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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Director General

1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference [1], the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the fifteenth regular session of the General Conference will open in the Kongresszentrum, Neue Hofburg, Vienna, on Tuesday, 21 September 1971, at 3 p. m.
2. Pursuant to Rule 11 the Director General has drawn up the attached provisional agenda for the session in consultation with the Board of Governors. In the annotation to each item thereof a suggestion is made, for consideration by the General Committee, as to where it should first be discussed - in plenary meeting or in one of the committees.
3. The order in which items are listed is not to be construed as a formal proposal that they should be discussed in that order; the numbers allocated to them do, however, largely reflect the sequence in which the Conference has taken up corresponding items at recent sessions. The Conference may accordingly find it convenient to take items 1-10 during the initial plenary meetings; items 11-18 are grouped according to the committee in which it is suggested they should first be discussed; and the remainder are those which it seems likely the Conference will wish to take up in subsequent plenary meetings.
4. Should the Director General receive by 22 August any request under Rule 13 for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda, such an item will, subject to the limitation in Rule 21, be placed on a supplementary list of items which will be circulated not later than 1 September.

[1] GC(VII)/INF/60.

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session Plenary meeting

In the light of Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure, it is expected that the session will be opened by the delegate of India. Immediately thereafter the presiding officer will invite the delegates to observe a minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

2. Election of the President Plenary meeting

Under Rule 34 the General Conference is required to elect a President to hold office until the end of the session.

3. Credentials of delegates to the fifteenth (1971) regular session

- (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee Plenary meeting

Under Rule 28 the President will propose the appointment of a Credentials Committee of nine members.

- (b) Report of the Credentials Committee Plenary meeting

Under Rule 28 the Credentials Committee is required to examine the credentials of all delegates and report thereon to the General Conference.

4. Election of the Vice-Presidents Plenary meeting

Under Rule 34 the Conference is required to elect eight Vice-Presidents to hold office until the end of the session. [2]

5. Appointment of the General Committee Plenary meeting

Under Rule 40 the Conference is required to appoint a General Committee consisting of the President, the eight Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the Main Committees and four additional members.

6. Applications for membership of the Agency Plenary meeting

This item is included to provide for the contingency that the Conference may have before it one or more recommendations by the Board of Governors for the admission of States to membership of the Agency.

7. Statement by the Director General Plenary meeting

The Director General proposes to make an oral statement to the Conference.

[2] Rule 34 stipulates that these elections shall be held after those of the Chairmen of the two Main Committees provided for in Rule 45. Before this item is taken it will accordingly be necessary to hold brief meetings of the two Committees (the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee and the Administrative and Legal Committee) at which these two bodies can elect their respective Chairmen.

8. Adoption of the Agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion General Committee

The General Committee will report to the Conference under Rule 42(a) on the provisional agenda set forth in the present document and on any supplementary list of items (Rule 13); it will also report on any proposals for the inclusion of additional items of an important or urgent character in the agenda (Rule 15) that may have been made at the outset of the session. After considering this report, the Conference will approve the agenda (Rule 14) and allocate the items for initial discussion.

9. General debate and report of the Board of Governors for 1970-71 Plenary meeting

Under Article V, E, 4 of the Statute the Conference is required to consider the annual report for the year 1970-71 which the Board has prepared (GC(XV)/455).

10. Closing date of the session General Committee

Under Rule 8 the Conference is required to fix a closing date for the session, after considering a recommendation on the subject which the General Committee will make.

11. Arrangements for the sixteenth (1972) regular session General Committee

Under Rule 1 the Conference is required to set the opening date of the sixteenth regular session in 1972. The Government of Mexico has invited the Conference to hold the session in the Mexican capital - see document GC(XV)/453.

12. Election of Members to the Board of Governors General Committee

The terms of office of Hungary, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Spain, Uruguay and Viet-Nam as elected Members of the Board will expire at the end of this year's regular session of the Conference. Under Rule 86 the General Committee is required to determine the number of elective places on the Board to be filled by the Conference so that, after the end of the session, the Board will be constituted in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, A, 3 of the Statute. Rules 79-81 and 83-88 relate to the conduct of the elections; the Members elected will hold office until the end of the seventeenth regular session in 1973 (Article VI, D of the Statute and Rule 84).

13. The Agency's budget for 1971 Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

In document GC(XV)/457 the Board is submitting to the General Conference a supplementary estimate for increased expenditure, under the current year's Regular Budget, together with a request for approval of a reduction in the level of the Working Capital Fund.

14. The Agency's budget for 1972 Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

Under Article V, E, 5 of the Statute the Conference is required to approve the Agency's budget for 1972 on the basis of estimates for expenses which the Board, under Article XIV, A, is submitting in document GC(XV)/460 or to return the budget with recommendations as to its entirety or to parts to the Board, for re-submission to the Conference.

15. Assessment of Members' contributions towards the Agency's administrative expenses Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

At the Board's request the Director General will submit to the Conference the draft of a resolution whereby it could supplement the principles it approved by Resolution GC(III)/RES/50 for the assessment of Members' contributions towards the Agency's administrative expenses, in order to reflect arrangements for the financing of safeguards which the Board has endorsed. The Director General will also propose to the Conference a scale of such assessments for 1972, in the preparation of which he will apply the arrangements in question.

16. Financing of nuclear power in developing countries Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

Document GC(XV)/458 contains a memorandum by the Board on the financing of nuclear power in developing countries.

17. The Agency's accounts for 1970 Administrative and Legal Committee

The Agency's accounts for 1970, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and a report by the Board, will be communicated to the Conference in document GC(XV)/459.

18. The Agency's relations with intergovernmental organizations Administrative and Legal Committee

In document GC(XV)/452 the Board is recommending the Conference to approve an agreement providing for co-operation between the Agency and the League of Arab States. By document GC(XV)/461 the Board is seeking the Conference's authorization to invite particular intergovernmental organizations to be represented at next year's session.

19. The Agency's annual reports to United Nations organs Plenary meeting

It is foreseen that the Board will make procedural recommendations to the Conference with regard to the Agency's annual reports to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

20. Appointment of the External Auditor Plenary meeting

The Conference has appointed the present External Auditor - the Auditor General of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic - to audit the Agency's accounts for the years 1970 and 1971. [3] It will, therefore, be necessary for the Conference to make an appointment at the fifteenth regular session to provide for the auditing of the accounts in respect of subsequent years.

21. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee Plenary meeting

Elections will be needed in order to replace one or more of those members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee who are chosen by the Conference.

[3] See Resolutions and other decisions of the General Conference, thirteenth regular session, decision number GC(XIII)/DEC/8.

22. Voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1972 Plenary meeting

It is expected that the usual measures will be taken to obtain pledges of voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1972 [4], for which the Board is proposing a target of \$3 million (see document GC(XV)/460).

23. Closing of the session Plenary meeting

The President will invite the delegates to observe a minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation, and immediately thereafter declare the session closed.

[4] See, for example, documents GC(XIV)/439 and GC(XIV)/OR.141, para. 54.