



General Assembly

Fiftieth Session

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President: Mr. Freitas do Amaral (Portugal)

The meeting was called to order at 5.30 p.m.

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

Election of the officers of the Main Committees

The President: I should like to inform members that the following representatives have been elected Chairmen of the six Main Committees of the Assembly and are accordingly members of the General Committee for the fiftieth session:

First Committee: Mr. Luvsangiin Erdenechuluun
(Mongolia)

Special Political
and Decolonization
Committee (Fourth
Committee):

Mr. Francis Muthaura (Kenya)

Second Committee: Mr. Goce Petreski (The former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Third Committee: Mr. Ugyen Tshering (Bhutan)

Fifth Committee: Mr. Erich Vilchez Asher
(Nicaragua)

Sixth Committee: Mr. Tyge Lehmann (Denmark)

I congratulate the Chairmen on their election.

Item 6 of the provisional agenda

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

The President: Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, we shall now proceed to the election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

All members of the General Assembly are eligible in this election except those already represented in the General Committee, namely, those countries whose representatives have been elected to the presidency of the General Assembly to the chairmanships of the Main Committees.

In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, the 21 Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its fiftieth session shall be elected according to the following pattern:

- (a) Six representatives from African States;
- (b) Five representatives from Asian States;
- (c) One representative from an Eastern European State;
- (d) Three representatives from Latin American and Caribbean States;
- (e) One representative from Western European or other States;

and

- (f) Representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

In accordance with paragraph 16 of annex VI to the rules of procedure, the election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly by secret ballot will be dispensed with when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled. We shall proceed accordingly.

I shall now read out the names of the endorsed candidates:

African States: Algeria, Congo, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Namibia

Asian States: Kuwait, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Thailand, Yemen

Eastern European States: Albania

Latin American and Caribbean States: Bolivia, Costa Rica, Saint Lucia

Western European and other States: Belgium

Since the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in each region, I declare those candidates elected, in addition to the representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

The following States have therefore been elected to Vice-presidencies of the General Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Belgium, Bolivia, China, Congo, Costa Rica, France, Kuwait, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Namibia, the Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Yemen.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the States which have been elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

The General Committee for the fiftieth session of the General Assembly has now been fully constituted in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure.

The first meeting of the General Committee will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 20 September 1995, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 3.

UNICEF Executive Board

The President: The Assembly will now turn its attention to document A/50/404, which contains a letter dated 30 August 1995 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the Assembly.

As members are aware, the Assembly, in paragraph 7 of resolution 40/243, decided that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

As indicated in the letter I have just mentioned, the Committee on Conferences has recommended that the General Assembly authorize the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), which has been meeting from 18 August 1995, to meet until 22 September 1995.

In view of the fact that this date overlaps with the fiftieth session of the Assembly, may I take it that the General Assembly adopts the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences?

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 5.40 p.m.