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AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Report of the Administrative and Legal Committee

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1. At its eighteenth meeting on 26 September 1960 the Committee considered item 17 of the agenda - Amendment of the Rules of Procedure. The Committee had before it documents GC(IV)/115 and GC(IV)/115/Corr.1, containing proposals by the Director General.
2. During the brief discussion the delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics said that his delegation could not support the amendment to Rule 13; several other delegates agreed with this view.
3. The Committee decided, unanimously with respect to the proposed amendments to Rules 2, 6, 12 and 32, and by 40 votes in favor, eight against, with no abstentions with respect to Rule 13, to recommend that the General Conference adopt the resolution set forth in the Annex to this document.

A N N E X

Draft resolution

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The General Conference

Decides to amend certain of its Rules of Procedure as set forth below:

(a) Rule 2 to read:

Rule 2. Notifications of sessions

The Director General shall notify all Members of the Agency, the United Nations, the specialized agencies, other international organizations with which the Agency has concluded a relationship agreement, non-governmental organizations enjoying consultative status with the Agency and such other organizations as the General Conference or the Board of Governors may from time to time decide, at least ninety days in advance of each regular session, of the opening date, place and expected duration thereof.

(b) Rule 6 to read:

Rule 6. Notifications of special sessions

The Director General shall notify all Members of the Agency, the United Nations, the specialized agencies, other international organizations with which the Agency has concluded a relationship agreement, non-governmental organizations enjoying consultative status with the Agency and such other organizations as the General Conference or the Board of Governors may from time to time decide, at least thirty days in advance of each special session, of the opening date, place and expected duration thereof.

(c) The following sub-paragraph (e) to be inserted in Rule 12:

(e) Any item proposed by a specialized agency in accordance with the agreement establishing the relationship between the Agency and that specialized agency;

(d) Existing sub-paragraphs (e) to (l) of Rule 12 to be re-designated (f) to (m) respectively.

(e) The first sentence of Rule 13 to read:

A Member of the Agency, the Board of Governors, the Director General, in agreement with the Board of Governors, or the United Nations may, not later than thirty days before the date set for the opening of any regular session, request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda.

(f) Rule 32 to read:

Rule 32. Representatives of other
international organizations

(a) Representatives of international organizations, other than the United Nations and the specialized agencies, with which an appropriate relationship has been established in accordance with Article XVI.A of the Statute shall be entitled, if their relationship agreements with the Agency so provide, to attend sessions of the General Conference and to participate without vote on matters of common interest between them and the Agency.

(b) Representatives of non-governmental organizations enjoying consultative status with the Agency may attend the General Conference in accordance with such rules as the General Conference has approved.