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I. Composition of the Council

The Council shall be composed of thirty-six members, of whom twenty shall be elected by the Assembly and sixteen shall be designated in accordance with the following criteria.

A. Of the sixteen designated members, eight members shall be designated on the basis of the Gross National Product scale.

To the exclusion of the States already designated in pursuance of the foregoing paragraph, seven members shall be designated on the basis of their particular role as coastal States.

One member shall be designated on the basis of its status as a land-locked State.

The seven members having a particular role as coastal States shall be designated as follows. In each of the geographical regions numbered 1 to 7 in the list in paragraph B. below, that State shall be designated which has the highest figure when the length of its coasts in nautical miles is multiplied by the number of its inhabitants.

The State designated as a member on the basis of its status as a land-locked State shall be that land-locked State which has the highest figure when its surface area is multiplied by the number of its inhabitants.

^{1/} See document A/AC.138/SC.I/L.15.

B. The Assembly shall elect twenty members of the Council from among the following groups of countries:

1. Africa
2. North America
3. Latin America
4. Asia
5. Western Europe
6. Eastern Europe
7. Oceania
8. Land-locked States

The above twenty members shall be elected by the Assembly in such a manner that the Council as a whole shall at all times include a specified number (to be determined) of members representing the groups of countries listed in the foregoing paragraph.

II. System of voting in the Council

The Council shall take decisions on matters of substance by a three-quarters majority, while decisions on questions of procedure shall be taken by a simple majority.

The Council shall decide by a simple majority whether a question is a matter of substance or procedure.

In all cases, the quorum shall consist of the number of States present and voting.