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President: Mr. Víctor A. BELAUNDE (Peru).

Expression of sympathy for flood victims in India

1. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): Before we consider today's agenda, I wish to refer to the news which has arrived from New Delhi about the floods which are causing so much damage in India and have brought so much suffering to its population. On behalf of the General Assembly and of myself, I desire to express our sorrow and concern to the Government and people of India at the catastrophe which has overtaken their country.

AGENDA ITEM 15

Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council (continued)*

2. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): At this meeting, in accordance with the rules of procedure and the number of votes which have already been taken, the first ballot—which is the twenty-sixth in this election—will be restricted to the candidatures of Poland and Turkey. This will be the second ballot—the first having taken place at the 827th meeting—in a series of three restricted to these two candidates.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Auguste (Haiti) and Mr. Lapien (Indonesia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	80
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	80
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	80
<i>Required majority:</i>	54
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Poland	41
Turkey	39

3. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): As this ballot was inconclusive, we shall now hold the third restricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Auguste (Haiti) and Mr. Lapien (Indonesia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	81
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	81
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	81
<i>Required majority:</i>	54
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Poland	41
Turkey	40

4. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): In view of the fact that this ballot was also inconclusive, we shall now begin a series of three unrestricted ballots. All Members of the General Assembly are eligible as candidates—except those which are at present represented in the Security Council, including the two which were elected for the period beginning on 1 January 1960.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Auguste (Haiti) and Mr. Lapien (Indonesia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	82
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	82
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	81
<i>Required majority:</i>	54
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Poland	41
Turkey	40

5. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): As the last ballot was inconclusive, we shall now hold the second in this series of unrestricted ballots.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Auguste (Haiti) and Mr. Lapien (Indonesia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	82
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	82
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	80
<i>Required majority:</i>	54
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Turkey	41
Poland	39

6. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): In view of the result of this last ballot, we shall now hold the third unrestricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Auguste (Haiti) and Mr. Lapien (Indonesia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	82
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0

*Resumed from the 827th meeting.

Number of valid ballots:	82
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	81
Required majority:	54
Number of votes obtained:	
Poland	41
Turkey	40

7. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): We shall now hold the first restricted ballot of this series. The only candidates are Poland and Turkey.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Auguste (Haiti) and Mr. Lapien (Indonesia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	82
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	82
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	81
Required majority:	54
Number of votes obtained:	
Turkey	42
Poland	39

8. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): As the Assembly has just seen, this, the thirty-first

ballot and the first restricted one of a new series, has also been inconclusive.

9. I think, and I believe I am expressing the Assembly's view, that it would be useless to continue this voting, which might yield slightly different results but would not bring about the final solution we are trying to achieve. As this is a serious political question in which two groups, numerically almost equal, are involved—groups that were kind enough to vote unanimously for the President—it is difficult for the President to make a decision in regard to it. He would therefore prefer the Assembly, always supreme in the matter of its own procedure, to make a proposal of its own. If no such proposal is made, and having regard to the President's duty to ensure that business is dealt with expeditiously, I would suggest that we postpone the voting until Monday, 2 November. In this way time will be provided in which the parties concerned may come to an agreement or find a solution, or at least decide on a more suitable date which, if both parties agreed to it, would be acceptable to the President of the Assembly.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 12 noon.