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President: Mr. Abdul Rahman PAZHWAQ (Afghanistan).

AGENDA ITEM 5

Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers

1. The PRESIDENT: Yesterday, the following representatives were elected Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the General Assembly and will therefore be members of the General Committee:

First Committee: Mr. Leopoldo Benites (Ecuador);

Special Political Committee: Mr. Max Jakobson (Finland);

Second Committee: Mr. Moraiwid M. Tell (Jordan);

Third Committee: Mrs. Halima Warzazi (Morocco);

Fourth Committee: Mr. Fakhreddine Mohamed (Sudan);

Fifth Committee: Mr. Vahap Asiroglu (Turkey);

Sixth Committee: Mr. Vratislav Pěchota (Czechoslovakia).

AGENDA ITEM 6

Election of Vice-Presidents

2. The PRESIDENT: Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, we shall now elect seventeen Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly in such a manner as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee. 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 Presidency of the General Assembly and to the chairmanship of the Main Committees. Those countries are not eligible for election to Vice-Presidencies.

3. Five separate ballot papers will be used for this election, each one corresponding to one of the five groups of States specified under rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure. The backs of the ballot papers are marked with the letters A, B, C, D or E, corresponding

to the five groups of States. The number of Vice-Presidents to be elected from each group reflects the pattern set forth in foot-note 4 to rule 31 of the rules of procedure as follows:

(a) Seven representatives from African and Asian States. Only six vacancies, however, remain for this group since a representative from Asia has been elected as President of the General Assembly. For this reason, the seventh line on the ballot paper for this group has been crossed out. Consequently, I would request members to take note of the fact that they may vote for six candidates only from the African and Asian States.

(b) One representative from an Eastern European State;

(c) Three representatives from Latin American States;

(d) Two representatives from Western European and other States;

(e) Five representatives from the permanent members of the Security Council.

4. Will representatives be kind enough to write on each ballot paper the names of the Member States they wish to vote for and not the names of their representatives. The countries whose names appear on the ballot paper should meet the qualifications, regional or other, stated in the ballot paper. If, for any group, the number of names inscribed on any one ballot paper is greater than the number assigned to that group, the vote cast in favour of the group will be declared invalid. Those Members receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Hasle (Denmark), Mr. Lai (Malaysia), Mr. Muzik (Czechoslovakia), Mr. Diallo (Upper Volta) and Mr. Fernandini (Peru) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

5. The PRESIDENT: Since the counting of this ballot will take some time, I propose that we suspend the meeting for an hour while the tellers count the votes in the office behind the podium. If there are no objections, we shall reconvene at 12.20 p.m.

It was so decided.

The meeting was suspended at 11.15 p.m. and resumed at 12.45 p.m.

6. The PRESIDENT: I shall now inform the members of the Assembly of the results of the elections for the seventeen Vice-Presidents.

Group A:	
Number of ballot papers:	114
Invalid ballots:	2
Number of valid ballots:	112
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	110
Required majority:	56

Number of votes obtained:	
Rwanda	109
Gabon	107
Senegal	104
Congo (Democratic Republic of)	100
Iraq	98
Cyprus	90
Dahomey	3
Congo (Brazzaville)	2
United Arab Republic	2
India	1
Iran	1
Kenya	1
Liberia	1
Madagascar	1
Malawi	1
Nepal	1
Pakistan	1
Singapore	1
Thailand	1
Tunisia	1
Upper Volta	1
Zambia	1

Group B:	
Number of ballot papers:	114
Invalid ballots:	4
Number of valid ballots:	110
Abstentions:	7
Number of members voting:	103
Required majority:	52

Number of votes obtained:	
Hungary	100
Albania	1
Romania	1
Yugoslavia	1

Group C:	
Number of ballot papers:	114
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	113
Abstentions:	4
Number of members voting:	109
Required majority:	55

Number of votes obtained:	
Bolivia	105
Costa Rica	104
Trinidad and Tobago	95
Haiti	7
Argentina	1
Brazil	1
Nicaragua	1

Group D:	
Number of ballot papers:	114
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	114
Abstentions:	6
Number of members voting:	108
Required majority:	55

Number of votes obtained:	
Greece	103
Austria	100
Italy	3
Israel	1
New Zealand	1

Group E:	
Number of ballot papers:	114
Invalid ballots:	2
Number of valid ballots:	112
Abstentions:	6
Number of members voting:	106
Required majority:	54

Number of votes obtained:	
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	105
France	104
United States of America	103
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	102
China	74

The representatives of the following countries, having obtained the required majority, were elected Vice-Presidents: Austria, Bolivia, China, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Costa Rica, Cyprus, France, Gabon, Greece, Hungary, Iraq, Rwanda, Senegal, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Trinidad and Tobago.

7. The PRESIDENT: I should like to thank the tellers for their assistance in this election and to congratulate those elected.

8. The General Committee of the General Assembly at its twenty-first session has now been fully constituted in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure. I would ask the members of the General Committee to attend the first meeting of the Committee which will be held this afternoon.

9. The next plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held this afternoon at 3.30 to hear an address by the President of the Philippines.

10. In view of the inclement weather, the flag-raising ceremony for Guyana has been postponed. It will take place at 10.15 a.m. tomorrow in the presence of His Excellency the Prime Minister of Guyana. I invite all representatives to attend this ceremony.

The meeting rose at 12.55 p.m.