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<i>President:</i>	Mr. Pankin . . . . .	(Russian Federation)
<i>Members:</i>	Bosnia and Herzegovina . . . . .	Mr. Vukašinović
	Brazil . . . . .	Mr. Fernandes
	China . . . . .	Mr. Tian Lin
	Colombia . . . . .	Mr. Alzate
	France . . . . .	Mr. Briens
	Gabon . . . . .	Mr. Mougara Moussotsi
	Germany . . . . .	Mr. Eick
	India . . . . .	Mr. Kumar
	Lebanon . . . . .	Mr. Jaber
	Nigeria . . . . .	Mrs. Ogwu
	Portugal . . . . .	Mr. Moraes Cabral
	South Africa . . . . .	Mr. Sangqu
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . . . . .	Mr. Wilson
	United States of America . . . . .	Mr. Simonoff

## Agenda

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/2011/452, S/2011/453 and S/2011/454)

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*The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.*

**Adoption of the agenda**

*The agenda was adopted.*

**Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/2011/452, S/2011/453 and S/2011/454)**

**The President** (*spoke in Russian*): The Security Council will now proceed to the election of one remaining member of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with Article 13 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, to fill the remaining seat that will become vacant on 5 February 2012.

Document S/2011/453 indicates, inter alia, the national groups by which each of the two remaining candidates was nominated.

On 10 and 22 November the Council conducted a total of eight ballots. Today the Council will conduct a ninth ballot.

The Security Council has before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General contained in document S/2011/452, describing the present composition of the Court and setting out the procedure to be followed in the conduct of the election.

I should like to remind the Council that, under Article 10, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the International Court of Justice,

“Those candidates who obtain an absolute majority of votes in the General Assembly and in the Security Council shall be considered as elected”.

The required majority in the Security Council is eight votes.

The voting will be held by secret ballot. When we proceed to the vote, members of the Council will receive a ballot containing the names of the two remaining candidates. No candidacy withdrawal will be accepted once the ballot papers have been distributed. However, it will be possible to withdraw between ballots.

Members of the Council will be requested to place an “X” in the box next to the name of the candidate for whom they wish to vote. Only the two candidates whose names appear on the ballot are eligible for election.

I should like to remind members of paragraph 10 of the Secretary-General’s memorandum, which specifies that “[e]ach elector may vote for not more than five candidates on the first ballot”. Given that the Council will now vote to elect the one remaining member of the International Court of Justice, any ballot paper containing votes for more than one name will be considered invalid.

I should like to inform Council members that, in accordance with established practice, the ballot papers in the Security Council will not be counted until it has been verified that the ballot papers in the General Assembly have also been collected. The Council will remain in session pending the receipt of that information.

When one candidate has obtained the required majority of votes in the Security Council, I shall communicate the result to the President of the General Assembly. I will request the Council to remain in session pending receipt from the President of the General Assembly of the result of the voting in the Assembly.

At the 6551st meeting of the Council, the delegations of Gabon and Nigeria were selected to serve as tellers. The delegation of Gabon is unable to serve as a teller today. The delegations of Nigeria and South Africa have been invited to serve as tellers. I invite the tellers to be seated at the tables behind the Council table.

*At the invitation of the President, Mrs. Aguwa (Nigeria) and Mr. Laher (South Africa) acted as tellers.*

**The President** (*spoke in Russian*): May I take it that the Council is now ready to proceed with the election of the one remaining member of the International Court of Justice?

It is so decided.

The Council will now proceed to the ninth ballot. I request the Conference Officer to distribute the ballot papers.

Members of the Council should place an “X” in the box next to the name of the candidate for whom they wish to vote.

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**The President** (*spoke in Russian*): I take it that all the members of the Council have now voted and I ask the Conference Officer to collect the ballot papers.

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**The President** (*spoke in Russian*): All the ballot papers have been collected. I should like to remind Council members that, in accordance with the established practice, the ballots will not be counted until it has been verified that the ballot papers in the General Assembly have also been collected. The Council will remain in session pending the receipt of that information.

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**The President** (*spoke in Russian*): I have now been informed that the ballot papers have been collected in the General Assembly. The counting of the ballots in the Security Council will now begin. The tellers will now count the ballots. As agreed in our consultations, there will be two independent countings of the ballots, one by each teller. I should like to remind Council members that in accordance with established practice, I shall wait for the General Assembly to complete its count before I announce the results of the voting in the Security Council. The Council will remain in session.

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**The President** (*spoke in Russian*): The result of the voting is as follows:

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	15
<i>Number of invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	15
<i>Number of abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Required majority:</i>	8

*Number of votes obtained:*

Ms. Julia Sebutinde	9
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I wish to inform members of the Council that I have received the following letter from the President of the General Assembly:

(*spoke in English*)

“I have the honour to inform you that, at the 84th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, held today for the purpose of electing five members of the International Court of Justice, the following candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes in the General Assembly: Ms. Julia Sebutinde.”

(*spoke in Russian*)

Accordingly, the same candidate has received the required absolute majority of votes in the Council and in the General Assembly. As both the Security Council and the General Assembly have agreed on the same candidate, the jurists Mr. Giorgio Gaja, Mr. Hisashi Owada, Ms. Julia Sebutinde, Mr. Peter Tomka and Ms. Xue Hanqin have been elected to the International Court of Justice for a period of nine years, beginning on 6 February 2012. I should like to congratulate them warmly and to wish them every success in the high office to which they have been elected.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank the tellers for their assistance in the conduct of the elections.

The Security Council has thus concluded its consideration of the item on its agenda.

*The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.*