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President: Mr. Frederick H. BOLAND (Ireland).

AGENDA ITEM 16

Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council (*continued*)*

1. The PRESIDENT: As members of the Assembly may recall, at the nine hundred and fifty-ninth plenary meeting the voting on this item was deferred after the thirteenth ballot, which was the first of a series of three restricted ballots that proved inconclusive.

2. In accordance with the rules of procedure, the Assembly will now proceed to the second restricted ballot of this series. This second restricted ballot will be confined to India and Belgium, the two countries which obtained the greatest number of votes in the last unrestricted ballot. Members of the Assembly are requested to write on the ballot paper the name of one of these two countries, that is India or Belgium. Ballot papers containing the names of any other countries will be regarded as invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Quaade (Denmark) and Mr. Gebre-Egzy (Ethiopia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	94
Invalid ballots:	2
Number of valid ballots:	92
Abstentions:	3
Number of members voting:	89
Required majority:	60
Number of votes obtained:	
India	45
Belgium	44

3. The PRESIDENT: The result of the fourteenth ballot also is inconclusive. The General Assembly will now proceed to the third of this series of restricted ballots. As before, the candidates in this restricted ballot will be India and Belgium.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Quaade (Denmark) and Mr. Gebre-Egzy (Ethiopia) acted as tellers.

* Resumed from the 959th meeting.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	95
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	94
Abstentions:	5
Number of members voting:	89
Required majority:	60
Number of votes obtained:	
India	45
Belgium	44

4. The PRESIDENT: Since this series of three restricted ballots has proved inconclusive, the Assembly will now proceed to the first series of three unrestricted ballots. In this ballot all Members of the Organization are eligible except those which are already members of the Economic and Social Council—that is Afghanistan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Denmark, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, Spain, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom, the United States and Venezuela, and the five members which were elected on the first ballot earlier in this session: El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Jordan and Uruguay.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Quaade (Denmark) and Mr. Gebre-Egzy (Ethiopia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	96
Invalid ballots:	2
Number of valid ballots:	94
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	93
Required majority:	62
Number of votes obtained:	
India	44
Belgium	32
China	12
Austria	2
Greece	1
Ivory Coast	1
Senegal	1

5. The PRESIDENT: As the result of the sixteenth ballot has also proved inconclusive, no country having obtained the required majority, the General Assembly will now proceed to the seventeenth ballot, which will also be an unrestricted ballot. As before, all Members of the Organization are eligible except those which are already members of the Economic and Social Council.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Quaade (Denmark) and Mr. Gebre-Egzy (Ethiopia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	94
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	94
Abstentions:	3
Number of members voting:	91
Required majority:	61
Number of votes obtained:	
India	43
Belgium	27
China	15
Austria	5
Cyprus	1

6. The PRESIDENT: No country having obtained the required majority, the General Assembly will now proceed to the third in this series of three unrestricted ballots. As before, all Members of the Organization are eligible except those who are already members of the Economic and Social Council.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Quaade (Denmark) and Mr. Gebre-Egzy (Ethiopia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	96
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	96
Abstentions:	3
Number of members voting:	93
Required majority:	62
Number of votes obtained:	
India	44
Belgium	27
China	15
Austria	4
Cyprus	2
Greece	1

7. The PRESIDENT: No country secured the required majority in this ballot. The Assembly, having now conducted a series of three unrestricted ballots, will now proceed, in accordance with the rules of procedure, to a series of three restricted ballots. The three ballots in this series will be confined to the two countries which obtained the greatest number of votes in the last unrestricted ballot, that is to say India and Belgium. In this ballot, accordingly, papers containing the names of any other countries will be declared invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Quaade (Denmark) and Mr. Abebe (Ethiopia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	95
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	95
Abstentions:	3
Number of members voting:	92
Required majority:	62
Number of votes obtained:	
Belgium	46
India	46

8. The PRESIDENT: No country having obtained the required majority, the Assembly will now proceed to the second in this series of restricted ballots, the balloting being restricted to the two countries, India and Belgium, which received the greatest number of votes in the last unrestricted ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Quaade (Denmark) and Mr. Abebe (Ethiopia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	96
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	96
Abstentions:	5
Number of members voting:	91
Required majority:	61
Number of votes obtained:	
India	46
Belgium	45

9. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly has now conducted twenty ballots in connexion with this seat on the Economic and Social Council, of which seven ballots have taken place this afternoon. Not only have these ballots been inconclusive, but there appears little prospect that further voting this afternoon will effect any material change in the situation. In these circumstances I propose, unless any delegation has an objection to offer, to adjourn the election at this stage in the hope that it can be resumed at a later date with a better prospect of achieving a practical outcome. If there is no objection, we shall so proceed. Since I hear no objection, I now declare the meeting adjourned.

The meeting rose at 4.45 p.m.