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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL
 COMMITTEE (A/34/664)**

AGENDA ITEM 54

**Question of the composition of the relevant organs
 of the United Nations**

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL
 COMMITTEE (A/34/726)**

1. Mr. COTTON (New Zealand), Rapporteur of the Special Political Committee: I have the honour to present to the General Assembly two more reports of the Special Political Committee. The first report is on agenda items 48 and 49, and is found in document A/34/664.

2. The Special Political Committee decided to consider these two items together, and in the course of six meetings more than 40 representatives took part in the debate. A number of representatives referred to co-operative efforts which are leading to the involvement and active participation of scientists and cosmonauts from a number of countries in various space programmes.

3. Three draft resolutions were put before the Committee and adopted without a vote. One of those draft resolutions is of special significance in that it commends the text of a draft agreement governing the activities of States on the moon and other celestial bodies and requests the Secretary-General to open the draft agreement for signature and ratification at the earliest possible date. The Special Political Committee commends those important draft resolutions to the General Assembly.

4. The second report that I have the honour to present to the General Assembly covers the consideration by the Special Political Committee of agenda item 54, which is entitled "Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations". This report is found in document A/34/726 and contains one recommendation which was adopted without objection in the Committee.

5. The PRESIDENT: The positions of delegations with respect to the recommendations contained in the reports of the Special Political Committee to the Assembly are reflected in the relevant summary records of the Committee.

6. We shall now consider the report of the Special Political Committee on agenda items 48 and 49. The Assembly will now take a decision on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Special Political Committee in paragraph 10 of its report [A/34/664].

7. Draft resolution I is entitled "International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space". The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/34/738. The Special Political Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 34/66).

8. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space". The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/34/738. The Special Political Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 34/67).

9. The PRESIDENT: We now turn to draft resolution III, entitled "Agreement Governing the Activities of

States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies". The Special Political Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 34/68).

10. The PRESIDENT: The General Assembly will now consider the report of the Special Political Committee on agenda item 54, entitled "Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations" [A/34/726]. I invite members to turn their attention to paragraph 4 of the report, in which the Special Political Committee recommends to the Assembly the inclusion of this item on the provisional agenda of the thirty-fifth session. May I consider that the General Assembly adopts that recommendation?

The recommendation was adopted (decision 34/420).

AGENDA ITEM 15

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (continued)*

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

11. The PRESIDENT: In view of the importance attached to this item on the agenda by all delegations, and in view of the fact that a number of delegations are still not in their places, I shall, as an exceptional measure and without wishing to set a precedent, suspend the meeting for 10 minutes to enable delegations to come into the hall and participate in the voting. I repeat that this is an exceptional situation and not a precedent.

The meeting was suspended at 10.55 a.m. and resumed at 11.05 a.m.

12. The PRESIDENT: During the past two months I have frequently had occasion to appeal for the observance of punctuality at our meetings. These appeals were in response to specific decisions adopted by the General Assembly. We have made important progress in meeting this objective, and I wish to express my appreciation of the co-operation of representatives in this regard.

13. Now we are only two weeks from our closing date. During this period we still have a number of important items to consider and a large number of decisions to take. It thus becomes more important than ever before that we use our remaining time effectively. This will require prompt inscription on the list of speakers, readiness to speak in the inscribed position and timely submission of draft resolutions. It also becomes increasingly necessary that our meetings begin promptly when scheduled, since there is a critical interaction between the times of plenary meetings and those of the Main Committees. Many of our meetings now will require voting. I would remind representatives that, where votes are required, I shall proceed to take them as soon as the requisite majority is present.

14. As members know, according to rule 67 of the rules of procedure, a majority of the membership is necessary to take decisions. To make the most effective use of our time, it is my intention consistently to pro-

* Resumed from the 83rd meeting.

ceed to the vote as early as possible during each meeting. Therefore, to maintain the decorum of our meetings and to avoid any awkwardness for delegations resulting from their being absent during a vote, I emphasize that during the balance of our session it will be more important than ever that delegations be represented when the meetings are convened. Once again, therefore, I appeal for your understanding, co-operation and support.

15. 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 period beginning on 1 January 1980.

16. Following the inconclusive ballots held at its 47th, 48th, 50th, 53rd and 83rd plenary meetings on 26 and 30 October and 2 and 29 November, the Assembly will now proceed, in accordance with rule 94 of its rules of procedure, to the next ballot, which is the forty-first ballot. This will be the first of a series of unrestricted ballots.

17. 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. 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.

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

The meeting was suspended at 11.20 a.m. and resumed at 11.25 a.m.

19. 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	83
Colombia	58
Uruguay	1

20. The PRESIDENT: Because of the inconclusive nature of the ballot, we shall now proceed to hold a 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.

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

The meeting was suspended at 11.35 a.m. and resumed at 11.45 a.m.

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

Number of ballot papers:	147
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	147
Abstentions:	3
Number of members voting:	144
Required majority:	96

Number of votes obtained:	
Cuba	85
Colombia	58
Uruguay	1

23. The PRESIDENT: Since the second unrestricted ballot has proved inconclusive, we shall now proceed to the third unrestricted ballot and, 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.

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

The meeting was suspended at 11.50 a.m. and resumed at 12 noon.

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

Number of ballot papers:	147
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	147
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	145
Required majority:	97

Number of votes obtained:	
Cuba	85
Colombia	58
Argentina	1
Uruguay	1

26. The PRESIDENT: Since the third unrestricted ballot has proved inconclusive, the General Assembly will now 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.

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

The meeting was suspended at 12.05 p.m. and resumed at 12.10 p.m.

28. The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting was as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	146
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	146
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	145
Required majority:	97

Number of votes obtained:	
Cuba	86
Colombia	59

29. The PRESIDENT: As neither of the countries obtained 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. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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

The meeting was suspended at 12.20 p.m. and resumed at 12.25 p.m.

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

Number of ballot papers:	149
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	149
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	147
Required majority:	98

Number of votes obtained:	
Cuba	86
Colombia	61

32. The PRESIDENT: As neither of the countries obtained the required two-thirds majority, the General Assembly will continue the voting and will hold a third 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. Çelikol (Turkey) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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

The meeting was suspended at 12.30 p.m. and resumed at 12.40 p.m.

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

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	148
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	148
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	146
<i>Required majority:</i>	98

<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Cuba	86
Colombia	60

35. The PRESIDENT: Since the third restricted ballot has proved inconclusive, we shall now proceed to the first of a series of unrestricted ballots. In these unrestricted ballots 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.

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

The meeting was suspended at 12.50 p.m. and resumed at 1.00 p.m.

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

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	148
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	147
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	145
<i>Required majority:</i>	97

<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Cuba	82
Colombia	62
Uruguay	1

38. The PRESIDENT: The result of the first unrestricted ballot in this series has proved inconclusive and I now propose to adjourn the meeting. Before doing so, I should like to make the following statement.

39. The Assembly is very well aware of the great importance which I attach to its discharging its obligation under the Charter and the rules of procedure to elect the non-permanent members of the Security Council.

40. As is apparent from the results of this morning's votes, we have still not completed our work in that regard. May I remind the Assembly that our session is scheduled to conclude in less than two weeks. It is therefore my intention to continue to hold balloting for the remaining vacant seat on the Security Council at every opportunity permitted by the schedule of the plenary meetings.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.