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*President:* Mr. Al-Nasser ..... (Qatar)

*In the absence of the President, Mr. Körösi (Hungary), Vice-President, took the Chair.*

*The meeting was called to order at 5.30 p.m.*

## Agenda item 113 (continued)

### Election to fill vacancies in principal organs

#### (c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice

##### Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/66/182)

##### List of candidates (A/66/183)

##### Curricula vitae (A/66/184)

**The Acting President:** As members are aware, one vacancy on the Court remains to be filled. The Assembly will now proceed to vote with respect to the remaining vacancy.

Once again, I should like to remind representatives that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure,

“After the President has announced the beginning of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting.”

We shall now begin the voting process. Ballot papers will now be distributed.

All the candidates whose names appear on the ballot paper are eligible. May I remind delegations that

the name of only one candidate should be marked with a cross. Any ballot paper on which more than one name is marked will be considered invalid. Votes may be cast only for those whose names appear on the ballot papers.

*At the invitation of the Acting President, Ms. Bonkougou (Burkina Faso), Ms. Shiolashvili (Georgia), Ms. Mannion (Ireland), Mrs. Azmee (Malaysia), Ms. Martínez (Mexico) and Ms. Kloeg (Netherlands) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

*The meeting was suspended at 5.35 p.m. and resumed at 5.55 p.m.*

**The Acting President:** The result of the voting is as follows:

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| Number of ballot papers:           | 191 |
| Number of invalid ballots:         | 0   |
| Number of valid ballots:           | 191 |
| Abstentions:                       | 0   |
| Number of members voting:          | 191 |
| Required absolute majority:        | 97  |
| Number of votes obtained:          |     |
| Ms. Julia Sebutinde (Uganda)       | 102 |
| Mr. Abdul G. Koroma (Sierra Leone) | 89  |

Ms. Julia Sebutinde has obtained an absolute majority in the General Assembly.

I have communicated the result of the voting to the President of the Security Council.

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I have received a letter from the President of the Security Council, which reads:

“I have the honour to inform you that at the 6667th meeting of the Security Council, held on 22 November 2011, for the purpose of electing five members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office beginning on 6 February 2012, Mr. Abdul G. Koroma obtained an absolute majority of votes.”

As a result of the voting that has taken place independently in the General Assembly and the Security Council, no candidate has obtained an absolute majority in both bodies.

The General Assembly will therefore proceed to hold a ninth ballot to fill the remaining vacancy. However, in view of the lateness of the hour, that ballot will take place on a later date to be announced.

I now give the floor to the representative of Solomon Islands on a point of order.

**Mr. Beck** (Solomon Islands): I take the floor to make a proposal in order to move forward on this important matter. I propose that we mandate the

President of the General Assembly to hold informal consultations to consider the way forward on this issue. We have held several rounds of voting and I believe that we have expressed ourselves. We now need to move to the next level. In that connection, my delegation proposes that we seek the President's consideration in undertaking the task of consulting countries and regional groups and then reporting to the Assembly.

**The Acting President:** I now give the floor to the representative of Burundi on a point of order.

**Mr. Ndabishuriye** (Burundi) (*spoke in French*): My delegation would like to second the proposal made by the representative of Solomon Islands with a view to try to determine how to finalize this process. We cannot continue with elections forever.

**The Acting President:** The President of the General Assembly will remain under the authority of the Assembly, and will begin informal consultations to determine how to move the issue forward. We will consult with Member States on the proposal and communicate to members the results of the consultations.

*The meeting rose at 6.05 p.m.*