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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND
BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mauro MENDEZ (Philippines)

1. At its 530th plenary meeting, the General Assembly allocated to the Fifth Committee for consideration and report item 39 of the agenda of its tenth session. At its 504th meeting held on 2 November 1955, the Fifth Committee considered a vote (A/2925) by the Secretary-General concerning the regular vacancies which will occur in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at the expiration of the terms of office of three of its members on 31 December 1955 (item 39 (a)). Further, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly at its 537th plenary meeting, the Fifth Committee also considered at the same time a note (A/2998) by the Secretary-General concerning a vacancy for one year which will occur in the membership of the Advisory Committee as a result of the resignation of another of its members effective 31 December 1955.
2. The Chairman had previously invited members of the Fifth Committee to suggest names of persons who might be recommended to the General Assembly for appointment to the vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee in accordance with the provisions of rules 156 and 157 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly. At the time the matter was considered by the Fifth Committee, three candidates had been proposed for the regular vacancies, and one candidate for the vacancy arising from the resignation of one member of the Advisory Committee.

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3. For the purpose of deciding who should be recommended for appointment, the Committee proceeded to vote by secret ballot, the results of which are set out in the following paragraphs.

4. The result of the ballot on the three vacancies for a period of three years commencing 1 January 1956 was as follows:

<u>Number of ballot papers</u>	56
<u>Invalid ballots</u>	3
<u>Number of valid ballots</u>	53
<u>Abstentions</u>	0
<u>Number of members voting</u>	53
<u>Required majority</u>	27

Number of votes obtained:

Dr. Carlos Blanco	52
Mr. John E. Fobes	49
Mr. Arthur H. Clough	44

Two other persons received 6 votes and one vote, respectively.

Dr. Blanco, Mr. Fobes and Mr. Clough, having obtained the required majority, were declared recommended for appointment to the vacancies which were the subject of this ballot.

5. The result of the ballot on the one vacancy for a period of one year commencing 1 January 1956 was as follows:

<u>Number of ballot papers</u>	50
<u>Invalid ballots</u>	0
<u>Number of valid ballots</u>	50
<u>Abstentions</u>	1
<u>Number of members voting</u>	49
<u>Required majority</u>	25

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. T. J. Natarajan	46
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Three other persons each received one vote.

Mr. Natarajan, having obtained the required majority, was declared recommended for appointment to the vacancy which was the subject of this ballot.

6. The Fifth Committee accordingly recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

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THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY
QUESTIONS

The General Assembly

1. Appoints the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

Dr. Carlos Blanco;

Mr. Arthur H. Clough;

Mr. John E. Fobes;

Mr. T. J. Natarajan.

2. Declares Dr. Carlos Blanco, Mr. Arthur H. Clough and Mr. John E. Fobes to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1956, and Mr. T. J. Natarajan for a one-year term to commence on 1 January 1956.
