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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*) (E/2000/2/Add.1)

Letters dated 26 and 27 April 2000 from the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/42 and E/2000/43)

1. **The President** said that by letter dated 26 April 2000 (E/2000/42), the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights had informed him that, in its resolution 2000/59 of 26 April 2000, the Commission had adopted two optional protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It had recommended that they should be adopted at an early date by the Council and the General Assembly and thereafter opened for signature and ratification or accession at the special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”, to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 5 to 9 June 2000; at the special session of the General Assembly entitled “World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world”, to be held in Geneva from 26 to 30 June 2000; and at the Millennium Summit of the Millennium Assembly, to be held in New York from 5 to 8 September 2000.

2. By letter dated 27 April 2000 (E/2000/43), the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights had informed him that the Commission, at its fifty-sixth session, had adopted five proposals regarding special procedures or mandates: resolution 2000/82 entitled “Effects of structural adjustment policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights”; resolution 2000/9 entitled “Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights”; resolution 2000/10 entitled “The right to food”; resolution 2000/61 entitled “Human rights defenders”; and decision 2000/109, which included an annex recommending a procedure for dealing with communications concerning human rights.

3. He proposed that the Council should take action on the draft resolution concerning the optional protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 10 May 2000, and that the five additional other proposals should be discussed in informal consultations before action was taken on them, as was the Council’s established practice.

4. *It was so decided.*

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (E/2000/L.4)

5. **The President** drew attention to the draft resolution entitled “Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing” (E/2000/L.4), which the Commission for Social Development had recommended to the Council for adoption.

6. **Ms. Kelley** (Secretary of the Council) read out the following statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution:

“In operative paragraph 12, the General Assembly would encourage voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for Ageing to support preparatory activities of the Second World Assembly, including the participation of the least developed countries.

“The requests contained in operative paragraphs 8 and 12 will be carried out through funding from voluntary contributions; it is anticipated that voluntary contributions would be forthcoming to support the requests.

“As regards the use of voluntary contributions to support the participation of the least developed countries in the Second World Assembly, it should be noted that this would imply an exception to the provision of General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 on the payment of travel and subsistence allowances to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations. In addition, it is the understanding of the Secretariat that the support to be provided to the least developed countries would consist of the payment from extrabudgetary resources of the travel cost for one representative from each least developed country to attend the Second World Assembly.

“In summary, should the Council adopt the draft resolution, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.”

7. **The President** said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt the draft resolution.

8. *Draft resolution E/2000/L.4 was adopted.*

Applications of two intergovernmental organizations for consultative status with the Council

9. **The President** announced that, after consultations, the Bureau had decided to recommend approval of the applications for consultative status of two intergovernmental organizations, the Asian and Pacific Development Centre and the Inter-American Development Bank. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to approve those applications.

10. *It was so decided.*

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 1999 session (E/1999/109/Add.2 (Part I))

11. **The President** drew attention to the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 1999 session (E/1999/109/Add.2 (Part I)), which contained three draft decisions that the Committee was recommending to the Council for adoption.

Draft decision I

12. **Mr. Tarabrin** (Russian Federation) said that draft decision I mistakenly indicated that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had not recommended granting consultative status to the International Committee of Peace and Human Rights. In fact, as stated in a footnote, it had decided to close its consideration of the application of that organization.

13. **The President** said that the draft decision would be amended accordingly.

14. *Draft decision I was adopted.*

Draft decisions II and III

15. *Draft decisions II and III were adopted.*

Elections, nominations and confirmations
(E/2000/L.2 and Add.2-10, 11 and Corr.1, 12 and 13)

Statistical Commission (E/2000/L.2)

16. **The President** invited the Council to elect eight members of the Statistical Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

17. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that India and Japan had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Belarus and the Czech Republic were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Eastern European States; Jamaica and Mexico had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and France, Greece, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Western European and Other States.

18. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of Asian States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

19. *It was so decided.*

20. *India, Jamaica, Japan and Mexico were elected members of the Statistical Commission.*

21. **The President** invited the Council to elect by secret ballot one member from the Group of Eastern European States and three members from the Group of Western European and Other States.

22. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Cavalcante (Brazil) and Ms. Raguž (Croatia) acted as tellers.*

23. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Group of Eastern European States

Number of ballot papers: 54

Number of valid ballots: 54

Number of members voting: 54

Required majority: 28

Number of votes obtained:

Czech Republic	36
Belarus	18

24. Having obtained the required majority, the Czech Republic was elected a member of the Statistical Commission.

Group of Western European and Other States

Number of ballot papers: 54

Number of valid ballots: 54

Abstentions: 1

Number of members voting: 53

Required majority: 27

Number of votes obtained:

France	42
Greece	42
United Kingdom	39
Netherlands	29

25. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, France, Greece and the United Kingdom were elected members of the Statistical Commission.*

*Commission on Population and Development
(E/2000/L.2)*

26. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members of the Commission on Population and Development for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

27. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Cameroon and Ghana had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Bangladesh, Indonesia and Malaysia had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Lithuania had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Peru was the non-endorsed candidate for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Austria, Belgium, Germany and Turkey were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Western European and Other States.

28. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from all groups was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished

to elect them by acclamation and to postpone to a later stage the election of one member from the Group of African States and two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

29. *It was so decided.*

30. *Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Cameroon, Germany, Ghana, Indonesia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Peru and Turkey were elected members of the Commission on Population and Development.*

Commission for Social Development (E/2000/L.2)

31. **The President** invited the Council to elect 17 members of the Commission for Social Development for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

32. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Gabon, Kenya, South Africa and the United Republic of Tanzania had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Bangladesh, China, Kazakhstan and Viet Nam had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Bulgaria and the Czech Republic had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; El Salvador, Jamaica and Mexico had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Austria, Denmark, Italy and Switzerland were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Western European and Other States.

33. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from all groups was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

34. *It was so decided.*

35. *Austria, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, China, the Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Gabon, Italy, Jamaican, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mexico, South Africa, Switzerland, the United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam were elected members of the Commission for Social Development.*

Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/L.2)

36. **The President** invited the Council to elect 24 members of the Commission on Human Rights for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

37. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Algeria, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Senegal and South Africa had been

endorsed by the Group of African States, and that Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

38. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of African States and the Group of Latin America and Caribbean States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

39. *It was so decided.*

40. *Algeria, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Guatemala, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Peru, Senegal, South Africa, Uruguay and Venezuela were elected members of the Commission on Human Rights.*

41. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Bhutan, India, Malaysia, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand and Viet Nam were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Asian States; Bulgaria, Poland, and the Russian Federation were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Eastern European States; and Belgium, Canada, Sweden and the United Kingdom were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Western European and Other States.

42. **The President** invited the Council to elect by secret ballot six members from the Group of Asian States.

43. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Elisha (Benin) and Mr. Kerpens (Suriname) acted as tellers.*

44. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	54
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Saudi Arabia	48
Syrian Arab Republic	48
Malaysia	43
India	42
Thailand	38
Viet Nam	38
Bhutan	33

Nepal	18
Sri Lanka	1
Yemen	1

45. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Malaysia, India, Thailand and Viet Nam were elected members of the Commission on Human Rights.*

46. **The President** invited the Council to elect by secret ballot two members from the Group of Eastern European States.

47. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Herrera (Venezuela), Mr. Kerpens (Suriname) and Ms. Elisha (Benin) acted as tellers.*

48. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	53
<i>Majority required:</i>	27
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Russian Federation	38
Poland	37
Bulgaria	26

49. *Having obtained the required majority, the Russian Federation and Poland were elected members of the Commission on Human Rights.*

50. **The President** invited the Council to elect by secret ballot three members from the Group of Western European and Other States.

51. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Kerpens (Suriname) and Ms. Elisha (Benin) acted as tellers.*

52. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	54
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
United Kingdom	44

Canada	39	<i>Number of members voting:</i>	52
Belgium	35	<i>Required majority:</i>	27
Sweden	34	<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	

53. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, the United Kingdom, Canada and Belgium were elected members of the Commission on Human Rights.*

Japan	44
Pakistan	37
Philippines	22

Commission on the Status of Women (E/2000/L.2)

54. **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 2001.

55. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Guinea, Tunisia and the United Republic of Tanzania had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Argentina and Peru had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; Azerbaijan was the non-endorsed candidate for the Group of Eastern European States; and Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Western European and Other States.

56. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from those four regional groups was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

57. *It was so decided.*

58. *Argentina, Azerbaijan, Germany, Guinea, the Netherlands, Peru, Tunisia, the United Kingdom and the United Republic of Tanzania were elected members of the Commission on the Status of Women.*

59. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Japan, Pakistan and the Philippines were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Asian States.

60. **The President** invited the Council to elect by secret ballot two members from the Group of Asian States.

61. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Borzi (Italy) and Mr. Bohliah (Mauritius) acted as tellers.*

62. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers: 52

Number of valid ballots: 52

63. *Having obtained the required majority, Japan and Pakistan were elected members of the Commission on the Status of Women.*

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/2000/L.2)

64. **The President** invited the Council to elect 20 members of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

65. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Togo had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia and Uzbekistan had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Bulgaria and Poland had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica and Mexico had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and France, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United States of America were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Western European and Other States.

66. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from all groups was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation and to postpone to a later stage the election of two members from the Group of African States.

67. *It was so decided.*

68. *Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, France, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Togo, the United States of America and Uzbekistan were elected members of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.*

Commission on Sustainable Development (E/2000/L.2)

69. **The President** invited the Council to elect 17 members of the Commission on Sustainable Development for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting of the Commission's tenth session, to be held in 2001.

70. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Mongolia had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; the Republic of Moldova and Slovenia had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Brazil, Ecuador and Venezuela had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Austria, France, Iceland, Switzerland and Turkey were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Western European and Other States.

71. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of Asian States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation and to postpone to a later stage the election of four members from the Group of African States.

72. *It was so decided.*

73. **The President** invited the Council to elect by secret ballot four members from the Group of Western European and Other States.

74. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Tiendrébéogo (Burkina Faso) and Mr. Herrera (Venezuela) acted as tellers.*

75. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	54
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Austria	45
France	44
Switzerland	39
Iceland	38

Turkey

37

76. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Austria, France, Iceland and Switzerland were elected members of the Commission on Sustainable Development.*

Commission on Science and Technology for Development (E/2000/L.2)

77. **The President** invited the Council to elect 16 members of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

78. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Cameroon and Ghana had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Russian Federation and Slovakia had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; and Brazil, Grenada and Jamaica had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

79. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from those three regional groups was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation and to postpone to a later stage the election of two members from the Group of African States, three members from the Group of Asian States and four members from the Group of Western European and Other States.

80. *It was so decided.*

81. *Brazil, Cameroon, Ghana, Grenada, Jamaica, the Russian Federation and Slovakia were elected members of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.*

Commission on Human Settlements (E/2000/L.2/Add.2)

82. **The President** invited the Council to elect 19 members of the Commission on Human Settlements for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

83. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Guinea and Madagascar had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; the Republic of Moldova and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Jamaica was the non-endorsed candidate for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and

Austria, France, Italy and Sweden were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Western European and Other States.

84. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from all groups was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation and to postpone to a later stage the election of three members from the Group of African States, one member from the Group of Asian States, two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from the Group of Western European and Other States.

85. *It was so decided.*

86. *Austria, China, France, Guinea, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Madagascar, the Republic of Moldova, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Arab Emirates were elected members of the Commission on Human Settlements.*

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (E/2000/L.2/Add.3)

87. **The President** invited the Council to elect 13 members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

88. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Cyprus, Jordan, Malaysia and Pakistan had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States and Brazil had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

89. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from those two regional groups was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation and to postpone to a later stage the election of four members from the Group of African States, two members from the Group of Eastern European States and two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

90. *It was so decided.*

91. *Brazil, Cyprus, Jordan, Malaysia and Pakistan were elected members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.*

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/2000/L.2/Add.6, 9 and 10)

92. **The President** invited the Council to elect nine members of the Commission on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2001. He drew attention to the list of candidates in document E/2000/L.2/Add.6 and noted that in documents E/2000/L.2/Add.9 and E/2000/L.2/Add.10, the Council was informed that the candidatures of Mr. Loizou (Cyprus) and Mr. Castaños Guzmán (Dominican Republic) had been withdrawn.

93. **Ms. Jácome** (Observer for Panama) said that her delegation wished to withdraw the candidature of Mr. Oscar Ceville.

94. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Mr. Ariranga Govindasamy Pillay (Mauritius) and Mr. Abdessatar Grissa (Tunisia) were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of African States; Mr. Waleed M. Sa'di (Jordan) had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Mr. Sergei Martynov (Belarus) and Mr. Dimitru Ceausu (Romania) had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Ms. Rocío Barahona Riera (Costa Rica) and Mr. Kenneth Osborne Rattray (Jamaica) had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Mr. Philippe Texier (France) and Mr. Giorgio Malinverni (Switzerland) were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Western European and Other States.

95. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from all groups was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

96. *It was so decided.*

97. *Mr. Martynov (Belarus), Ms. Barahona Riera (Costa Rica), Mr. Texier (France), Mr. Rattray (Jamaica), Mr. Sa'di (Jordan), Mr. Pillay (Mauritius), Mr. Ceausu (Romania), Mr. Malinverni (Switzerland) and Mr. Grissa (Tunisia) were elected members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.*

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/2000/L.2/Add.4)

98. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members of the Executive Board of the United Nations

Children's Fund (UNICEF) for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

99. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, the Gambia, Madagascar and Morocco had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Yemen were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Asian States; Armenia and Azerbaijan were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Eastern European States; Colombia had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Japan, Norway, Portugal and Sweden had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

100. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

101. *It was so decided.*

102. **The President** invited the Council to elect by secret ballot three members from the Group of Asian States and one member from the Group of Eastern European States.

103. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Beky (France) and Mr. Ba'Omar (Oman) acted as tellers.*

104. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Group of Asian States

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	54
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Indonesia	47
Yemen	43
Lao People's Democratic Republic	37
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	29

105. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Indonesia, the Lao People's*

Democratic Republic and Yemen were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.

Group of Eastern European States

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<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>	
Armenia	39
Azerbaijan	14

106. *Having obtained the required majority, Armenia was elected a member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.*

107. **The President** said that four members of the UNICEF Executive Board had advised the Council that they would be relinquishing their seats on 31 December 2000. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council agreed to elect Australia to complete Greece's term from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2002, France to complete Spain's term from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, Germany to complete Turkey's term from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2002 and Cuba to complete Trinidad and Tobago's term from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2002.

108. *It was so decided.*

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund (E/2000/L.2/Add.5)

109. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

110. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that the Comoros, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Mauritania and Mozambique had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Philippines were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Asian States; Bulgaria and Poland were

the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Eastern European States; Ecuador had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Finland, France, Germany and Norway had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

111. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Asian States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

112. *It was so decided.*

113. *China, the Comoros, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mauritania, Mozambique, Norway and the Philippines were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund.*

114. **The President** invited the Council to elect by secret ballot one member from the Group of Eastern European States.

115. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Kaji (Japan) and Mr. Obeid (Syrian Arab Republic) acted as tellers.*

116. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	54
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Bulgaria	29
Poland	25

117. *Having obtained the required majority, Bulgaria was elected a member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund.*

118. **The President** said that, as Sweden and Switzerland would relinquish their seats on the Executive Board in January 2001, he took it that the Council agreed to elect Denmark to complete Sweden's

term from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2002 and Canada to complete Switzerland's term from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001.

119. *It was so decided.*

Executive Board of the World Food Programme (E/2000/L.2/Add.12)

120. **The President** invited the Council to elect six members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001. Information regarding the Executive Board, including the five lists from which the members were to be chosen, was given in document E/2000/L.2/Add.12.

121. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Sierra Leone was the endorsed candidate from list A; India and Pakistan were the endorsed candidates from list B; and the Russian Federation was the endorsed candidate from list E.

122. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from lists A, B and E was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation and to postpone to a later stage the election of two members from list D.

123. *It was so decided.*

India, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and Sierra Leone were elected members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award (E/2000/L.2/Add.11 and Corr.1)

125. **The President** invited the Council to elect 10 members of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

126. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Burundi, Cape Verde and Lesotho had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Kyrgyzstan was the non-endorsed candidate for the Group of Asian States; the Republic of Moldova had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; and the Netherlands was the non-endorsed candidate for the Group of Western European and Other States.

127. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from those four regional groups was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation and to postpone to a later stage the election of two members from the Group of Asian States and two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

128. *It was so decided.*

129. *Burundi, Cape Verde, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, the Netherlands and the Republic of Moldova were elected members of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award.*

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS) (E/2000/L.2/Add.7)

130. **The President** invited the Council to elect nine members of the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS) for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

131. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Tunisia and Zambia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China and Japan had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Romania had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; and Italy and Portugal had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

132. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from those four regional groups was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation and to postpone to a later stage the election of one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from the Group of Western European and Other States.

133. *It was so decided.*

134. *China, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Romania, Tunisia and Zambia were elected members of the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS).*

Committee for Programme and Coordination (E/2000/L.2/Add.1)

135. **The President** invited the Council to nominate seven members for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

136. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Botswana and the United Republic of Tanzania had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; the Bahamas and Mexico had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and France and the United States of America were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Western European and Other States.

137. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from all groups was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to nominate them for election by the General Assembly.

138. *It was so decided.*

139. *The Bahamas, Botswana, France, Mexico, the Russian Federation, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America were nominated for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.*

Committee for Development Policy (E/2000/L.2/Add.13)

140. **The President** said he took it that the Council agreed to the proposal, contained in document E/2000/L.2/Add.13, to postpone the appointment of 24 experts to the Committee for Development Policy until after the Council's substantive session in July 2000.

141. *It was so decided.*

Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2000/L.2/Add.8)

142. **The President** invited the Council to appoint five members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women for a three-year term beginning on 1 July 2000.

143. **Ms. Newell** (Deputy Secretary of the Council for Elections) said that Ms. Boutheina Gribaa (Tunisia) was the non-endorsed candidate for the Group of African States; Ms. Tahima Hussain (Bangladesh) and Ms. Amaryllis T. Torres (Philippines) were the non-endorsed candidates for the Group of Asian States; Ms. Norica Nicolai (Romania) had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Ms. Pauline Sukhai (Guyana) was the non-endorsed candidate for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Ms. Antigoni Karali-Dimitriadi (Greece) was the non-endorsed candidate for the Group of Western European and Other States.

144. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Eastern European States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

145. *It was so decided.*

146. *Ms. Boutheina Gribaa (Tunisia), Ms. Antigoni Karali-Dimitriadi (Greece), Ms. Norica Nicolai (Romania) and Ms. Pauline Sukhai (Guyana) were appointed members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.*

147. **The President** invited the Council to elect by secret ballot one member from the Group of Asian States.

148. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Beky (France) and Mr. Herrera (Venezuela) acted as tellers.*

149. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	54
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Ms. Tahima Hussain (Bangladesh)	31
Ms. Amaryllis T. Torres (Philippines)	23

150. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Tahima Hussain (Bangladesh) was appointed a*

member of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

151. **The President** informed the Council that the delegation of Ireland had recently resigned from the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and that the delegation of Germany had presented its candidature to complete the unexpired portion of Ireland's term, which would end on 31 December 2002. In the absence of any other candidate, he took it that the Council agreed to designate Germany as Ireland's replacement on the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

152. *It was so decided.*

153. **Mr. Monteiro** (Portugal) said that the fact that the new members of the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on Human Settlements had been elected without a vote did not imply any change in the policy agreed by 14 European Governments on 31 January 2000 regarding Austrian candidates for posts in international organizations.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.