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Assembly in arriving at the rules of procedure. He trusted that a similar spirit of conciliation would prevail at the Conference.

35. Mr. VOGHEL (Canada), speaking on behalf of the delegations of Canada, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, said that while those delegations had

joined in the consensus (on the rules of procedure), their acceptance of those arrangements should not be construed as a change in their position concerning the legal nature of the participation of Namibia as represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia.

The meeting rose at 11.55 a.m.

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Wednesday, 19 February 1986, at 12.10 p.m.

President: Mr. ZEMANEK (Austria)

Election of Vice-Presidents [Agenda item 5]

1. The PRESIDENT said that, in the light of rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the regional groups had met and had nominated the representatives of the following 22 States as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: Bulgaria, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, France, German Democratic Republic, Greece, Guatemala, India, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Senegal, Sudan, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Zimbabwe.

2. Mr. ALMODÓVAR (Cuba) said that his delegation rejected the nomination of a representative of Chile as a Vice-President. It had not been agreed by the Latin American group of countries.

3. Mr. PALOMO (Guatemala), speaking on behalf of the Latin American group of countries, said that they had held a series of meetings at which the nominations of Vice-Presidents from among the Latin American countries had been agreed. Unfortunately, the representative of Cuba had not been present at those meetings.

4. Mr. ALMODÓVAR (Cuba) said that his delegation could not agree that the representative of Chile should occupy a post of Vice-President. That had not been agreed by the Latin American group of countries, all of whose representatives knew that Cuba would not accept the election of Chile as a Vice-President, precisely because it was not the country most representative of Latin America. He did not propose to repeat the reasons for Cuba's refusal, which were well known to everyone. His delegation regretted that it had to make the matter public. It had been in the conference room since the building had opened for the Conference that morning, and at no time had its members seen any announcement about group meetings. It therefore reiterated emphatically its refusal to agree that a representative of the Government of Chile should occupy a post of Vice-President on behalf of the Latin American group of countries.

5. The PRESIDENT said that the statement of the representative of Cuba would be recorded in full in the summary record of the meeting. As he saw no other objections, he would take it that the Conference approved the election of the 22 Vice-Presidents nominated by the regional groups.

It was so decided.

Election of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole [Agenda item 6]

6. The PRESIDENT announced the nomination of Mr. Mohamed El-Taher Shash (Egypt) as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Mohamed El-Taher Shash (Egypt) was elected Chairman of the Committee of the Whole by acclamation.

Election of the Chairman of the Drafting Committee [Agenda item 7]

7. The PRESIDENT announced the nomination of Mr. Awn Al-Khasawneh (Jordan) as Chairman of the Drafting Committee.

Mr. Awn Al-Khasawneh (Jordan) was elected Chairman of the Drafting Committee by acclamation.

Appointment of the Credentials Committee [Agenda item 8]

8. The PRESIDENT said that, in the light of rule 4 of the rules of procedure, he proposed that the representatives of the following nine States should be the members of the Credentials Committee: Brazil, Canada, China, Ecuador, Gabon, Thailand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Zambia.

That proposal was adopted.

The meeting rose at 12.25 p.m.