Seventeenth regular session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Director General

1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the seventeenth regular session of the General Conference will open in the Kongresszentrum, Neue Hofburg, Vienna, on Tuesday, 18 September 1973, at 10.30 a.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 1-11 during the initial plenary meetings; items 12-18 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 19 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 29 August.

1/ GC(VII)/INF/60.
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1. Opening of the session
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20. Appointment of the External Auditor
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22. Voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1974
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ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session

In the light of Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure, it is expected that the session will be opened by the delegate of Mexico. 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

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 seventeenth (1973) regular session

(a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee

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

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

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

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

5. Appointment of the General Committee

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

Document GC(XVII)/498 will contain a recommendation by the Board of Governors for the admission of the German Democratic Republic to membership of the Agency.

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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.
7. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of General Committee items for initial discussion

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. The Conference will then approve the agenda (Rule 14) and allocate the items for initial discussion.

8. Appointment of the Director General Plenary meeting

The period of appointment of the present Director General ends on 30 November 1973.

In document GC(XVII)/499 the Board will seek the Conference's approval, pursuant to Article VII.A of the Statute, of the appointment to the post it has accordingly made.

9. Statement by the Director General Plenary meeting

The Director General proposes to make a statement to the Conference.

10. General debate and report for 1972-73 Plenary meeting

Under Article V.4 of the Statute the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1972-73 which the Board has prepared (GC(XVII)/500).

11. 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.

12. Opening date of the eighteenth (1974) regular session General Committee

Under Rule 1 the Conference is required to set the opening date of the eighteenth regular session in 1974.

13. The Agency's budget for 1973 Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

In document GC(XVII)/501 the Board is submitting to the Conference a supplementary estimate for increased expenditure under the current year's Regular Budget.

3/ See document GC(XII)/402, para. 2.

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute the Conference is required to approve the Agency's budget for 1974 on the basis of estimates for expenses which the Board, under Article XIV.A, is submitting in document GC(XVII)/505, or to return the budget with recommendations as to its entirety or to parts to the Board, for re-submission to the Conference.

15. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Agency's administrative expenses in 1974

The Director General will submit to the Conference in document GC(XVII)/507 a proposed scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Agency's administrative expenses in 1974.

16. Market survey for nuclear power

Document GC(XVII)/506 will contain a summary report on the market survey which has been made in selected developing countries of the potential demand for nuclear power.4/

17. The Agency's accounts for 1972

The Agency's accounts for 1972, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and a report by the Board, will be communicated to the Conference in document GC(XVII)/504.

18. Amendment of the Rules of Procedure

In document GC(XVII)/503 proposals will be made to the Conference for the amendment of its current Rules of Procedure (GC(VII)/INF/60). Some of the proposed amendments will be designed to make it possible for a total of 22 Members elected by the Conference to be represented on the Board pursuant to the version of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute which came into force on 1 June5/, and it is to be noted that the Conference will have to deal with these amendments before it proceeds to this year's elections, which

5/ See document INFCIRC/159/Rev.3.
are the subject of item 19 of this provisional agenda. The purpose of other amendments will be to enable the Conference's procedures to be somewhat simplified.

19. **Election of Members to the Board of Governors**  
   Plenary meeting

   The terms of office of the Members elected to the Board in 1971 will expire at the end of this year's regular session of the Conference. The Conference will be required to elect such Members to the Board as will result in its being constituted, after the end of the session, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute.

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 1972 and 1973. It will therefore be necessary for the Conference to make an appointment at the seventeenth 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

   It may be necessary to elect successors to replace one or more of those members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee who are chosen by the Conference.

22. **Voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1974**  
   Plenary meeting

   It is expected that the usual measures will be taken to obtain pledges of voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1974.

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.

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6/ See Resolutions and Other Decisions of the General Conference, fifteenth regular session, decision number GC(XV)/DEC/9.

7/ See Resolutions and Other Decisions of the General Conference, fifteenth regular session, decision number GC(XV)/DEC/10.

8/ See, for example, documents GC(XVI)/487 and GC(XVI)/OR.158, paras 49 and 50.