African Unity that the Group of African States had endorsed the

candidates nominated by Algeria, the Central African Republic, the Niger and the Sudan.

47. Mr. IDRIS (Sudan), speaking on behalf of the Group of African States, said that when the Group had met to endorse the four candidates for the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, it had also received a reservation from Togo regarding the Group's endorsement of the candidate from the Niger.

48. Mr. ADJOYI (Observer for Togo) said that the individuals elected to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control were experts elected in their personal capacity. Members of the Council were free to vote for any candidate, regardless of endorsements by a specific regional group. Because his Government had nominated an expert to serve on the Committee, his delegation had been unable to support the decision by the African Group and would count on the support of its friends on the Council.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Dawson (United States of America) and Mr. Sanikidze (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect four members from the Group of African States.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Nour (Algeria)	46
Mr. Shiddo (Sudan)	46
Mr. Mâmourou (Niger)	35
Mr. Pandi (Central African Republic)	28
Mr. Akagbosu (Nigeria)	20
Mr. Polo (Togo)	19
Ms. Muli-Musiime (Kenya)	11

*Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Mâmourou (Niger), Mr. Nour (Algeria), Mr. Pandi (Central African Republic) and Mr. Shiddo (Sudan) were elected members of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1989.**

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION (E/1988/L.8)

49. The PRESIDENT said that information concerning the nomination of members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination was contained in document E/1988/L.8.

50. Ms. KIMBALL (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the Group of African States had endorsed the candidatures of Benin and Zambia; the Group of Eastern European States had endorsed the candidature of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States had endorsed the candidatures of the Bahamas, Chile, Peru and Venezuela; and the Group of Western European and other States had endorsed the candidatures of France and the United States of America.

51. The PRESIDENT noted that the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States had endorsed a num-

ber of candidates greater than the number of vacancies for that Group. He suggested that the Council should follow precedent and nominate all the candidates submitted by the regional groups for election by the General Assembly at its forty-third session.

*It was so decided.**

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (E/1988/L.9)

52. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to nominate 12 candidates for election to the World Food Council by the General Assembly at its forty-third session. Information concerning the nominations was contained in document E/1988/L.9.

53. Ms. KIMBALL (Assistant Secretary of the Council) said that the candidatures of Cape Verde, Niger and Zimbabwe had been proposed by the Group of African States; those of Bangladesh, Cyprus, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic had been presented by Asian States; those of the German Democratic Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics had been proposed by the Group of Eastern European States; those of Guatemala, Ecuador and Paraguay had been proposed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and those of Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany had been proposed by the Group of Western European and other States.

54. The PRESIDENT noted that the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies in each Group, with the exception of the Group of Asian States, which had four candidates for two vacancies. He therefore suggested that the Council should nominate all candidates proposed or presented by the regional groups to the General Assembly, which would elect the appropriate number of candidates from each Group at its forty-third session.

*It was so decided.**

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS (E/1988/97)

55. The PRESIDENT drew attention to document E/1988/97, regarding the application of China for full membership in the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, a request which the Secretary-General had approved. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to endorse the Secretary-General's decision.

It was so decided (decision 1988/149).

AGENDA ITEM 1

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (continued)

56. Mr. DE CLERCK (Belgium) requested that, when the Council considered draft resolution E/1988/L.28, as orally revised, under agenda item 4, representatives of the Department of Administration and Management and of the Office of Legal Affairs should be present.

57. The PRESIDENT assured the representative of Belgium that his request would be met.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.