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*President:* Mr. Hans ENGEN (Norway).

*Present:*

The representatives of the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Greece, Indonesia, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

The representatives of the following specialized agencies: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Health Organization.

AGENDA ITEM 20

**Elections (concluded)**

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (concluded)

1. The PRESIDENT reminded the Council that under the revised rule 82 of the rules of procedure it had to elect seven members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. Czechoslovakia, Ecuador and Norway would cease to be members of the Economic and Social Council as from 1 January 1957 and would, therefore, not be eligible, whereas Finland, Mexico and Poland, which had just been elected to the Council,<sup>1</sup> would be candidates.

*At the invitation of the President, Miss Pelt (Netherlands) and Mr. Karim (Pakistan) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballots cast:	18
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	18
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	18
Required majority	10
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Brazil .....	18
United States of America .....	18
France .....	17
Netherlands .....	17
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics....	17
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland .....	17
China .....	13
Finland .....	4
Poland .....	1

*Having obtained the required majority, Brazil, the United States of America, France, the Netherlands, The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and China were elected members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.*

2. Mr. ARKADEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) protested against the election of the representative of the Chiang Kai-shek Government of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and asserted once again that only the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China was entitled to represent the Chinese people in all United Nations bodies.

3. Mr. CHENG (China) observed that the vote which had just taken place represented the freely-expressed opinion of Council members and he objected to the remarks of the Communist representative of the Soviet Union, which in his opinion were not admissible.

**Closure of the session**

4. The PRESIDENT said that before declaring the twenty-second session of the Council closed he would like to express his gratitude to all those members who had assisted him in his task and in particular to the two Vice-Presidents, Mr. Trujillo and Mr. Hasan. His thanks were also due to the Secretary-General's representative, Mr. Martin Hill, to Mr. Vakil, Secretary of the Council, and to all their assistants.

5. As Norway would cease to be a member of the Council as of 1 January 1957, he wished to say that it had been a great honour for his country to take part in the Council's work over the past three years.

6. Mr. TRUJILLO (Ecuador) was sure that he was expressing the feelings of all delegations in paying a tribute to the great skill and outstanding qualities shown by the President in the course of his duties. It was a notable feature of the present age that it produced statesmen like Mr. Engen and international civil servants like Mr. Hill and Mr. Vakil, who had a thorough knowledge of the problems of the world and endeavoured in every possible way to solve them in a true spirit of international co-operation. In the political field, the progress made did not always fulfil the hopes that had been placed in the United Nations, but the Council could take pride in achievements in the economic and social fields, which gave hope of better days to come.

7. In conclusion, he complimented all members of the Council, not forgetting the Vice-President, Mr. Hasan, who was unfortunately absent, and the members of the Secretariat, who had contributed greatly to the success of the Council's work.

8. The PRESIDENT declared the twenty-second session of the Council closed.

The meeting rose at 4.5 p.m.

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Plenary Meetings*, 625th meeting.