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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL SUB-ITEM
IN THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-THIRD SESSION

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: Election
of a member of the International Court of Justice

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Registrar of the International Court of Justice, by a letter dated 12 December 1988, informed the Secretary-General of the death of Judge Nagendra Singh (India) on 11 December 1988 in The Hague and of the occurrence of a vacancy in the Court as a result of Judge Singh's death.
2. Judge Nagendra Singh was elected as a member of the Court as at 6 February 1973 and re-elected as at 6 February 1982 for a period of nine years. His present term of office would therefore have expired on 5 February 1991. In accordance with the terms of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the General Assembly and the Security Council will therefore have to elect a member of the Court to serve for the remainder of Judge Singh's term, that is, until 5 February 1991.
3. By a note dated 20 December 1988, the Security Council has been informed of the occurrence of this vacancy in the Court. Pursuant to Article 14 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the Security Council is to fix the date of the election.
4. In view of the current schedule of the General Assembly and without prejudice to the date to be fixed by the Security Council, it seems appropriate that the Assembly include in the agenda of its forty-third session, pursuant to rule 15 of its rules of procedure, an additional sub-item of item 15 (Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs) reading as follows:

"(c) Election of a member of the International Court of Justice."

5. This sub-item would not be considered at the present time, but would be taken up at a resumed meeting of the forty-third session on the date fixed therefor by the Security Council. As soon as the Council has done so, the Member States and the other States parties to the Statute of the Court will be informed thereof.
