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**President: Mr. Eelco N. VAN KLEFFENS**  
(Netherlands).

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers**

1. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): The Chairmen of the six Main Committees and the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee have now been elected, and the following will be on the General Committee:

- First Committee*: Mr. Urrutia (Colombia);
- Ad Hoc Political Committee*: Mr. Thors (Iceland);
- Second Committee*: Sir Douglas Copland (Australia);
- Third Committee*: Mr. Nosek (Czechoslovakia);
- Fourth Committee*: Mr. Asha (Syria);
- Fifth Committee*: Mr. Sarasin (Thailand);
- Sixth Committee*: Mr. García Amador (Cuba).

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**Election of Vice-Presidents**

2. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): Rule 31 of the rules of procedure provides for the election of the seven Vice-Presidents after the election of the Chairmen of the six Main Committees. It also lays down that the Vice-Presidents shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee. When the seven Vice-Presidents are being elected, all Members of the General Assembly are eligible except those whose delegations have already acquired the right to representation on the General Committee in the elections already held.

3. No nominations will be made for these elections; voting will be by secret ballot. Representatives are asked to write on their ballot papers the names of the seven Members of the General Assembly for which they wish to vote. I would ask representatives to write the names of countries rather than the names of representatives on their ballot papers. Ballot papers on which more than seven names appear will be declared

invalid. The Members of the General Assembly who receive the majority of the votes cast will be declared elected.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Morales (Nicaragua) and Mr. Boye (Norway) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	60
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	5
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	55
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid votes cast:</i>	55
<i>Required majority:</i>	28

*Number of votes obtained:*

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	52
Burma .....	50
France .....	50
Ecuador .....	49
United States of America.....	49
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics....	47
China .....	41
India .....	4
Greece .....	3
Brazil .....	3
Bolivia .....	2
Pakistan .....	2
Argentina .....	1
Canada .....	1
El Salvador.....	1
Guatemala .....	1
Honduras .....	1
Liberia .....	1
New Zealand.....	1
Nicaragua .....	1
Norway .....	1
Panama .....	1
Peru .....	1
Philippines .....	1
Poland .....	1
Yemen .....	1

*The representatives of the following countries, having obtained the required majority, were elected Vice-Presidents: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Burma, France, Ecuador, United States of America, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and China.*

4. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): Now that the General Committee has been constituted, I invite its members to attend its first meeting, which will be held at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Cham-

ber. I would ask those representatives who have proposed supplementary items for inclusion in the agenda and who wish to attend the General Committee's meeting in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, to inform the Secretariat of their intention as soon as possible so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

5. The next meeting of the General Assembly will be held tomorrow at 10.30 a.m. in this hall, when the general debate will be opened. I would request all representatives who desire to participate in the general debate to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible.

*The meeting rose at 12.25 p.m.*