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GENERAL COMMITTEE

### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Memorandum by the Director General

- 1. Under Rule 86 of the Rules of Procedure the General Committee is called upon to determine the number of elective places on the Board of Governors which must be filled by the General Conference, as well as to specify each geographical area in respect of which a Member or Members must be elected so as to ensure compliance with the provisions of Article VI.A.3 of the Statute.
- 2. Of the present Members elected at previous sessions, the terms of office of five Brazil, Chile, the Netherlands, the Syrian Arab Republic and Thailand will expire at the end of the sixteenth regular session. The Committee will, therefore, no doubt wish to determine and so report to the Conference that five Members must be elected to the Board during this session.
- 3. Article VI.A.3 of the Statute provides that the 12 Members of the Board elected by the Conference shall always include:

3 from Latin America,

1 from Western Europe,

1 from Eastern Europe,

3 from Africa and the Middle East,

1 from South Asia,

1 from South Fast Asia and the Pacific, and

1 from the Far East.

Since the seven elected Members that will continue to serve on the Board after the end of the current session are China, Colombia, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Greece, Romania, the Republic of Sri Lanka and the Republic of Zaire2/, the Committee will doubtless wish to specify that the following elections are required in respect of geographical areas:

2 from Latin America,

- 1 from Africa and the Middle East, and
- 1 from South East Asia and the Pacific.

<sup>1/</sup> GC (VII) /INF/60.

<sup>2/</sup> See document GC(XV)/RESOLUTIONS, Other Decisions, decision number GC(XV)/DEC/9.

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4. For the Committee's convenience, a draft of its report to the Conference is annexed hereto. It closely follows the lines of the corresponding report the Committee made to the Conference last year 3/.

### ANNEX

## A draft of a document for the General Conference

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# Report of the General Committee

- Rule 86 of the Rules of Procedure requires the General Conference to determine the number of elective places on the Board of Governors which must be filled by the General Conference so as to ensure compliance with the provisions of Article VI.A.3 of the Statute. The Committee accordingly notifies the Conference that it has determined that five Members must be elected to the Board during the present session. In this connection, the Committee invites attention to the last provision in the Article, which stipulates that
  - ".... no member in the category [of members elected to the Board by the General Conference] in any one term of office shall be eligible for reelection in the same category for the following term of office."2/
- Rule 86 further requires the General Committee to specify the geographical areas in respect of which a Member or Members must be elected so as to ensure that after the end of the session the Board shall include three Members each elected by the Conference from the areas of Latin America and of Africa and the Middle East, and one Member from each of the remaining areas, except North America, specified in Rule 83. In compliance with this provision, the Committee hereby specified that elections are required at the current session in respect of three geographical areas, as follows:
  - 1 Mcmber from Africa and the
  - Middle East, and

2 Members from Latin America, 1 Member from South East Asia and the Pacific.

The remaining Member may be elected from any geographical area in so far as its election is not precluded by the provisions of Article VI of the Statute.

In view of the provision in Rule 83 that the Conference shall conduct the elections with due regard to equitable representation on the Board as a whole of the Members in the geographical areas specified in that Rule, it may wish

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<sup>2/</sup> The Members to which this provision at present applies are Brazil, Chile, the Netherlands, the Syrian Arab Republic and Thailand - see document GC(XIV)/RESOLUTIONS, Other Decisions, decision number GC(XIV)/DEC/10 and Article VI.D of the Statute.

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to have before it the following list of Members that have already been elected by the Conference  $\frac{3}{2}$  or designated by the Board  $\frac{4}{2}$  to serve on the Board after the end of the present session:

Australia
Belgium
Brazil
Canada
China
Colombia
Egypt, Arab Republic of
Finland

Finland France Greece India Japan
Poland
Romania
South Africa
Sri Lanka, Republic of
Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics
United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland
United States of America

Zaire, Republic of

<sup>3/</sup> See document GC(XV)/RESOLUTIONS, Other Decisions, decision number GC(XV)/DEC/9.

<sup>4/</sup> GC(XVI)/483.