



General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Official Records

53rd plenary meeting

Monday, 17 November 2014, 3.10 p.m.
New York

President: Mr. Kutesa (Uganda)

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Agenda item 111 (continued)

Election to fill vacancies in principal organs

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice

Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/69/230)

List of candidates (A/69/253)

Curricula vitae (A/69/254)

The President: As members are aware, there is still one vacancy on the Court to be filled.

I should like to inform members of the General Assembly that I have received a letter from Her Excellency Mrs. María Cristina Perceval, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations, dated 11 November 2014, communicating the decision of the Government of Argentina to withdraw the nomination of Ms. Susana Ruiz Cerutti for election to the International Court of Justice. The letter has been circulated as document A/69/575.

I have also received a letter from the Legal Counsel, dated 14 November 2014, informing me, on behalf of the Secretary-General, that the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations communicated to the Legal Counsel that the decision to withdraw Ms. Ruiz Cerutti's candidacy has been conveyed to the national groups that nominated her through their Missions. No objections have been received.

The Assembly will now proceed to vote with respect to the remaining vacancy.

I should like to remind representatives that, pursuant to rule 88 of the Assembly's rules of procedure,

"After the President has announced the beginning of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting."

We shall now begin the voting process. Ballot papers will now be distributed.

Only the candidate whose name appears on the ballot paper is eligible. I would like to remind delegations that only the name of the candidate that appears on the ballot paper should be marked with a cross. Any ballot paper on which there is more than one name will be considered invalid. Votes may be cast only for the name that appears on the ballot paper.

At the invitation of the President, Ms. Mohd Salleh (Brunei Darussalam), Mr. Díaz Reina (Colombia), Mr. Cohen (Netherlands), Mr. Stefanik (Poland), Mr. Madut (South Sudan) and Ms. Lyngdorf (Sweden) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 3.20 p.m. and resumed at 3.45 p.m.

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

This record contains the text of speeches delivered in English and of the translation of speeches delivered in other languages. Corrections should be submitted to the original languages only. They should be incorporated in a copy of the record and sent under the signature of a member of the delegation concerned to the Chief of the Verbatim Reporting Service, room U-0506 (verbatimrecords@un.org). Corrected records will be reissued electronically on the Official Document System of the United Nations (<http://documents.un.org>).

14-63057 (E)



Accessible document

Please recycle



Number of ballot papers:	189
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	189
Abstentions:	4
Number of members voting:	185
Required absolute majority:	97
Number of votes obtained:	

Mr. Patrick Lipton Robinson (Jamaica) 185

Mr. Patrick Lipton Robinson has obtained an absolute majority in the General Assembly.

I have communicated the result of the voting to the President of the Security Council.

I have also received a letter from the President of the Security Council, which reads:

“I have the honour to inform you that at the 7313th meeting of the Security Council, held on 17 November 2014, for the purpose of electing one member of the International Court of Justice for a term of office beginning on 6 February 2015, Mr. Patrick Lipton Robinson obtained an absolute majority of votes.”

As a result of the voting that has taken place independently in the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Patrick Lipton Robinson has obtained an absolute majority in both bodies. The following five candidates have therefore obtained an absolute majority in both bodies: Mr. Mohamed Bennouna, Mr. James Richard Crawford, Ms. Joan E. Donoghue, Mr. Kirill Gevorgian and Mr. Patrick Lipton Robinson. They are therefore duly elected members of the International Court of Justice to serve for a nine-year term commencing on 6 February 2015. I would like to take this opportunity to extend to them the congratulations of the Assembly on their election, and to thank the tellers for their assistance.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 111?

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.