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AGENDA ITEM 17

Election of members of the Economic and Social Council

1. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): This morning the Assembly will elect members of the Economic and Social Council. Intensive consultations have been held and I believe that the Assembly is now in a position to proceed with the elections.

2. I should like to explain the procedures that I propose to follow. As the representatives know, on 24 September 1973 there came into force the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter which increased from 27 to 54 the number of members of the Economic and Social Council. The amended version of Article 61, paragraph 3, stipulates that at the first election after the increase in the membership of the Economic and Social Council 27 members shall be elected in addition to the members elected in place of the 9 members whose term of office expires at the end of that year. The 36 members thus elected will start their term of office on 1 January 1974, in accordance with rule 141 of the Assembly's rules of procedure.

3. First of all, we shall elect the 9 members who will replace those whose term of office expires on 31 December 1973. After electing these 9 members, we shall elect the 27 additional members and we will then decide which of the members elected in each category shall serve for three years, two years or one year, in accordance with the amended version of Article 61, paragraph 3, of the Charter.

4. I hope that this procedure will meet with the approval of the Assembly. If I hear no objection, we shall follow it.

It was so decided.

5. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We shall therefore first elect 9 members to replace the 9 outgoing members: Haiti, Hungary, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, New Zealand, Niger, United States of America and Zaire. These nine countries are eligible for immediate re-election.

6. I should like to remind the representatives that after 1 January 1974 the Economic and Social Council will still have the following States as members: Algeria, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, China, Finland, France, Japan, Mali, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Accordingly, the names of those 18 States should not appear on the ballot papers.

7. In accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, the election will be held by secret ballot and there will be no nominations. I request representatives to use only the ballot papers that are being distributed and to write on them the names of the 9 member States for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers containing more than nine names will be declared invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Shrestha (Nepal) and Mr. Udovenko (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

8. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I propose to suspend the meeting while the ballots are being counted.

The meeting was suspended at 11.15 a.m. and resumed at 12.05 p.m.

9. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The result of the voting for the election of 9 members of the Economic and Social Council is as follows:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	119
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	119
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	119
<i>Required majority:</i>	80

Number of votes obtained:

Australia	114
Mexico	114
Thailand	113
Zambia	113
Congo	112
Liberia	109
United States of America	109
Democratic Yemen	108
Romania	108
Yemen	6
Ethiopia	3
Yugoslavia	3

Canada	2
Egypt	2
Italy	2
Peru	2
Senegal	2
Colombia	1
Costa Rica	1
Czechoslovakia	1
Fiji	1
German Democratic Republic	1
Guinea	1
Hungary	1
India	1
Jordan	1
Kenya	1
Laos	1
Lesotho	1
Malawi	1
Pakistan	1
Sweden	1
Turkey	1
Venezuela	1
Zaire	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Australia, Congo, Democratic Yemen, Liberia, Mexico, Romania, Thailand, United States of America and Zambia were elected members of the Economic and Social Council.

10. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I should like to congratulate those States which have been elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year period from 1 January 1974 and to thank the tellers for their assistance.

11. We shall now elect the 27 additional members of the Economic and Social Council. Before the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter came into force, the Council consisted of the following: (a) 7 African States; (b) 6 Asian States; (c) 5 Latin American States; (d) 6 Western European and other States; and (e) 3 socialist States from Eastern Europe.

12. In order to comply with the provisions of operative paragraph 4 of resolution 2847 (XXVI) of the General Assembly, we shall now elect the additional members in accordance with the following distribution: (a) 7 African States; (b) 6 Asian States; (c) 5 Latin American States; (d) 6 Western European and other States; and (e) 3 socialist States from Eastern Europe.

13. Ballot papers will now be distributed. I request representatives to write on them the names of the countries for which they wish to vote in each category. I should like to remind the Assembly that the names of the following States, who are already represented on the Council or who have just been elected to it should not appear on the ballot papers: Algeria, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Congo, Chile, China, Democratic Yemen, Finland, France, Japan, Liberia, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Zambia.

14. In accordance with previous practice, I shall declare elected to fill existing posts those candidates in each category which receive the largest number of votes, provided this does not fall below the required two-thirds majority. If the vote for the last vacancy is equally divided, we shall have a vote restricted to the candidates who have obtained an equal number of votes. It is always possible if there are more candidates than vacancies, that more candidates obtain the required majority than there are vacancies. If this should occur, I consider that the Assembly wishes to follow the precedent set at its twenty-first session when it elected the members of the Industrial Development Board, and to consider as elected, from the candidates which secure the required majority, those which have received the most votes, until all the vacancies have been filled. If there are no objections, we shall proceed accordingly.

It was so decided.

15. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): I invite the following representatives to act as tellers: for group A, the representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic; for group B, the representative of Greece; for group C, the representative of Nigeria; for group D, the representative of Nepal; and for group E, the representative of Brazil.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Udovenko (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic), Mr. Katsareas (Greece), Mr. Blankson (Nigeria), Mr. Shrestha (Nepal) and Mr. Nabuco de Castro (Brazil) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

16. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We have concluded the voting but the counting of the ballots may well take some time. I therefore propose to suspend the meeting.

The meeting was suspended at 12.40 p.m. and resumed at 3.20 p.m.

17. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The result of the voting for the election of the 27 additional members of the Economic and Social Council is as follows:

<i>Group A</i>	
<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	128
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	128
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	127
<i>Required majority:</i>	85
 <i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Ethiopia	124
Guinea	124
Egypt	123
Kenya	123
Zaire	123
Ivory Coast	122
Senegal	120
Central African Republic	1
Chad	1
Equatorial Guinea	1

Gambia	1
Mauritania	1
Nigeria	1
Sierra Leone	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Senegal and Zaire were elected members of the Economic and Social Council.

Group B

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	128
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	128
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	128
<i>Required majority:</i>	86

<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Pakistan	124
Fiji	122
Indonesia	122
Jordan	122
India	120
Iran	120
Yemen	2
Philippines	1
Iraq	1
Nepal	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan and Pakistan were elected members of the Economic and Social Council.

Group C

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	128
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	128
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	128
<i>Required majority:</i>	86

<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Venezuela	124
Argentina	118
Colombia	115
Guatemala	98
Jamaica	64
Nicaragua	63
Dominican Republic	33
Cuba	3
Guyana	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Argentina, Colombia, Guatemala and Venezuela were elected members of the Economic and Social Council.

18. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): There remains one vacancy to be filled. Accordingly, under rule 96, we shall hold a second ballot, which is limited to two candidates, Jamaica and Nicaragua, the countries which were not elected but which obtained the largest number of votes in the first ballot. I request members to write on the ballot papers being distributed the name of the country for

which they wish to vote. Ballot papers containing names other than those of Jamaica and Nicaragua, as well as those containing more than one name, will be declared invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Katsareas (Greece) and Mr. Blankson (Nigeria) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

19. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The result of the voting for the election of an additional member of the Economic and Social Council for group C is as follows:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	109
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	108
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	108
<i>Required majority:</i>	72

<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Jamaica	76
Nicaragua	32

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Jamaica was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council.

Group D

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	128
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	128
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	128
<i>Required majority:</i>	86

<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Sweden	126
Turkey	126
Canada	125
Belgium	124
Italy	123
Germany, Federal Republic of	119
Austria	1
Greece	1
Malta	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Sweden and Turkey were elected members of the Economic and Social Council.

Group E

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	128
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	128
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	126
<i>Required majority:</i>	84

<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Yugoslavia	123
Czechoslovakia	121

German Democratic Republic	121
Albania	1
Bulgaria	1

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic and Yugoslavia were elected members of the Economic and Social Council.

20. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): The voting having been completed, I should like to declare the following countries, which have obtained the required two-thirds majority, elected additional members of the Economic and Social Council: Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guatemala, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Pakistan, Senegal, Sweden, Turkey, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zaire.

21. I am happy to congratulate the countries which have been elected additional members of the Economic and Social Council. I should also like to thank the tellers for their assistance.

22. We shall now turn to the second stage of our proceedings. As regards the procedure for the election of the 9 members who will serve three years, the 9 members who will serve for two years and the 9 members who will serve for one year, I should like to remind representatives that in cases where similar elections have taken place both in the General Assembly and in other United Nations bodies we resorted to the drawing of lots. Consequently, I propose that the General Assembly select, by the drawing of lots, the members whose terms of office will last for three years, two years and one year, respectively. If I hear no objection, we shall proceed accordingly.

It was so decided.

23. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): With regard to the distribution of members who will serve for different periods, I should like to inform the Assembly that, after carefully studying the matter and after holding consultations with several groups of States, it was proposed that: of the 6 Asian States elected in group B, 2 should serve a three-year term, 2 a two-year term, and 2 a one-year term; of the 6 Western European and other States elected in group D, 2 should serve a three-year term, 2 a two-year term and 2 a one-year term; and of the 3 socialist States of Eastern Europe elected in group E, 1 should serve a three-year term, 1 a two-year term, and 1 a one-year term.

24. As regards the 7 African States elected in group A and the 5 Latin American States in group C—figures that cannot be divided by three—a new formula had to be devised. The President held consultations with the chairmen of the

regional groups and, in agreement with groups A and C, lots were drawn, as a result of which the following distribution was agreed on: of the 7 African States elected in group A, 2 will serve a three-year term, 2 a two-year term, and 3 a one-year term; and of the 5 Latin American States elected in group C, 2 will serve a three-year term, 2 a two-year term, and 1 a one-year term.

25. May I take it that the Assembly accepts this breakdown? Since I hear no objection, it is so agreed.

It was so decided.

26. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): We shall now draw lots.

27. The drawing of lots begins with the States of Africa elected in group A. The result is as follows: Egypt and the Ivory Coast will serve a three-year term, Guinea and Senegal a two-year term.

28. Of the Asian States elected in group B, Iran and Jordan will serve a three-year term and Fiji and Indonesia a two-year term.

29. Of the Latin American States elected in group C, Jamaica and Colombia will serve a three-year term and Guatemala and Venezuela a two-year term.

30. Of the Western European and other States elected in group D, Belgium and Italy will serve a three-year term and the Federal Republic of Germany and Turkey a two-year term.

31. Of the socialist States of Eastern Europe elected in group E, the German Democratic Republic will serve a three-year term and Yugoslavia a two-year term.

32. As a result of the lots that were drawn, members to serve a three-year term of office are the following: Belgium, Colombia, Egypt, German Democratic Republic, Iran, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica and Jordan.

33. Members to serve a two-year term are the following: Fiji, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guatemala, Guinea, Indonesia, Senegal, Turkey, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

34. Members to serve a one-year term are the following: Argentina, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Pakistan, Sweden and Zaire.

35. I thank the tellers for their assistance and I congratulate the newly-elected members of the Council.

The meeting rose at 4.20 p.m.