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FIFTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH MEETING

Held in New York on Monday, 27 October 1969, at 3 p.m.

President: Lord CARADON
(United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

Present: The representatives of the following States: Algeria, China, Colombia, Finland, France, Hungary, Nepal, Pakistan, Paraguay, Senegal, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Zambia.

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/1515)

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/9353, S/9354, S/9354/Add.1/Rev.1, S/9354/Add.2-4 and S/9391).

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/9353, S/9354, S/9354/Add.1/Rev.1, S/9354/Add.2-4 and S/9391)

1. The PRESIDENT: The Security Council is now called upon to elect five members of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Court, to fill the five seats which will become vacant on 5 February 1970 on the expiry of the terms of office of Judge J. L. Bustamante y Rivero, Judge V. M. Koretsky, Judge K. Tanaka, Judge Philip C. Jessup and Judge G. Morelli.

2. The list of candidates nominated by national groups for the election to fill the five vacancies is contained in documents S/9354,¹ S/9354/Add.1/Rev.1 and S/9354/Add.2.4. The *curricula vitae* of all candidates are to be found in document S/9391. Notice has been received of the withdrawal of Judge Philip C. Jessup; that is contained in document S/9354/Add.3.

3. The Council also has before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General, document S/9353,¹ setting out the procedure to be followed in the conduct of the election.

¹ Documents S/9353, S/9354 and S/9354/Add.1 were also circulated as documents A/7569, A/7570 and A/7570/Add.1 respectively. For final texts see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 18.

According to Article 10, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Court:

"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 therefore is eight votes. If, however, more than five candidates obtain the required majority, the procedure which has been followed in the past, namely to hold a new vote on all candidates, is outlined in paragraph 14 of the Secretary-General's memorandum in document S/9353.

4. The vote will be taken by secret ballot. A ballot paper on which more than five names are marked will be considered invalid, and only votes for candidates whose names appear on the ballot paper will be counted.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Hardy C. Dillard (United States of America)	12
Mr. Eduardo Jiménez de Aréchaga (Uruguay)	12
Mr. Platon D. Morozov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	11
Mr. Federico de Castro (Spain)	10
Mr. Louis Ignacio Pinto (Dahomey)	7
Mr. Nagendra Singh (India)	7
Mr. Thanat Khoman (Thailand)	6
Mr. Constantin A. Stavropoulos (Greece)	3
Mr. Milan Bartos (Yugoslavia)	1

5. The PRESIDENT: The following candidates have received the required majority of votes in the Council: Mr. Hardy C. Dillard, Mr. Eduardo Jiménez de Aréchaga, Mr. Platon D. Morozov and Mr. Federico de Castro.

6. The Council will have to proceed to a second ballot for the fifth place, since only four of the candidates have received the required eight votes or more.

7. In this ballot members may vote for one candidate only and any ballot paper which contains more than one vote will be invalid. It is not possible in this second ballot to vote for any one of the four candidates who received eight or more votes in the previous ballot.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Nagendra Singh (India)	6
Mr. Louis Ignacio-Pinto (Dahomey)	4
Mr. Thanat Khoman (Thailand)	3
Mr. Constantin A. Stavropoulos (Greece)	2

8. The PRESIDENT: Since no candidate has received the required majority, the Council will proceed to a third ballot under the same conditions.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Nagendra Singh (India)	6
Mr. Louis Ignacio-Pinto (Dahomey)	4
Mr. Thanat Khoman (Thailand)	3
Mr. Constantin A. Stavropoulos (Greece)	2

9. The PRESIDENT: Since no candidate has received the required majority, we shall proceed to a fourth ballot under the same conditions.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Nagendra Singh (India)	6
Mr. Louis Ignacio-Pinto (Dahomey)	4
Mr. Thanat Khoman (Thailand)	3
Mr. Constantin A. Stavropoulos (Greece)	2

10. The PRESIDENT: Since no candidate has obtained the required majority, we shall proceed to a fifth ballot under the same conditions.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Louis Ignacio-Pinto (Dahomey)	7
Mr. Nagendra Singh (India)	5
Mr. Constantin A. Stavropoulos (Greece)	2
Mr. Thanat Khoman (Thailand)	1

11. The PRESIDENT: Since no candidate has obtained the required majority, we shall now proceed to a sixth ballot, under the same conditions.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Louis Ignacio-Pinto (Dahomey)	9
Mr. Nagendra Singh (India)	6

12. The PRESIDENT: Since the required majority has been obtained by Mr. Louis Ignacio-Pinto, the Security Council has now five candidates which have received eight or more votes. I shall now communicate the results to the President of the General Assembly and would ask the Council to remain in session until the President of the General Assembly has informed the Council of the results of the voting in the Assembly.

The meeting was suspended at 5.5 p.m. and resumed at 5.10 p.m.

13. The PRESIDENT: I have received a letter from the President of the General Assembly informing the Council that at the 1790th plenary meeting held this afternoon for the purpose of electing five members of the International Court of Justice, the following candidates obtained the required majority of votes: Mr. Eduardo Jiménez de Aréchaga, Mr. Hardy C. Dillard, Mr. Platon D. Morozov, Mr. Federico de Castro and Mr. Louis Ignacio-Pinto.

14. Inasmuch as those whom I have named also received the required majority of votes in the Security Council, they have been elected members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office of nine years, beginning on 6 February 1970.

15. It remains for me only to thank the members of the Council for their patience and to congratulate those who have been elected today on their election to this high office.

16. As we have concluded our business for today, unless there is objection I shall adjourn the meeting.

The meeting rose at 5.15 p.m.