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Present

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. GRUBER	President of the General Conference
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. HOOD	Australia
	Mr. MUNIZ	Brazil
	Mr. WERSHOF	Canada
	Mr. FAHMY	Egypt
	Mr. de MAUTORT	France
	Mr. SIVA	India
	Mr. SURJOTJONDRO	Indonesia
	Mr. TAKASHIMA	Japan
	Mr. BILLIG	Poland
	Mr. SOLE	Union of South Africa
	Mr. ZAMYATIN	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
	Mr. MICHAELS	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mr. VEDELER	United States of America
	Mr. LUJÁN	Venezuela
<u>Also present:</u>	Mr. WINKLER	Chairman of the Board of Governors
<u>Secretariat:</u>	Mr. JOLLES	Secretary General of the General Conference
	Mr. URQUHART	Secretary of the Committee

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (GC.1/GEN/2)

1. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the meeting should adopt the provisional agenda (GC.1/GEN/2).

The agenda was adopted.

ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO MAIN COMMITTEES (GC.1/GEN/1; GC.1/13).

2. Mr. JOLLES (Secretary General), replying to a point raised by Mr. WERSHOF (Canada), said that the question of the permanent headquarters of the Agency and the facilities to be made available to it in Vienna would be dealt with by the Board of Governors, which might have to refer the matter to the Administrative and Legal Committee before it could complete its report.

3. No additional or supplementary items had been put forward for inclusion in the agenda of the General Conference.

4. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the General Committee approve the allocation of agenda items proposed by the Secretary General in GC.1/GEN/1.

It was so decided.

RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE CLOSING DATE OF THE CONFERENCE

5. Mr. JOLLES (Secretary General) explained that the original Secretariat time-table had provided for the Conference to end on 23 October. As two days had already been lost, however, the earliest date on which the Conference could end would probably be 24 October. The two Main Committees would need eight to ten working days, and three days of plenary meetings would be necessary to adopt the reports of the two Main Committees and to deal with other business.

6. After some discussion, in which Mr. MICHAELS (United Kingdom), Mr. ZAMYATIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. JOLLES (Secretary General) took part, Mr. SOLE (Union of South Africa) said that, while he could agree with the Secretary General's proposal that the Conference should close on 24 October, he felt that some more detailed time-table should be adopted. For example, the Chairman might announce the closing date for the general debate and suggest that the two Main Committees should meet shortly before

one of the plenary meetings to elect their Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteurs and should begin their proceedings not later than 14 October. When circumstances permitted, a decision could be taken at short notice to hold a meeting of the Board of Governors.

7. Mr. WINKLER (Chairman of the Board of Governors) pointed out that the Main Committees would be unable to begin work on certain items until the Board of Governors had submitted its report. He would bear in mind the South African representative's suggestions. It might be useful to arrange alternate meetings of the General Conference and the Board of Governors, so that items could be referred to the Main Committees without delay.

8. The CHAIRMAN said he would announce at the next plenary meeting of the General Conference that the list of speakers for the general debate would be closed at 6 p.m. on 8 October.

9. He suggested that the General Committee should approve the Secretariat proposal to recommend 24 October as the provisional closing date of the General Conference; the South African representative's comments would be borne in mind in arranging the time-table of future work.

It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 10.40 a.m.