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OF THE FORTY-FOURTH SESSION

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:
Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 42/108 of 7 December 1987, the General Assembly decided to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 1989.
2. By its decision 43/312 of 29 November 1988, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/43/864), extended the appointment of Mr. Jean-Pierre Hocké as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1989.
3. On 26 October 1989, the Secretary-General accepted with regret the decision of Mr. Jean-Pierre Hocké to resign from the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, effective 1 November 1989.
4. In light of the foregoing, the General Assembly is requested to include in the agenda of its forty-fourth session under item 16 (Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs) a new sub-item entitled "Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees", and also to amend the title of agenda item 16 to read "Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections".
5. In conformity with the procedure established by paragraph 13 of the statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Secretary-General proposes to the General Assembly that it elect Mr. Thorvald Stoltenberg, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway and current Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of four years beginning on 1 January 1990.
