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President: Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi PANDIT (India).

Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers
[Agenda item 5]

1. The PRESIDENT: The six Main Committees and the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee have now elected their chairmen who will be members of the General Committee. They are as follows:

First Committee: Mr. van Langenhove (Belgium);
Ad Hoc Political Committee: Mr. Urquía (El Salvador);

Second Committee: Mr. Mates (Yugoslavia);

Third Committee: Mr. Davidson (Canada);

Fourth Committee: Mr. Pérez Pérez (Venezuela);

Fifth Committee: Mr. Khalidy (Iraq);

Sixth Committee: Mr. Katz-Suchy (Poland);

Election of Vice-Presidents
[Agenda item 6]

2. The PRESIDENT: Rule 31 of the rules of procedure provides that the seven Vice-Presidents shall be elected after the election of the chairmen of the six Main Committee has taken place. It also provides that they shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee. In the election of the seven Vice-Presidents, all members of the General Assembly are eligible with the exception of those delegations which have, in the elections so far held, been accorded representation on the General Committee.

3. In this election no nominations will be made and the vote will be by secret ballot. Representatives are requested to write on the ballot papers the names of seven States Members of the United Nations for which they wish to vote. I request that the names of countries rather than the names of persons should be written on the ballot papers. Ballot papers which contain more than seven names will be declared invalid. Members of the Assembly receiving a majority of the votes cast will be declared elected.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Borberg (Denmark) and Mr. Franco y Franco (Dominican Republic) acted as tellers.

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| <i>Number of ballot papers:</i> | 59 |
| <i>Number of abstentions:</i> | 0 |
| <i>Number of invalid ballots:</i> | 0 |
| <i>Number of valid ballots:</i> | 59 |
| <i>Required majority:</i> | 30 |

Number of votes obtained:

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| United States of America | 57 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 55 |
| France | 54 |
| Union of Soviet Socialist Republics | 48 |
| China | 46 |
| Mexico | 43 |
| Israel | 37 |
| Pakistan | 30 |
| Greece | 9 |
| Burma | 2 |
| Egypt | 2 |
| Thailand | 2 |

4. The PRESIDENT: A number of other delegations have received one vote each. On the basis of this ballot the first seven Members are elected.

The representative of the following countries, having received the required simple majority of the members present and voting, were elected Vice-Presidents: United States of America, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, France, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, China, Mexico and Israel.

5. The PRESIDENT: The General Committee is now fully constituted, and its first meeting will be held this afternoon. I would like to invite those members who have proposed items for inclusion in the agenda and who desire to attend the meetings of the General Committee, in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, to make known their intention to the Secretariat as soon as possible in order that proper arrangements may be made for their attendance.

6. The next meeting of the General Assembly will be held tomorrow at 10.30 a.m., at which time the general debate will be opened. I would request representatives who desire to participate in the general debate to submit their names to the Secretariat at the earliest possible date.

The meeting rose at 12.05 p.m.