are conducted by the General Assembly and the Security Council with candidates obtaining an absolute majority of votes in both forums being declared elected. The next elections will be held in the fall of 1978 during the 33rd Session of the General Assembly. The International Court of Justice consists of fifteen members who serve for a period of nine years. The late Mr. Justice John E. Read, formerly legal adviser of the Department of External Affairs, served as a Member of the Court from 1946 to 1958.