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GENERAL COMMITTEE EIGHTEENTH MEETING

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<sup>\*\*</sup> GC(XIV)/429.

#### PRESENT\*

#### Chairman

Mr. SARABHAI (India), President of the General Conference

#### Members

- Mr. QUIHILLALT (Argentina), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Sir Philip BAXTER (Australia), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. de CARVALHO (Brazil), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. N'GUEMA N'DONG (Gabon), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. NIISEKI (Japan), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. URSU (Romania), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. TIMERBAEV, representing Mr. MOROKHOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. KELLY, representing Sir John HILL (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. REITBAUER (Austria), Chairman of the Administrative and Legal Committee
- Mr. BERLIS (Canada), Chairman of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee
- Mr. DUMONT, representing Mr. HIRSCH (France), Additional Member
- Mr. ANDRZEJEWSKI (Poland), Additional Member
- Mr. ISINGOMA (Uganda), Additional Member
- Mr. GLENNAN, representing Mr. SEABORG (United States of America), Additional Member

#### Secretariat

Mr. HALL, Deputy Director General for Administration

Mr. BOLTON, Secretary of the Committee

The structure of the General Committee is laid down in Rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure. The composition of the Committee at the fourteenth regular session will be found in document GC(XIV)/INF/125/Rev.2.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING (GC(XIV)/GEN/38)

1. The agenda proposed for the meeting (GC(XIV)/GEN/38) was adopted.

# ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION (GC(XIV)/429)

- 2. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the fact that there was no application for membership of the Agency (item 6 of the provisional agenda (GC(XIV)/429)) before the General Conference. However, the possibility remained that an application might be submitted and that the Board of Governors might make a recommendation on it while the Conference was in session. Should that contingency arise, the best way of dealing with it would be for the President to inform the Conference of the situation and subsequently to take the necessary steps to have the application considered.
- 3. He suggested that the Committee recommend the General Conference to adopt an agenda comprising all the items listed in the provisional agenda with the exception of item 6.
- 4. It was so decided.
- 5. The CHAIRMAN recalled that in the past the Committee had left it to the President of the Conference to decide, in consultation with the Secretariat, the best order in which to take the items so as to meet the wishes of as many delegates as possible. It would seem advisable for the Committee again to give the President a similar degree of latitude. He suggested, however, that item 3(b) Report of the Credentials Committee be taken after the close of the general debate, but before the Conference went on to adopt resolutions and take other decisions.
- 6. The Committee decided to recommend the Conference to approve the allocation of agenda items for initial discussion suggested in document GC(XIV)/429.
- 7. The Committee authorized the Chairman to draw up its report to the Conference.

#### CLOSING DATE OF THE SESSION

8. The CHAIRMAN reminded the Committee that, according to Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, it was required to submit a recommendation on a closing date for the session.

It was reasonable to assume from the agenda which the Committee had decided to recommend to the Conference that most of the time would be spent on item 9 - General debate and report of the Board of Governors for 1969-70 - and it seemed unlikely that discussion of that item would be concluded before the end of the week. In view of all the other items on the agenda the session could not close before 28 or 29 September 1970, and then only provided that the two main Committees were able to finish their work by the end of the week. He therefore suggested that the Committee authorize him, once the general debate was well advanced, when it would be easier to gauge the amount of time needed for it, to recommend orally on its behalf to the Conference that a day at the beginning of the following week be fixed as closing date for the session.

10. It was so decided.

### OPENING DATE OF THE FIFTEENTH (1971) REGULAR SESSION

The CHAIRMAN recalled that it was customary for the Committee to submit to the Conference a recommendation on the opening date of the following regular session, which was usually a Tuesday in the second fortnight of September. In 1971 that could be either 21 or 28 September. He and the Director General thought the earlier date preferable in view of the fact that the Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy at Geneva was to end on 17 September 1971. The participants in the Geneva Conference would thus have just enough time to reach Vienna for the meeting of the Board of Governors which normally took place on the Friday preceding the opening of the General Conference. He would therefore ask the Committee to authorize him to recommend orally to the Conference that it fix Tuesday, 21 September 1971, as the opening date of the fifteenth regular session.

#### 12. It was so decided.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (GC(XIV)/GEN/37)

- 13. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the Director General's memorandum on the election of Members to the Board of Governors (GC(XIV)/GEN/37). The Annex to that document contained the draft of a report which the Committee could present to the Conference.
- 14. The draft report was approved.