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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

International Civil Service Commission

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ali Ben-Said KHAMIS (Algeria)

1. At its 46th plenary meeting, on 25 October 1979, the General Assembly decided to include the following subitem under agenda item 17:

"(j) International Civil Service Commission:

"(i) Appointment of a member of the Commission;

"(ii) Designation of the Chairman of the Commission."

and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Committee considered this subitem at its 88th meeting, on 19 December. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/34/102), in which he informed the General Assembly that it had not proved possible, despite all efforts, to complete the necessary consultation process in time to permit him to submit recommendations for the designation of the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission by the General Assembly.

3. In the circumstances, the Secretary-General proposed that provisionally, until a Chairman is appointed by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, Mr. Gastón de Prat Gay (Argentina) be appointed to the Commission and that he serve, on an exceptional basis, full-time as Acting Vice-Chairman.

4. Observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.5/34/SR.88). The Secretary-General's proposals were endorsed, without objection, by the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should:

(a) Defer to its thirty-fifth session the appointment of the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission;

(b) Appoint Mr. Gastón de Prat Gay as a member of the Commission until a Chairman is appointed by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

(c) Decide that Mr. de Prat Gay shall serve, on an exceptional basis, full-time as Acting Vice-Chairman.

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