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Third plenary meeting

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7. Mr. BIRECKI (Poland) proposed Mr. Arthur S. Lall (India), who had served his country in many important positions and had been connected with the work of the United Nations since the seventh session of the General Assembly. His knowledge and long experience would contribute most effectively to the success of the Conference.

8. Mr. MATINE-DAFTARY (Iran) and Mr. WESTRUP (Sweden) seconded the nomination.

9. The PRESIDENT proposed that, since there was only one nomination, the secret ballot required under rule 43 of the rules of procedure should be dispensed with.

It was so agreed.

Mr. Arthur S. Lall (India) was elected chairman of the Committee of the Whole by acclamation.

Election of vice-presidents

[Agenda item 5]

10. The PRESIDENT said that under rule 6 of the rules of procedure, as amended, the Conference was to elect twenty vice-presidents. Subject to the approval of the Conference, he proposed that the vice-presidents should be the representatives of the following States: Argentina, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, France, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Liberia, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, Romania, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

It was so agreed.

Appointment of the Credentials Committee

[Agenda item 7]

11. The PRESIDENT said that, under rule 4 of the rules of procedure, the Conference was to appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of nine members. Subject to the approval of the Conference, he proposed that the committee should consist of the representatives of the following States: Australia, El Salvador, Haiti, Mali, Philippines, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic and the United States of America.

It was so agreed.

Organization of work

[Agenda item 8]

12. The PRESIDENT proposed that the Conference should refer items 10 and 11 of the agenda, which con-

stituted the main part of its work, to the Committee of the Whole.

It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.

THIRD PLENARY MEETING

Thursday, 16 March 1961, at 10.30 a.m.

President: Mr. VERDROSS (Austria)

Election of the Drafting Committee

[Agenda item 9]

1. The PRESIDENT pointed out that under rule 48 of the rules of procedure, the Conference was to appoint, on the proposal of the General Committee, a drafting committee consisting of not more than nine members, which would be responsible for the final drafting and co-ordination of the instruments approved by the committees of the Conference. The General Committee¹ had decided to recommend that the membership of the drafting committee should be increased to twelve, to ensure wider representation. It proposed, therefore, that the Conference should amend the first sentence of rule 48 to read:

“The Conference shall appoint, on the proposal of the General Committee, a drafting committee which shall consist of not more than twelve members.”

The amendment was adopted.

2. The PRESIDENT announced that, in accordance with rule 48 as amended, the General Committee proposed that the Conference should appoint a drafting committee with the following membership: Mr. Geraldo Eulalio do Nascimento e Silva (Brazil), Mr. R. S. S. Gunewardene (Ceylon), Mr. Hu Ching-yu (China), Mr. Warde N. Cameron (United States), Mr. Jacques Patey (France), Mr. E. K. Dadzie (Ghana), Mr. Endre Ustor (Hungary), Mr. Alfonso de Rosenzweig Diaz (Mexico), Mr. F. A. Vallat (United Kingdom), Mr. Abdullah El-Erian (United Arab Republic), Mr. Rudolf L. Bindschedler (Switzerland) and Mr. G. I. Tunkin (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

The drafting committee was appointed with that membership.

The meeting rose at 10.45 a.m.

¹ The General Committee, composed of the President of the Conference, the Vice-Presidents and the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole met once only, on 16 March 1961. At this meeting it recommended the amendment of rule 48 of the rules of procedure and the appointment of a drafting committee.