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President: Mr. Corneliu MANESCU (Romania).

Statement by the President

1. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): The Secretary-General has informed me that the incident which occurred yesterday to delay the arrival of the Cuban delegation to the twenty-second session of the General Assembly has been satisfactorily settled. I am therefore pleased to welcome the delegation of Cuba to this Hall.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers

2. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): The Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the General Assembly were elected yesterday. These Chairmen will also be members of the General Committee. They are as follows:

First Committee: Mr. Ismail Fahmy (United Arab Republic);

Special Political Committee: Mr. Humberto Lopez Villamil (Honduras);

Second Committee: Mr. Jorge Pablo Fernandini (Peru);

Third Committee: Mrs. Mara Radic (Yugoslavia);

Fourth Committee: Mr. George J. Tomeh (Syria);

Fifth Committee: Mr. Harry Morris (Liberia);

Sixth Committee: Mr. Edvard Hambro (Norway).

AGENDA ITEM 6

Election of Vice-Presidents

3. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure, we shall now proceed to the election of the seventeen Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, so as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee.

4. All Members of the General Assembly are eligible, with the exception of those already repre-

sented on the General Committee, namely, those countries whose representatives have been elected to the Presidency of the General Assembly or to the Chairmanship of the Main Committees; the representatives of those countries are not eligible for the office of Vice-President.

5. Furthermore, because of the election of the President, no representative of an Eastern European State, that is a Group B State as indicated in rule 31 of the rules of procedure (foot-note 4), may be elected Vice-President, since under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1990 (XVIII), the number of Vice-Presidencies allocated to the region from which the President is elected is reduced by one.

6. Consequently, only four ballot papers will be used for this election. The letters A, C, D or E on the back of each ballot correspond to the four remaining Groups of States.

7. The number of Vice-Presidents to be elected is indicated on each ballot paper as follows:

Group A: Seven representatives from African and Asian States;

Group C: Three representatives from Latin American States;

Group D: Two representatives from Western European and other States;

Group E: Five representatives of the permanent members of the Security Council.

8. I shall ask representatives to be good enough to write on each voting paper the names of the Member States and the candidates they support, and not the names of the representatives of those States. The countries whose names they enter on the voting papers must fulfil the regional or other qualifications set forth on the ballot papers. If the number of names entered for a given Group exceeds the number of Vice-Presidencies allotted to the Group in question, the ballot will be regarded as invalid.

9. After filling in their voting papers, representatives are requested to fold them separately and to place them in the ballot box marked with the letter corresponding to the letter on the back of each ballot paper.

10. The Member States receiving the majority of the votes cast will be elected.

At the President's invitation, Mr. Tchernouchtchenko (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic), Mr. Jakobson (Finland), Mr. Rios (Panama) and Mr. Jimenez (Philippines) acted as tellers.

The vote was taken by secret ballot.

11. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): The counting of the ballots will take some time, and I therefore propose that the meeting be suspended until the tellers have counted the votes in the office behind the rostrum.

12. If there is no objection, we shall reconvene at 12.30 p.m.

It was so decided.

The meeting was suspended at 11.10 a.m. and resumed at 12.35 p.m.

13. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I shall now read out to the Members of the Assembly the results of the election of Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly. They are as follows:

Group A: African and Asian States

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	116
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	116
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of Members voting:</i>	114
<i>Required majority:</i>	58

Number of votes obtained:

Jordan	110
Libya	108
Dahomey	106
Nepal	106
Laos	103
Sudan	103
United Republic of Tanzania	103
Iran	3
Ivory Coast	2
Madagascar	2
Togo	2
Burma	1
Cambodia	1
Gabon	1
Kenya	1
Lebanon	1
Zambia	1

Group C: Latin American States

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	115
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	114
<i>Abstentions:</i>	5
<i>Number of Members voting:</i>	109
<i>Required majority:</i>	55

Number of votes obtained:

Dominican Republic	108
Ecuador	106

Nicaragua	106
Cuba	2
Guyana	1
Jamaica	1
Mexico	1

Group D: Western European and other States

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	114
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	2
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	112
<i>Abstentions:</i>	5
<i>Number of Members voting:</i>	107
<i>Required majority:</i>	54

Number of votes obtained:

Australia	102
Iceland	102
Denmark	2
Austria	1
Canada	1
Spain	1
Italy	1

Group E: Permanent members of the Security Council

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	114
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	4
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	110
<i>Abstentions:</i>	3
<i>Number of Members voting:</i>	107
<i>Required majority:</i>	54

Number of votes obtained:

France	106
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	105
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	103
United States of America	102
China	75

The representatives of the following countries, having obtained the required majority, were elected Vice-Presidents: Australia, China, Dahomey, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Iceland, Jordan, Laos, Libya, Nepal, Nicaragua, Sudan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America.

14. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I should like to thank the tellers for giving me their assistance. I wish also to congratulate all those who have been elected.

15. The General Committee of the twenty-second session of the General Assembly is now constituted in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure.

The meeting rose at 12.45 p.m.