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President:

Mr. SHIHABI

(Saudi Arabia)

- Election of the officers of the Main Committees
- Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the
Chairman of the Committee on Conferences

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The meeting was called to order at 5.40 p.m.

ITEM 5 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I should like to inform members that the following representatives have been elected chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the Assembly and are accordingly members of the General Committee for the forty-sixth session:

First Committee:	Mr. Robert Mroziewicz (Poland)
Special Political Committee:	Mr. Nitya Pibulsonggram (Thailand)
Second Committee:	Mr. John Burke (Ireland)
Third Committee:	Mr. Mohammad Hussain Al-Shaali (United Arab Emirates)
Fourth Committee:	Mr. Charles Flemming (Saint Lucia)
Fifth Committee:	Mr. Ali Sunni Muntasser (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
Sixth Committee:	Mr. Pedro Comissario Afonso (Mozambique)

I congratulate the Chairmen on their election and wish them every success.

ITEM 6 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, we shall now proceed to the election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

All members of the General Assembly are eligible in this election except those already represented in the General Committee, namely, those countries whose representatives have been elected to the presidency of the General Assembly or to the chairmanships of the Main Committees.

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In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session shall be elected according to the following pattern:

- (a) Six representatives from African States;
- (b) Four representatives from Asian States;
- (c) One representative from an Eastern European State;
- (d) Three representatives from Latin American and Caribbean States;
- (e) Two representatives from Western European and other States;
- (f) Representatives of the five Permanent Members of the Security

Council.

In accordance with paragraph 16 of annex VI to the rules of procedure, the election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly by secret ballot will be dispensed with when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled. In other words, whenever the number of candidates in a given region corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in that region, those candidates will be declared elected. We shall proceed accordingly.

I shall now read the names of the candidates endorsed by the regional groups:

African States: Botswana, Guinea, Togo, Tunisia, United Republic of
Tanzania, Zaire;

Asian States: Malaysia, Myanmar, Oman, Qatar;

Eastern European States: Ukraine;

Latin American and Caribbean States: Belize, Ecuador, Honduras;

Western European and other States: Australia, Italy.

Since the number of candidates endorsed by the regional groups corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in each region, I declare

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those candidates elected, in addition to the representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

The following States have therefore been elected to Vice-Presidencies of the General Assembly: Australia, Belize, Botswana, China, Ecuador, France, Guinea, Honduras, Italy, Malaysia, Myanmar, Oman, Qatar, Togo, Tunisia, Ukraine, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America and Zaire.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the States that have been elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

The General Committee for the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly has now been fully constituted in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure.

ITEM 8 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK: LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES (A/46/374)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly will now turn its attention to document A/46/374, which contains a letter dated 20 August 1991 addressed to the President of the Assembly by the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences. As members are aware, the Assembly, in paragraph 7 of its resolution 40/243, decided that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

As indicated in the letter I have just mentioned, the Committee on Conferences has recommended that the General Assembly authorize the Governing

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Council of the United Nations Development Programme and its Standing Committee for Programme Matters to meet from 16 to 18 September 1991.

Bearing in mind that those dates overlap with the forty-sixth session of the Assembly, may I take it that the General Assembly adopts the recommendations of the Committee on Conferences?

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.

