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Held at Headquarters, New York,
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President:

Mr. FLORIN

(German Democratic Republic)

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The meeting was called to order at 5.45 p.m.

ITEM 5 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The following representatives have been elected Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the General Assembly and are accordingly members of the General Committee for the forty-third session:

First Committee:	Mr. Douglas Roche (Canada)
Special Political Committee:	Mr. Eugeniusz Noworyta (Poland)
Second Committee:	Mr. Hugo Navajas Mogro (Bolivia)
Third Committee:	Mr. Mohammad A. Abulhasan (Kuwait)
Fourth Committee:	Mr. Jonathan C. Peters (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)
Fifth Committee:	Mr. Michael George-Okeyo (Kenya)
Sixth Committee:	Mr. Achol Deng (Sudan)

I congratulate the Chairmen on their election.

ITEM 6 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, we shall now proceed to the election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

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

(The President)

In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, the 21 Vice-Presidents shall be elected according to the following pattern:

- (a) Six representatives from African States;
- (b) Five representatives from Asian States;
- (c) One representative from an Eastern European State;
- (d) Two representatives from Latin American and Caribbean States;
- (e) Two representatives from Western European or other States;
- (f) Five representatives from the permanent members of the Security Council.

In accordance with paragraph 16 of annex VI to the rules of procedure, the election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly by secret ballot shall be dispensed with when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled. In other words, whenever the number of candidates in a given group corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in that group, those candidates shall be declared elected. We shall proceed accordingly.

I shall now read out the names of the candidates endorsed by the regional groups:

African States: Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Sao Tome and Principe, Swaziland and the United Republic of Tanzania;

Asian States: Bahrain, Cyprus, Nepal, Thailand and Vanuatu;

Eastern European State: Yugoslavia;

Latin American and Caribbean States: Ecuador and El Salvador;

Western European and other States: Denmark and Malta.

As the number of candidates endorsed by the regional groups corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in each group, I declare those candidates elected, in addition to the representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

(The President)

I take this opportunity to congratulate the States that have been elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

The General Committee for the forty-third session of the General Assembly has now been fully constituted in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure.

The first meeting of the General Committee will be held tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. I request punctuality.

ITEM 8 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK: LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES (A/43/599)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Assembly will now turn its attention to document A/43/599, which contains a letter dated 9 September 1988 addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences. As members are aware, the Assembly, in paragraph 7 of resolution 40/243, decided that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

As indicated in the letter I have just mentioned, the Committee on Conferences has recommended that the General Assembly authorize the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole to Review and Appraise the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development to meet from 20 to 23 September 1988.

Bearing in mind that those dates overlap with the forty-third session of the Assembly, may I take it that the General Assembly adopts the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences?

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 5.55 p.m.