

## **General Conference**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

Item 16 of the provisional agenda  
(GC.(II)/35)

**RULES REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF  
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND**

Report by the Board of Governors

1. The General Conference will recall that in a resolution it adopted on 22 October 1957, it requested the Board to submit to it at its second regular session recommendations concerning rules to govern the acceptance of voluntary contributions by the Agency(1).
2. The Board has made a preliminary examination of what rules it would be desirable to establish for this purpose, during the course of which it became clear that the elaboration of the rules themselves would prove to be a task of some complexity, which would take more time than was originally expected. The Board has unfortunately found itself unable to undertake and complete this work in time to allow circulation of the rules to those Members of the Agency which are not at present represented on the Board reasonably far in advance of the opening of the second regular session of the General Conference.
3. In the circumstances the Board wishes to recommend the General Conference to renew its request to the Board for rules to govern the acceptance of voluntary contributions, and in the meantime to authorize the Board which will pursue the task of elaborating rules to apply them to the acceptance of such voluntary contributions as may be made to the Agency before the General Conference has approved the rules in question. This would be a purely provisional measure taken in view of the exigencies of the situation, would not constitute a precedent, and would be without prejudice to the power of the General Conference to approve or disapprove the rules at its third regular session. The Board accordingly recommends the following draft resolution for adoption:

**RULES REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AGENCY**

The General Conference,

(a) Recalling paragraph 4 of its resolution of 22 October 1957 in which it requested the Board of Governors to submit recommendations concerning rules to govern the acceptance of voluntary contributions by the Agency, and

(b) Noting that the Board has so far been unable to comply with that request;

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(1) GC.1(S)/RES/6.

1. Requests the Board of Governors to prepare rules regarding the acceptance of voluntary contributions to the Agency as soon as possible, and to submit them to the General Conference for approval at its third regular session; and
  
  2. Authorizes the Board, as a provisional measure and without constituting a precedent, to apply those rules to the acceptance of such voluntary contributions as may be made to the Agency before the General Conference has approved the rules.
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