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President: Mr. Amintore FANFANI (Italy).

Statement by the President

1. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): Before the meeting of the General Assembly begins, I should like to make the following statement.

2. Members of the General Assembly have doubtless learned that during the night, at a meeting of the Security Council [1242nd meeting], an agreement for a cease-fire was reached between India and Pakistan. This is extremely important news and is a happy omen for the beginning of the twentieth session of the General Assembly. This result was possible because of the goodwill of the parties concerned, who accepted the decision taken by the Security Council. I am sure that I am speaking on behalf of all Members of the General Assembly when I extend to India and Pakistan our warmest congratulations for the spirit of co-operation in which they have received the Council's decision and heeded the friendly appeals addressed to them by friendly States in support of the Secretary-General's untiring efforts.

3. I should like to express the hope that developments following this happy outcome will make it possible to reach a final solution in the near future. An event of this kind can only confirm the lofty mission of the United Nations—namely, to discourage any breach of the peace—and strengthen through our debates and decisions, the effectiveness of the world Organization.

4. I shall now suspend the meeting so that the Main Committees can meet to elect their respective Chairmen.

The meeting was suspended at 10.55 a.m. and resumed at 12.50 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers

5. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): The Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the General Assembly have just been elected; the following

representatives have been appointed and will serve as members of the General Committee:

First Committee: Mr. Károly Csatorday (Hungary);
Special Political Committee: Mr. Carlet R. Auguste (Haiti);

Second Committee: Mr. P. A. Forthomme (Belgium);

Third Committee: Mr. Francisco Cuevas Cancino (Mexico);

Fourth Committee: Mr. Majid Rahnema (Iran);

Fifth Committee: Mr. Najib Bouziri (Tunisia);

Sixth Committee: Mr. Abdullah El-Erian (United Arab Republic).

AGENDA ITEM 6

Election of Vice-Presidents

6. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): Rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly establishes the procedure for the election of the seventeen Vice-Presidents, who are to be chosen in such a way as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee. All Members of the General Assembly are eligible for the post of Vice-President except for those already represented on the General Committee as a result of the elections to the Presidency of the General Assembly or the Chairmanships of the Main Committees. The vote will be taken by secret ballot and without nominations.

7. The ballot papers for the election of the Vice-Presidents have five boxes on them, each corresponding to one of the five groups of States referred to in rule 31 of the rules of procedure. Each box corresponds to one region, and footnote 4 to rule 31 provides that the seventeen Vice-Presidents shall be elected according to the following pattern:

(a) Seven representatives from Africa and Asian States;

(b) One representative from an Eastern European State;

(c) Three representatives from Latin American States;

(d) Two representatives from Western European and other States.

However, only one post remains vacant for this region in consequence of the election of the representative of a Western European State to the Presidency of the General Assembly; the second line in the box reserved for this group has accordingly been crossed out.

(e) Five representatives from the permanent members of the Security Council. I would also remind you

that it is the names of the Member States, and not those of their representatives, that should be written on the ballot paper. Further, if the number of names written on the ballot paper for any of the groups is greater than the number assigned to that group, the vote cast for that group will be considered invalid. In accordance with the provisions of rule 31 of the rules of procedure, those Members receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mertz (Luxembourg), U Ba Thaug (Burma), Mr. Ciss (Senegal), Mr. Panupongse (Thailand) and Mr. García Robles (Mexico) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

8. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): In view of the lateness of the hour, I propose that we suspend the meeting and that the tellers remain in the room behind the rostrum until the counting of the vote has been concluded.

9. If there are no objections, we shall reconvene in this hall immediately after the ceremony of the raising of the flags of the three new Member States, which is to take place at 2.45 p.m.

The meeting was suspended at 1.25 p.m. and resumed at 3.10 p.m.

10. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): As we agreed before the meeting was suspended, I shall now inform the Members of the General Assembly of the results of the election of the seventeen Vice-Presidents.

Group A:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	115
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	114
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	113
<i>Required majority:</i>	57

Number of votes obtained:

Burundi	111
Kuwait	110
Central African Republic	109
Sierra Leone	104
Morocco	103
Laos	95
Malaysia	86
Thailand	17
Cambodia	11
Burma	5
Uganda	5
Algeria	2
Pakistan	2
Philippines	2
Afghanistan	1
Ceylon	1
Guinea	1
Japan	1
Madagascar	1
Singapore	1
Togo	1
Zambia	1

Group B:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	115
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	114
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	112
<i>Required majority:</i>	57

Number of votes obtained:

Poland	110
Yugoslavia	2

Group C:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	115
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	115
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	114
<i>Required majority:</i>	58

Number of votes obtained:

Paraguay	105
Chile	102
Guatemala	99
Cuba	4
Argentina	3
Brazil	1
Costa Rica	1
El Salvador	1
Panama	1
Dominican Republic	1
Uruguay	1
Venezuela	1

Group D:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	113
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	2
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	111
<i>Abstentions:</i>	6
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	105
<i>Required majority:</i>	53

Number of votes obtained:

Spain	102
Australia	1
Netherlands	1
New Zealand	1

Group E:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	115
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	115
<i>Abstentions:</i>	5
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	110
<i>Required majority:</i>	56

Number of votes obtained:

France	108
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	108
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	108
United States of America	108
China	78

The representatives of the following countries, having obtained the required majority, were elected Vice-Presidents: Burundi, Central African Republic, Chile, China, France, Guatemala, Kuwait, Laos, Malaysia, Morocco, Paraguay, Poland, Sierra Leone,

Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

11. The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I should like to congratulate the representatives who

have been elected Vice-Presidents. The General Committee of the General Assembly for the twentieth session has now been constituted.

The meeting rose at 3.15 p.m.