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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Committee on Contributions

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. E. Brian NASON (Ireland)

1. At its 57th meeting, on 20 December 1976, the Fifth Committee considered a note by the Secretary-General (A/31/128) concerning the vacancies arising in the Committee on Contributions as a result of the expiration on 31 December 1976 of the terms of office of three of its members.
2. The members of the Fifth Committee had been invited to suggest the names of persons who might be recommended to the General Assembly for appointment to the Committee on Contributions, in accordance with the provisions of rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to fill three vacancies occurring in the membership of the Committee as a result of the normal expiration of terms of office. Four names were submitted for the consideration of the Committee (A/C.5/31/97). One person subsequently withdrew his candidacy for one of those vacancies and entered his name instead for one of the vacancies arising from the expansion of the Committee.
3. Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to dispense with the secret ballot in view of the fact that there was no contest since there were three candidates for three vacancies.
4. The Fifth Committee then decided by acclamation to recommend Mr. R. V. Hennes (United States of America), Mr. J. Kato (Japan) and Mr. D. Serbanescu (Romania) as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term commencing 1 January 1977 (see para. 11 below, draft resolution A).
5. At the same meeting, pursuant to the decision taken by the General Assembly in resolution 31/96 of 14 December 1976 under which the membership of the Committee on Contributions was increased from 13 to 18, the members of the Fifth

Committee had been invited to suggest the names of persons who might be recommended to the General Assembly for appointment to the Committee on Contributions in accordance with the provisions of rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure as amended. Six names were submitted for the consideration of the Committee (A/C.5/31/97). Subsequently, one of the persons named withdrew his candidacy and two other persons were added to the list of candidates.

6. The Fifth Committee voted by secret ballot to decide on its recommendations to the General Assembly. The result of the voting was as follows:

<u>Number of ballot papers:</u>	109
<u>Invalid ballots:</u>	1
<u>Number of valid ballots:</u>	108
<u>Abstentions:</u>	2
<u>Number of members voting:</u>	106
<u>Required majority:</u>	54
<u>Number of votes obtained:</u>	
Mr. E. Deinde-George . . . . .	81
Mr. Talib El-Shibib. . . . .	73
Mr. Bernal Vargas-Saborio. . . . .	64
Mr. Wilfried Koschorreck . . . . .	57
Mr. Euthimios Stoforopoulos. . . . .	56

Seven other persons received a total of 10 votes.

7. Mr. E. Deinde-George (Nigeria), Mr. Talib El-Shibib (Iraq), Mr. Bernal Vargas-Saborio (Costa Rica), Mr. Wilfried Koschorreck (Federal Republic of Germany) and Mr. Euthimios Stoforopoulos (Greece), having received the required majority, were declared recommended for appointment as members of the Committee on Contributions.

8. The Committee then proceeded to decide by lot which of the five persons recommended for appointment should serve for the normal period of three years, beginning on 1 January 1977, which should serve for a period of two years, from 1 January 1977, and which should serve for only one year, that is, until 31 December 1977.

9. As a result of this procedure, Mr. E. Deinde-George, Mr. Talib El-Shibib and Mr. Euthimios Stoforopoulos are recommended for a three-year term, Mr. Wilfried Koschorreck for a two-year term and Mr. Bernal Vargas-Saborio for a one-year term (see para. 11 below, draft resolution B).

10. Comments expressed by some delegations with respect to the foregoing election are reflected in the summary record of the Committee (A/C.5/31/SR.57).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

11. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership  
of the Committee on Contributions

A

The General Assembly

Appoints the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1977:

Mr. Richard V. Hennes,  
Mr. Junpei Kato,  
Mr. Dragos Serbanescu.

B

The General Assembly

1. Appoints the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1977:

Mr. E. Deinde-George,  
Mr. Talib El-Shibib,  
Mr. Euthimios Stoforopoulos;

2. Appoints the following person as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a two-year period beginning on 1 January 1977:

Mr. Wilfried Koschorreck;

3. Appoints the following person as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 1977:

Mr. Bernal Vargas-Saborio.

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