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**President: Mr. Lazar MOJSOV (Yugoslavia).**

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**Election of the officers of the Main Committees**

1. The PRESIDENT: 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 thirty-second session [*decision 32/303*]:

- First Committee:* Mr. Frank Edmund Boaten (Ghana);
- Special Political Committee:* Mr. Bernhard Neugebauer (German Democratic Republic);
- Second Committee:* Mr. Peter Jankowitsch (Austria);
- Third Committee:* Mrs. Lucille Mair (Jamaica);
- Fourth Committee:* Mr. Mowaffak Allaf (Syrian Arab Republic);
- Fifth Committee:* Mr. Morteza Talieh (Iran);
- Sixth Committee:* Mr. Enrique Gaviria (Colombia).

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly**

2. The PRESIDENT: Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, we shall now proceed to the election of the 17 Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly who are to be chosen in such a manner as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee.

3. 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 chairmanships of the Main Committees and to the presidency of the General Assembly.

4. Furthermore, since, under resolution 1990 (XVIII) the election of the President has the effect of reducing by one the number of vice-presidencies allocated to the region from which the President has been elected, no representative of an Eastern European State—that is from Group B—may be elected Vice-President, as indicated in foot-note 14 to rule 31 of the rules of procedure.

5. Therefore, the number of Vice-Presidents to be elected is as follows:

- Group A: Seven representatives from African and Asian States;
- Group C: Three representatives from Latin American States;
- Group D: Two representatives from Western European and other States;
- Group E: Five representatives from the permanent members of the Security Council.

6. Under rule 92 of the rules of procedure, all elections shall be held by secret ballot and there shall be no nominations.

7. However, I would suggest that in this particular election for the present session and without constituting a precedent, we waive rule 92 and dispense with the time-consuming balloting procedure. In other words, whenever the number of candidates in a given group corresponds with the number of seats to be filled in that group, those candidates will be declared elected. May I take it that the Assembly agrees to proceed to the election on that basis?

*It was so decided.*

8. The PRESIDENT: I call on the chairman of the group of African States.

9. Mr. MEDANI (Sudan): As chairman of the group of African States for the current month, I have the pleasure to nominate the following African States for vice-presidencies of the General Assembly at its thirty-second session. The candidatures of these countries have been confirmed by the African group. We hope that the General Assembly will elect them this evening. The countries are as follows: Gabon, Lesotho, Madagascar and Sierra Leone.

10. The PRESIDENT: I now call on the chairman of the group of Asian States.

11. Mr. UPADHYAY (Nepal): I have the honour to submit the names of the following delegations for vice-presidencies: Cyprus, Democratic Yemen and Indonesia.

12. The PRESIDENT: I call on the chairman of the group of Latin American States.

13. Mr. HEIDWEILLER (Surinam) (*interpretation from Spanish*): On behalf of the Latin American countries, it is my pleasure to inform the members present here that the following countries have been endorsed by the Latin American group for the vice-presidencies of the General Assembly: Ecuador, Guatemala and Peru. I hope that these

candidates assigned to our region will be supported unanimously.

14. The PRESIDENT: I call on the chairman of the group of Western European and other States.

15. Mr. HARRY (Australia): I have the honour on behalf of the Group of Western European and other States to propose that the Assembly elect by acclamation as Vice-Presidents for the thirty-second session the chairmen of the delegations of Denmark and the Netherlands.

16. The PRESIDENT: Since the number of candidates nominated by each group corresponds to the number of seats to be filled, I declare those candidates elected, in addition to the five permanent members of the Security Council.

*The representatives of the following Member States were elected by acclamation Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: China, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Gabon, Guatemala, Indonesia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Netherlands, Peru, Sierra Leone, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America (decision 32/304).*

17. The PRESIDENT: The General Committee for the thirty-second session of the General Assembly has now been fully constituted in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure. I wish to congratulate each and every one of the countries elected.

*The meeting rose at 7.20 p.m.*