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Statement by the President

1. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly was due to consider first of all this afternoon the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 57 concerning the activities of UNIDO. Unfortunately, it appears that there is still a need for consultations with a view to overcoming the last-minute difficulties that seem to have emerged in respect of the adoption of one of the decisions on the question, and in particular the financial implications thereof. As members of the Assembly will have noted, we have delayed the opening of our meeting for half an hour in order to see whether those difficulties could be sorted out. It seems, however, that that has not been possible. Consequently, we shall defer consideration of item 57.

AGENDA ITEM 15

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:
 (continued)*:

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

2. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now resume the election of one non-permanent member of the Security Council from the group of Latin American States for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 1980.

3. Following the inconclusive ballots held at its 47th, 48th, 50th, 53rd, 83rd, 89th and 90th plenary meetings, held on 26 October, 30 October, 2 November, 29 November and 5 December, the Assembly will now proceed in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure to the next ballot, which is the 59th ballot and the first of a series of three unrestricted ballots. In this unrestricted ballot, any member State from the group of Latin American States may be a candidate for election except, of course, Bolivia, which is about to vacate its seat, and Jamaica, which is already a member of the Council. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

* Resumed from the 90th meeting.

4. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 4 p.m. and resumed at 4.10 p.m.

5. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| Number of ballot papers: | 147 |
| Invalid ballots: | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 147 |
| Abstentions: | 1 |
| Number of members voting: | 146 |
| Required majority: | 98 |
| Number of votes obtained: | |
| Cuba | 88 |
| Colombia | 57 |
| Uruguay | 1 |

6. The PRESIDENT: Since the first in this series of unrestricted ballots has proved inconclusive, we shall now proceed to the second unrestricted ballot under the same terms and conditions. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

7. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 4.20 p.m. and resumed at 4.25 p.m.

8. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| Number of ballot papers: | 147 |
| Invalid ballots: | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 147 |
| Abstentions: | 1 |
| Number of members voting: | 146 |
| Required majority: | 98 |
| Number of votes obtained: | |
| Cuba | 86 |
| Colombia | 58 |
| Suriname | 1 |
| Uruguay | 1 |

9. The PRESIDENT: Since the second in this series of unrestricted ballots proved inconclusive, we shall now proceed to the third unrestricted ballot under the same terms and conditions. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

10. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 4.35 p.m. and resumed at 4.45 p.m.

11. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

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| <i>Number of ballot papers:</i> | 146 |
| <i>Invalid ballots:</i> | 0 |
| <i>Number of valid ballots:</i> | 146 |
| <i>Abstentions:</i> | 1 |
| <i>Number of members voting:</i> | 145 |
| <i>Required majority:</i> | 97 |
| <i>Number of votes obtained:</i> | |
| Cuba | 83 |
| Colombia | 58 |
| Suriname | 2 |
| Honduras | 1 |
| Uruguay | 1 |

12. The PRESIDENT: Since this third unrestricted ballot has proved inconclusive, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure we shall now proceed to the first of a series of three restricted ballots. This balloting is restricted to the two candidates which have obtained the largest number of votes, namely, Cuba and Colombia. Any papers containing the names of other countries will be declared invalid. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelik-kol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

13. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 4.50 p.m. and resumed at 4.55 p.m.

14. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

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| <i>Number of ballot papers:</i> | 146 |
| <i>Invalid ballots:</i> | 0 |
| <i>Number of valid ballots:</i> | 146 |
| <i>Abstentions:</i> | 1 |
| <i>Number of members voting:</i> | 145 |
| <i>Required majority:</i> | 97 |
| <i>Number of votes obtained:</i> | |
| Cuba | 85 |
| Colombia | 60 |

15. The PRESIDENT: Since the first restricted ballot did not produce a candidate with the required two-thirds majority, the General Assembly will continue the voting and will hold a second restricted ballot. As in the last ballot, the only countries whose names may be included in the ballot papers are Cuba and Colombia. Any papers containing the names of other countries will be declared invalid. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelik-kol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

16. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 5.05 p.m. and resumed at 5.10 p.m.

17. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

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| <i>Number of ballot papers:</i> | 146 |
| <i>Invalid ballots:</i> | 0 |
| <i>Number of valid ballots:</i> | 146 |
| <i>Abstentions:</i> | 3 |
| <i>Number of members voting:</i> | 143 |
| <i>Required majority:</i> | 96 |
| <i>Number of votes obtained:</i> | |
| Cuba | 82 |
| Colombia | 61 |

18. The PRESIDENT: Since the second in this series of restricted ballots proved inconclusive, we shall now proceed to the third restricted ballot under the same terms and conditions. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelik-kol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

19. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 5.20 p.m. and resumed at 5.30 p.m.

20. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

| | |
|--|-----|
| <i>Number of ballot papers:</i> | 145 |
| <i>Invalid ballots:</i> | 0 |
| <i>Number of valid ballots:</i> | 145 |
| <i>Abstentions:</i> | 3 |
| <i>Number of members voting:</i> | 142 |
| <i>Required majority:</i> | 95 |
| <i>Number of votes obtained:</i> | |
| Cuba | 81 |
| Colombia | 61 |

21. The PRESIDENT: As the third restricted ballot has proved inconclusive, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure we shall now proceed to hold a series of three unrestricted ballots. In this unrestricted ballot any member State from the group of the Latin American States is eligible for election, with the exception of Bolivia and Jamaica. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelik-kol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

22. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 5.35 p.m. and resumed at 5.45 p.m.

23. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Number of ballot papers: | 146 |
| Invalid ballots: | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 146 |
| Abstentions: | 2 |
| Number of members voting: | 144 |
| Required majority: | 96 |
| Number of votes obtained: | |
| Cuba | 82 |
| Colombia | 58 |
| Brazil | 1 |
| El Salvador | 1 |
| Honduras | 1 |
| Suriname | 1 |

24. The PRESIDENT: Since no candidate obtained the required majority in the first in this series of unrestricted ballots, we shall now proceed to the second unrestricted ballot. As before, in this unrestricted ballot any member State from the group of Latin American States may be a candidate for election except, of course, Bolivia and Jamaica. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

25. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 5.50 p.m. and resumed at 6.05 p.m.

26. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Number of ballot papers: | 144 |
| Invalid ballots: | 2 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 142 |
| Abstentions: | 2 |
| Number of members voting: | 140 |
| Required majority: | 94 |
| Number of votes obtained: | |
| Cuba | 79 |
| Colombia | 58 |
| Brazil | 2 |
| Chile | 1 |

27. The PRESIDENT: Since no candidate obtained the required majority, we shall now proceed to the third unrestricted ballot on the same terms and conditions. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

28. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 6.15 p.m. and resumed at 6.25 p.m.

29. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Number of ballot papers: | 146 |
| Invalid ballots: | 1 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 145 |
| Abstentions: | 2 |
| Number of members voting: | 143 |
| Required majority: | 96 |
| Number of votes obtained: | |
| Cuba | 81 |
| Colombia | 57 |
| Brazil | 3 |
| Saint Lucia | 1 |
| Suriname | 1 |

30. The PRESIDENT: Since the third unrestricted ballot did not produce a candidate with the required two-thirds majority, the General Assembly will proceed to the first of three restricted ballots in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure. This ballot is restricted to the two candidates which have obtained the largest number of votes, namely Cuba and Colombia. Any ballot papers containing the name of any other country will be declared invalid. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

31. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballot papers are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 6.35 p.m. and resumed at 6.40 p.m.

32. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Number of ballot papers: | 146 |
| Invalid ballots: | 1 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 145 |
| Abstentions: | 4 |
| Number of members voting: | 141 |
| Required majority: | 94 |
| Number of votes obtained: | |
| Cuba | 81 |
| Colombia | 60 |

33. The PRESIDENT: As the first restricted ballot has proved inconclusive, we shall therefore proceed to the second restricted ballot. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

34. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 6.50 p.m. and resumed at 7 p.m.

35. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| Number of ballot papers: | 141 |
| Invalid ballots: | 2 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 139 |

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|--|-----|
| <i>Abstentions:</i> | 2 |
| <i>Number of members voting:</i> | 137 |
| <i>Required majority:</i> | 92 |
| <i>Number of votes obtained:</i> | |
| Cuba | 79 |
| Colombia | 58 |

36. The PRESIDENT: In view of the inconclusive nature of this second restricted ballot, the General Assembly will now proceed to a third restricted ballot, the last ballot for this evening. The ballot papers will now be distributed.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mardovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) and Mr. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

37. The PRESIDENT: I propose now to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 7.05 p.m. and resumed at 7.20 p.m.

38. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

| | |
|--|-----|
| <i>Number of ballot papers:</i> | 147 |
| <i>Invalid ballots:</i> | 0 |
| <i>Number of valid ballots:</i> | 147 |
| <i>Abstentions:</i> | 1 |
| <i>Number of members voting:</i> | 146 |
| <i>Required majority:</i> | 98 |
| <i>Number of votes obtained:</i> | |
| Cuba | 82 |
| Colombia | 64 |

39. The PRESIDENT: The third in this series of restricted ballots has proved inconclusive and I therefore feel compelled to bring the following important points to the attention of the Assembly.

40. We have today already had a total of 12 ballots. Added to the previous ballots, we have thus far held 70 ballots during this session. In view of the lateness of the

hour, I propose now to adjourn the meeting. Before doing so, however, I should like once again to underline the importance of the General Assembly's discharging its responsibility in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and of the rules of procedure.

41. On two previous occasions I already emphasized the seriousness with which all of us in this Assembly should view this question. It is imperative that the General Assembly discharge its responsibility by electing the fifteenth member of the Security Council prior to our adjournment on 18 December. I therefore appeal to all the members of the General Assembly to exercise wisdom and reflect on this question with a view to enabling the Assembly to discharge its responsibility.

42. In the meantime, as I have already stated on previous occasions, as President of the General Assembly I have a clear and unambiguous responsibility. It is to ensure that the General Assembly scrupulously abides by its rules of procedure in proceeding with the election of the members of the Security Council. Accordingly, I intend on every appropriate occasion, when conditions so allow, to take up the voting for the election of the remaining non-permanent member of the Security Council.

43. Members will realize that since the Assembly is scheduled to conclude its session one week from today, there is great pressure on us. Consequently, in view of our programme of work, the next balloting will take place on Thursday afternoon, 13 December, and will proceed, if necessary, throughout the weekend until we arrive at a decision.

44. I realize that delegations are quite exhausted. So am I. Yet, unless someone can come up with a better way of trying to discharge our responsibilities, I do hope that members will understand and appreciate that the only way—I repeat, the only way—the President of the General Assembly can proceed is by adhering to rule 94 of the rules of procedure, which, *inter alia*, stipulates that a series of restricted ballots followed by a series of unrestricted ballots, and so on, shall be held until all the places have been filled.

The meeting rose at 7.30 p.m.