On 26 September 1981 the General Conference amended Rule 86 of its Rules of Procedure to read as follows:

Rule 86. Official and working languages

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the official languages of the General Conference. Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the working languages of the General Conference. Speeches made in any one of the working languages shall be interpreted into the other working languages.

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