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Tuesday, 30 November 1999, 3.45 p.m.

New York

Provisional

<i>President:</i>	Mr. Türk	(Slovenia)
<i>Members:</i>	Argentina	Mr. Petrella
	Bahrain	Mr. Saleh
	Brazil	Mr. Cordeiro
	Canada	Mr. Duval
	China	Mr. Chen Xu
	France	Mr. Teixeira da Silva
	Gabon	Mr. Eboumy
	Gambia	Mr. Jagne
	Malaysia	Mr. Hasmy
	Namibia	Mr. Andjaba
	Netherlands	Mr. Scheffers
	Russian Federation	Mr. Gatilov
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Richmond
	United States of America	Ms. Soderberg

Agenda

Date of an election to fill a vacancy in the International Court of Justice (S/1999/1197)

The meeting was called to order at 3.45 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/1999/1197 of 24 November 1999, which contains the text of a note by the Secretary-General concerning the date of an election to fill a vacancy in the International Court of Justice, owing to the resignation of Judge Stephen Schwebel, the President of the International Court of Justice, effective 29 February 2000. That note explains the need for the item on our agenda.

The resignation of Judge Stephen Schwebel on 29 February 2000 will create a vacancy in the International Court of Justice which will have to be filled.

Judge Schwebel was elected as a member of the Court from 15 January 1981 and was re-elected from 6 February 1988 and from 6 February 1997. His current term of office would have expired on 5 February 2006. He was Vice-President of the Court from 1994 to 1997 and has been President of the Court since 6 February 1997. He was a member of two Chambers in the cases concerning *Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary in the Gulf of Maine Area (Canada/United States of America)*, 1981-1984 and *Elettronica Sicula S.p.A.*, 1987-1989.

Under Article 14 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the Security Council is to fix the date for the election to fill the vacancy in the Court. As agreed during our prior consultations on this matter, the election could take place on 2 March 2000 at a meeting of the Security Council and at a meeting of the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.

Members of the Council have before them document S/1999/1205, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations. May I take it that the Council is ready to proceed to take a decision on that draft resolution?

There being no objection, it is so decided.

In the light of consultations which I have held, it is my understanding that the Council is ready to adopt the draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1205 without a vote.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

The draft resolution has been adopted as resolution 1278 (1999).

The Security Council has thus concluded its business for this meeting.

The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.