

PROCEDURE FOR BALLOTING IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In accordance with Rule 73 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly, all decisions relating to tenure of office shall be taken by secret ballot.

The balloting procedure in plenary meetings of the General Assembly will be as follows:-

1. The President will announce that, in conformity with the Rules of Procedure, the decision on the item on the agenda in question will be taken by secret ballot. Each member of the General Assembly has one vote.
2. The President shall then appoint two representatives to act as tellers, and shall invite them to take their place at the rostrum. Two members of the Secretariat will then be appointed by the Executive Secretary to assist the tellers.
3. The ballot-box will be placed on the rostrum by the Executive Secretary.
4. The tellers will verify the fact that the ballot-box is empty, lock it, and return the key to the Executive Secretary.
5. The principal representatives of each member shall write on the ballot paper provided the name or names of the candidate or candidates he wishes to support, or, if he wishes to abstain from voting, shall write the word "Abstention." Any ballot paper containing more names than there are places to be filled or any written observation other than the name of the candidate or candidates preferred shall be invalid.
6. The Executive Secretary shall then read the names of the members of the General Assembly, in accordance with Rule 71, which provides that roll-calls shall be taken in English alphabetical order. As the roll-call is called, the

principal representative of each member will proceed to the rostrum and deposit his ballot paper in the ballot-box.

7. The President shall, at the conclusion of the roll-call declare the balloting closed.

8. The Executive Secretary will then unlock the ballot-box and the tellers shall, with the assistance of two members of the Secretariat, specially designated for this purpose, proceed to count the votes. The result of this count will be recorded and communicated at once to the President.

9. The President will then announce the result of the voting as follows :

Number of members voting

Number of valid ballots

Number of abstentions

Number of invalid ballots

Required majority

He will then announce the number of votes received by each candidate and declare the election of the candidate or candidates receiving the required majority. If no candidate has received the required majority, or if the number of candidates in multiple elections is not equal to the number of places to be filled, subsequent ballots will be taken by the same procedure.

This procedure will also apply to balloting in the Committees of the General Assembly.