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## SEVENTEENTH REGULAR SESSION: 18–24 SEPTEMBER 1973

GENERAL COMMITTEE

RECORD OF THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

Held at the Neue Hofburg, Vienna, on Tuesday, 18 September 1973, at 12.30 p. m.

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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING\*

Chairman

Mr. BOSWELL (Australia), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr. FUJIIYAMA (Japan), Vice-President of the General Conference  
Mr. RAZAFINDRATANDRA (Madagascar), Vice-President of the General Conference  
Mr. URSU (Romania), Vice-President of the General Conference  
Mr. KABBANI (Saudi Arabia), Vice-President of the General Conference  
Mr. ARKADIEV, representing Mr. MOROKHOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics),  
Vice-President of the General Conference  
Mr. JACKSON, representing Mr. ALLEN (United Kingdom), Vice-President  
of the General Conference  
Mr. PORTER, representing Miss RAY (United States of America), Vice-President  
of the General Conference  
Mr. JAIPAL (India), Chairman of the Administrative and Legal Committee  
Mr. BEESLEY (Canada), Additional Member  
Mr. CURIEN, representing Mr. YVON (France), Additional Member  
Mr. KHATTABI (Morocco), Additional Member  
Mr. ZHMUDSKY (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic), Additional Member

Secretariat

Mr. HALL, Deputy Director General for Administration  
Mr. BOLTON, Secretary of the Committee

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\* The structure of the General Committee is laid down in Rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure. The composition of the Committee at the seventeenth regular session will be found in document GC(XVII)/INF/145/Rev. 2.

## THE RECORD

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING (GC(XVII)/GEN/44)

- 1. The agenda proposed for the meeting (GC(XVII)/GEN/44) was adopted.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION (GC(XVII)/497)

2. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee recommend the Conference to adopt an agenda comprising all the items listed in the provisional agenda (GC(XVII)/497).

- 3. It was so decided.

4. 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 agenda items so as to meet the wishes of as many delegates as possible. It seemed advisable for the Committee again to give the President a similar degree of latitude. He wished to suggest, however, that item 3(b) - Report of the Credentials Committee - be taken after the conclusion of the general debate and before the Conference went on to adopt resolutions and take other decisions.

- 5. The Committee decided to recommend the Conference to approve the allocation of agenda items for initial discussion suggested in document GC(XVII)/497.

- 6. The Committee authorized the Chairman to draw up its report to the Conference on the agenda.

## CLOSING DATE OF THE SESSION

7. The CHAIRMAN recalled that, under Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee was required to submit a recommendation to the Conference on a closing date for the session.

8. In the light of the agenda that the Committee had decided to recommend to the Conference, it was reasonable to assume that most of the time would be spent on item 10 - General debate and report for 1972-73 - and it seemed likely that that item would be disposed of by the end of the morning on Friday, 21 September. That being so, the session could be brought to a close at some time on the following Monday, provided the Main Committees had finished their work by the end of the current week. He accordingly suggested that the General Committee authorize him, once the general debate was well advanced, when it would be easier to judge whether his forecast was correct, to recommend on its behalf to the Conference that the Monday of the following week be fixed as the closing date for the session.

- 9. It was so decided.

## OPENING DATE OF THE EIGHTEENTH (1974) REGULAR SESSION

10. The CHAIRMAN recalled that it was customary for the Committee to recommend to the Conference an opening date for the following regular session, which normally fell on a Tuesday in the second half of September. It seemed, however, that most delegations were in favour of opening the session on a Monday. The choice was between 16 and 23 September, 30 September being too late. As the World Energy Conference was to meet in the United States from 22 to 27 September, and an overlap would be undesirable, 16 September would be the better choice.

11. Mr. PORTER (United States of America) said he would agree to that date, it being understood that sessions could subsequently open on a Tuesday once again if that proved to be preferable.

12. Mr. JACKSON (United Kingdom) suggested that the session might open on the Monday afternoon so that delegations would have time for consultations during the morning.

13. Mr. JAIPAL (Chairman of the Administrative and Legal Committee) said he was in favour of opening the session at 11 a. m. on the Monday; delegations would still have time to exchange views beforehand.

14. The CHAIRMAN felt that the main thing was to decide on the day; the exact time of day at which the session would open could be fixed later. He therefore suggested that the Committee authorize him to recommend orally to the Conference that Monday, 16 September 1974, be fixed as the opening date for the eighteenth regular session.

- 15. It was so decided.

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (GC(XVII)/GEN/43)

16. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee's attention to document GC(XVII)/GEN/43 on the election of Members to the Board of Governors. There the Director General drew the Committee's attention to the fact that the entry into force of an amended version of Article VI, A, 2 of the Statute would make it necessary for the Conference to amend its current Rules of Procedure before it proceeded to elect Members to the Board. In that context the Director General suggested that it would be most helpful if the Committee were to address to the Conference an explanatory communication, a draft of which was annexed to the document before the Committee.

17. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked whether the draft memorandum could be interpreted as meaning that, at its current session, the Conference would elect some Members to the Board for one year only to take account of the transition from the old to the new version of the Statute.

18. The CHAIRMAN replied that that question was still the subject of negotiations, the outcome of which should not, in his opinion, be prejudged. He was nevertheless confident that a satisfactory solution would be found.

19. Mr. JACKSON (United Kingdom) pointed out that, under the Statute, the 18 Members to be elected would have to be elected for two years. It was hoped, however, that some of them would agree to withdraw at the end of one year; that emerged clearly from a circular letter from the

Director General. It would therefore be better to leave the text of the draft memorandum as it was and not try to make it more specific.

20. Mr. PORTER (United States of America) said he would accept the draft in view of the fact that the Chairman was confident that a satisfactory solution would be arrived at.

- 21. The draft memorandum was approved.
- The meeting rose at 12.55 p.m.