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Friday, 7 November 2014, 12.25 p.m.
New York

President: Mr. Kutesa (Uganda)

The meeting was called to order at 12.25 p.m.

Agenda item 111 (continued)

Election to fill vacancies in principal organs

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice

Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/69/230)

List of candidates (A/69/253)

Curricula vitae (A/69/254)

The President: As members are aware, there is still one vacancy on the Court to be filled. The Assembly will now proceed to vote with respect to the remaining vacancy.

I should like to remind representatives once again that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure,

“After the President has announced the beginning of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting.”

We shall now begin the voting process. Ballot papers will now be distributed.

All the candidates whose names appear on the ballot paper are eligible. I would like to remind delegations that the name of only one candidate should be marked with a cross. Any ballot paper on which more than one name is marked will be considered invalid. Votes may be cast only for those whose names appear on the ballot papers.

At the invitation of the President, Ms. Mansouri (Algeria), Ms. Mohd Salleh (Brunei Darussalam), Mr. Ona Garcés (Ecuador), Mr. Stefanik (Poland), Ms. Lyngdorf (Sweden) and Mr. do Carmo Vieira (Timor-Leste) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 12.40 p.m. and resumed at 1 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	192
Required absolute majority:	97
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Patrick Lipton Robinson (Jamaica)	123
Ms. Susana Ruiz Cerutti (Argentina)	69

Mr. Patrick Lipton Robinson has obtained an absolute majority in the General Assembly.

I have communicated the result of the voting to the President of the Security Council.

I have also received a letter from the President of the Security Council, which reads:

“I have the honour to inform you that at the 7300th meeting of the Security Council, held on 7 November 2014, for the purpose of electing one member of the International Court of Justice for

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a term of office beginning on 6 February 2015, Ms. Susana Ruiz Cerutti obtained an absolute majority of votes.”

As a result of the voting that has taken place independently in the General Assembly and the Security Council, no candidate has obtained an absolute majority in both bodies. In accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of the Statute of the Court,

it will therefore be necessary to hold another meeting to fill the remaining vacancy.

I propose that the present meeting be adjourned and that in view of the late hour, the 43rd meeting be convened this afternoon at 3 p.m. to vote on the remaining vacancy.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.