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

**AGENDA ITEM 15:**

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

1. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): Representatives will recall that at our 845th meeting on 1 December 1959 the voting for the election of one non-permanent member of the Security Council was suspended after the first of a series of three ballots limited to Poland and Turkey. In accordance with the rules of procedure we now have to proceed to the second restricted ballot of these series. In this ballot, the fiftieth, the only candidates are Poland and Turkey.

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*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
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2. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): Since neither of the candidates has obtained the required majority, we shall proceed to the third restricted ballot in this series, the fifty-first in all.

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\*Resumed from the 845th meeting.

3. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): I call upon the representative of Canada, who has a suggestion to make concerning the balloting.

4. Mr. NESBITT (Canada): This morning we have held a further number of ballots in the already lengthy series in the current elections, again without any definite result. We have reason to believe that in these circumstances there would be some advantage in exploring the possibilities of direct discussions between the parties concerned. Preliminary soundings suggest that such discussions might produce a generally acceptable solution. With this in view, my delegation proposes that further balloting be postponed for a short period, to be resumed possibly later this day.

5. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): The only difficulty, in my opinion, which I will put before the Assembly, is that we have another item on the agenda for this afternoon. The Assembly must bear in mind that there is only one working day left and we have still to vote upon a number of draft resolutions.

6. I should like the Canadian delegation to indicate whether it would agree to a suspension of one or two hours, in which case we could reconvene at noon or at 12.30 p.m. In view of the close collaboration which has always existed between the Chair and the Assembly, I would also suggest that we might hold a meeting after dealing with the Algerian question, or even hold a night meeting.

7. I would emphasize that we must make every effort to complete our work in the few days that remain to us. In any event, if there are no objections, I shall suspend the meeting, on the understanding that it may be reconvened tonight to deal specifically with the conclusion of the item relating to the Security Council.

8. Mr. DE FREITAS-VALLE (Brazil): I do not think that we should suspend our meeting until tonight. What the representative of Canada asked, if I understood him correctly, was for a suspension of forty-five minutes. I think it is also very important for us to dispose of agenda item 17, the election of two members to the Trusteeship Council, which is a matter not appearing in today's Journal of the United Nations. It is very important for us to have a meeting of the First Committee in order to discuss agenda item 25, the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. But we cannot proceed in a way which would tend to rush everything during today and tomorrow.

9. We could proceed with agenda item 17 now while we are waiting for the conclusion of negotiations concerning the election to the Security Council. Perhaps the First Committee can meet this afternoon to start discussion on agenda item 25. Otherwise, we will be rushed tomorrow in such a way that we may have to prolong our session for another week. That is my feeling about the matter.

10. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): We are agreed, I think, that we should make the best possible use of the remaining time. In view of the statement made by the representative of Canada, I would propose that we suspend this morning's meeting, thus permitting, perhaps, the First Committee to take up agenda item 25. We could then reconvene at 3 p.m. to discuss the question of Algeria and continue the balloting at a night meeting in order to decide, I hope, the election of the one non-permanent member of the Security Council. With regard to agenda item 17, the Chair has been hoping for an agreement in order to avoid inconclusive voting. I trust that if such an agreement is reached, the Assembly will be able to decide the matter tomorrow.

11. If there are no objections, I will declare that the Assembly so decides.

*It was so decided.*

#### AGENDA ITEM 12:

##### Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I, VIII and IX)

12. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): If no representative wishes to speak on this item, I shall assume that the Assembly takes note of chapters I, VIII and IX of the report [A/4143] of the Economic and Social Council.

*It was so decided.*

13. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): In view of this decision and the postponement of the other items the Assembly has completed its agenda for the moment.

14. Before I adjourn the meeting I wish to make a statement, out of my own sense of duty and out of consideration for my colleagues. When there is deadlock of the kind that has occurred in the fifty-one ballots for the election of a non-permanent member of the Security Council, neither the Charter, nor the rules of procedure nor United Nations practice and precedents give the President any power or legal recourse to help him to decide the issue. Therefore the onus is transferred to the conscience of representatives. As the rules do not offer a solution of the problem I should like to appeal to what might be described as the moral obligations of each and every delegation. Those obligations are a matter of conscience, and I have no wish to interfere in that respect. Nevertheless it is, I believe, proper for me to point out in general terms that our fundamental obligation, which takes priority over all other considerations, is to have the membership of that basic organ of the United Nations, the Security Council, complete by midnight tomorrow.

15. I hope that my words, inspired purely by respect for the members of the Assembly and the spirit of the Charter, will receive your favourable attention.

*The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.*