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President: Mr. Mongi SLIM (Tunisia).

AGENDA ITEM 5

Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers

1. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I would inform this plenary meeting of the General Assembly that the seven Main Committees have now elected their Chairmen. The appointments made are as follows:

- First Committee: Mr. Mario Amadeo (Argentina);
- Special Political Committee: Mr. Yordan Tchobanov (Bulgaria);
- Second Committee: Mr. Blasco Lanza d'Ajeta (Italy);
- Third Committee: Mr. Salvador P. Lopez (Philippines);
- Fourth Committee: Miss Angie Brooks (Liberia);
- Fifth Committee: Mr. Hermod Lannung (Denmark);
- Sixth Committee: Mr. César A. Quintero (Panama).

AGENDA ITEM 6

Election of Vice-Presidents

2. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): Rule 31 of the rules of procedure establishes the pattern for the election of the thirteen Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, which takes place after the election of the Chairman of the Main Committees. All Members of the General Assembly are eligible as Vice-Presidents, with the exception of those which, in virtue of the elections just held, are already represented on the General Committee. Accordingly, the countries whose representatives have been elected Chairmen of Committees are not eligible for election to Vice-Presidencies.

3. Members of the Assembly have already been informed of the regional distribution of posts through the Journal, which contained in its issue of today a sample ballot for the election of Vice-Presidents. In connexion with this ballot, I should like to point out that in consequence of the election of the President of the Assembly, the number of posts allocated to group A, which comprises the Asian and African States, has been reduced from four to three. The number of posts available for group A is now, therefore, only three. I would ask Members of the Assembly to note that, in the election for Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, they may vote for three candi-

dates only from among the Asian and African States (group A).

4. Before the ballot papers are distributed, I would remind Members of the Assembly that if the number of names entered, on a ballot paper, for any one group is greater than the number of posts allocated to that group, the ballot paper will be regarded as invalid in so far as the vote on that group is concerned.

5. Ballot papers will now be distributed to delegations for the election of Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly. Will representatives be kind enough to write on the ballot papers the names of the thirteen Member States for which they wish to vote. It is the names of countries, not those of persons, which should be written on these papers.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Caimeron Measketh (Cambodia) and Mr. Penteado (Brazil) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	98
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	98
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of Members voting:</i>	98
<i>Required majority:</i>	50

Number of votes obtained:

<i>Group A:</i>	
Niger	87
Cyprus	86
Ghana	86
Nigeria	4
Cameroun	1
Ceylon	1
Ethiopia	1
Iran	1
Senegal	1
Togo	1
Turkey	1
<i>Group B:</i>	
Czechoslovakia	81
Poland	2
Albania	1
<i>Group C:</i>	
Costa Rica	88
Mexico	80
Haiti	15
<i>Group D:</i>	
Greece	88
Netherlands	84
Ireland	1
<i>Group E:</i>	
United States of America	86

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	84
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics . . .	83
France	82
China.	60

The representatives of the following countries, having obtained the required majority, were elected Vice-Presidents: China, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, France, Ghana, Greece, Mexico, Netherlands, Niger, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

6. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): The General Committee of the General Assembly for the sixteenth session is now fully constituted. I hope at this afternoon's meeting to be able to announce a

meeting of the General Committee, which should take place as soon as possible in order that consideration of the agenda may be begun. All delegations which have requested the inclusion of an item in the agenda and which wish to attend the meeting of the General Committee, in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, are asked to inform the Secretariat to that effect as soon as possible, in order that it may take the necessary action.

7. Very many delegations have informed me of their desire to give expression to their feelings in connexion with the death of the Secretary-General Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld. We shall, then, hold a meeting this afternoon at 3.30 p.m.

The meeting rose at 1.55 p.m.