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President: Mr. Lykketoft (Denmark)

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and one from Latin America and the Caribbean. The ballot papers reflect that pattern.

Agenda item 112

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs

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

The President: The General Assembly will now proceed to the election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace those members whose term of office expires on 31 December 2015.

The five outgoing non-permanent members are the following: Chad, Chile, Jordan, Lithuania and Nigeria. Those five States cannot be re-elected. Their names should therefore not appear on the ballot papers.

Apart from the five permanent members, in the year 2016 the Security Council will include the following States: Angola, Malaysia, New Zealand, Spain and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The names of those States should therefore also not appear on the ballot papers.

Of the five non-permanent members that will remain in office in the year 2016, two are from Africa and the Asia-Pacific region, one is from Latin America and the Caribbean and two are from the Western European and other States. Consequently, pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 1991 A (XVIII), of 17 December 1963, the five non-permanent members should be elected according to the following pattern: three from African and the Asia-Pacific region, one from Eastern Europe

In accordance with established practice, there is an understanding to the effect that, of the three States to be elected from among the African and Asia-Pacific States, two should be from Africa and one from the Asia-Pacific region.

I should like to inform the Assembly that those candidates — their number not exceeding the number of seats to be filled — receiving the greatest number of votes and a two-thirds majority of those present and voting will be declared elected. If the number of candidates obtaining a two-thirds majority is less than the number of members to be elected, there shall be additional ballots to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot to a number not more than twice the places remaining to be filled.

Also, consistent with past practice, in case a tied vote should make it necessary to determine the candidate to be elected or proceed to the next round of restricted balloting, there will be a special restricted ballot limited to those candidates that have obtained an equal number of votes.

May I take it that the General Assembly agrees to these procedures?

It was so decided.

The President: In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, the election shall be held by secret ballot, and there shall be no nominations.

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Regarding candidatures, the Secretariat has been informed by the Chairpersons of the respective regional groups of the following. For the three vacant seats from among the African and Asia-Pacific States, there are three endorsed candidates, namely, Egypt, Japan and Senegal. For the one vacant seat from among the Eastern European States, there is one candidate, namely, Ukraine. For the one vacant seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States, there is one endorsed candidate, namely, Uruguay.

In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, we shall proceed now to the election by secret ballot.

I should like to seek the usual cooperation of representatives during the time of the conduct of the election. Please be reminded that during the voting process, all campaigning should cease in the General Assembly Hall. That means in particular that once the meeting has begun, no more campaign material can be distributed inside the Hall. All participants are also requested to remain at their seats so that the voting process can proceed in an orderly manner. I thank them for their cooperation.

I would also like to remind members of the press not to focus their cameras on delegations during the voting process, taking into account that this is a secret ballot, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. I thank them for their cooperation.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting. In addition, ballot papers will only be given to the delegate seated directly behind the country's nameplate.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "A", "B" and "C" will now be distributed. I request representatives to use only those ballot papers that have been distributed.

I would like to ask representatives to write on the ballot papers marked "A", for the African and Asia-Pacific States, the names of the three States for which they wish to vote; on the ballot papers marked "B", for the Eastern European States, the name of the one State for which they wish to vote; and on the ballot papers marked "C", for the Latin American and Caribbean

States, the name of the one State for which they wish to vote.

A ballot will be declared invalid if it contains more names of Member States from the relevant region than the number of seats assigned to it. A ballot will also be declared invalid if none of the names of the Member States on that ballot belong to the relevant region. If a ballot paper of a region includes names of Member States that belong to that region and of Member States that are from outside that region, the ballot remains valid but only the names of the Member States that belong to the relevant region will be counted. The names of Member States that do not belong to that region will not be counted.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Santa Rosa (Angola), Mr. Crilchuk (Argentina), Mr. Kodellas (Greece), Ms. O'Brien (Ireland), Mrs. Batsuren (Mongolia) and Mr. Stefanik (Poland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 10.25 a.m. and resumed at 11.15 a.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group A — African and Asia-Pacific States

Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	190
Required two-thirds majority:	127
Number of votes obtained:	
Senegal	187
Japan	184
Egypt	179

Group B — Eastern European States

Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	14
Number of members voting:	177
Required two-thirds majority:	118
Number of votes obtained:	
Ukraine	177

Group C — Latin American and Caribbean States

Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	6
Number of members voting:	185
Required two-thirds majority:	124
Number of votes obtained:	
Uruguay	185

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority and the largest number of votes, Egypt, Japan, Senegal, Ukraine and Uruguay were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2016.

The President: The following five States have thus been elected members of the Security Council for a

mandate of two years, beginning on 1 January 2016: Egypt, Japan, Senegal, Ukraine and Uruguay.

I congratulate the States that have been elected members of the Security Council, and I thank the tellers for their assistance in this election.

Before concluding, I should remind members that pursuant to paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election of non-permanent members of the Security Council for the two-year term beginning in 2017 will take place during the resumed part of the current session, in the spring of 2016.

The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 112.

The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.