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AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Draft resolution submitted jointly by Denmark, Indonesia, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, the Netherlands, Thailand, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America

The Governments of Denmark, Indonesia, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, the Netherlands, Thailand, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America consider it would be desirable for the General Conference to adopt a somewhat more comprehensive resolution on the amendment of its Rules of Procedure than the draft resolution which the Director General has provided for the Conference's convenience at the end of his memorandum on the subject. The draft resolution below is accordingly submitted for the Conference's consideration.

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The General Conference

(a) Recalling its discussions in 1973 of proposed amendments to its Rules of Procedure and its decision to establish a working group to assist the Director General in preparing a revised set of draft Rules,

(b) Noting that many Members have subsequently submitted written comments on the matter of amending the Rules, in response to the request of the Director General, and have made their views on the subject known to him,

1/ GC(XVIII)/530, para. 6.
(c) Appreciating the extensive consultations undertaken by the Director General and the members of the working group as they prepared the revised set of draft Rules now before it,***

(d) Having regard to its decision to consider the revised set of draft Rules as a matter of priority at its current session,

(e) Desirous of further enhancing the ability of the Conference to carry out effectively all of the functions conferred upon it by the Statute in the furtherance of the Agency's objectives and work, and

(f) Convinced that the revised set of draft Rules prepared by the Director General and the working group will contribute to the accomplishment of this purpose,

1. Requests the Director General to convey its appreciation to Messrs. Fujiyama (Japan), Jaipal (India) and Müller (Finland) for their great assistance in preparing the revised set of draft Rules*** and in consulting extensively with Members about their preparation; and

2. Decides to make the following changes in its Rules of Procedure:

   [Here will be inserted the material set forth in document GC(XVIII)/530, Annex]

*/ Summarized in documents GC(XVII)/COM.2/OR.63, paras 19-50; OR.64; OR.65; and OR.67, paras 4-40. The proposed amendments are contained in document GC(XVII)/503, Annex.

**/ Set forth in document GC(XVII)/RESOLUTIONS(1973), Other Decisions, decision number GC(XVII)/DEC/7, sub-para. (b).

***/ GC(XVIII)/530, Annex.