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Twenty-second regular session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Director General

- 1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference[1], the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the twenty-second regular session of the General Conference will open in the Kongresszentrum, Neue Hofburg, Vienna, on Monday, 18 September 1978, 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 a committee. 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, broadly reflect the sequence in which corresponding items have initially been taken up at recent sessions.
- 3. 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(XIX)/INF/152.

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- 1. Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee
- 2. Statement by the Director General
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 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion
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- 4. General debate and annual report for 1977
- 5. The Agency's accounts for 1977
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- 12. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee
- 13. Voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1979

ANNOTATIONS

1. Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee

Plenary meeting

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President, and the President will propose for election the names of eight Vice-Presidents and the name of a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.[2] Under Rule 40 the Conference is required to appoint a General Committee consisting of the President, the eight Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and five additional members, the latter being elected on the proposal of the President.

2. Statement by the Director General

Plenary meeting

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

3. Arrangements for the Conference

(a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion

General Committee

The General Committee is required to report to the Conference under Rule 42(a) on the provisional agenda set forth in the present document and on any supplementary or proposed additional items (Rules 13 and 15). The Conference will then approve the agenda (Rule 14) and allocate the items for initial discussion.

(b) 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.

(c) The twenty-third (1979) regular session

General Committee

Under Rule 1 the Conference is required to set the opening date of the twenty-third regular session in 1979. The Government of India has indicated its intention to invite the Conference to hold the session in New Delhi (see document GC(XXI)/OR.199, para. 26).

4. General debate and annual report for 1977

Plenary meeting

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1977 which the Board has prepared (GC(XXII)/597).

5. The Agency's accounts for 1977

Committee of the Whole

The Agency's accounts for 1977, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and a report by the Board, will be communicated to the Conference in document GC(XXII)/598.

6. The Agency's budget for 1978

Committee of the Whole

In document GC(XXII)/599 the Board is submitting to the Conference a supplementary estimate for increased expenditure under the current year's Regular Budget.

^[2] It is expected that the session will be opened by the delegate of Iran (the President of the twenty-first regular session), who will invite the delegates to observe a minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation. The presiding officer will repeat this invitation immediately before the close of the session.

7. The Agency's programme for 1979-84 and budget for 1979

Committee of the Whole

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is required to approve the Agency's budget for 1979 on the basis of the estimates for expenses which the Board, under Article XIV.A, is submitting in document GC(XXII)/600 (in which the programme for 1979-84 is also set out) or to return the budget with recommendations as to its entirety or to parts to the Board, for resubmission to the Conference.

8. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 1979

Committee of the Whole

The Director General will submit to the Conference for adoption, under Article XIV.D of the Statute, a proposed scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Agency's Regular Budget for 1979 (GC(XXII)/601).

9. Amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute

Committee of the Whole

The question of the proposed amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute is included in the provisional agenda, in the light of a request made by the Conference last year (see Resolution GC(XXI)/RES/353, paragraph 2). Observations by the Board of Governors on the proposed amendment will be circulated in due course. Following the meetings of the Board in June a new proposal was received and will be circulated in document GC(XXII)/602.

10. Examination of delegates' credentials

General Committee

Under Rule 28 the General Committee, meeting as a credentials committee, will examine the credentials of all delegates and report thereon to the Conference.

11. Elections of Members to the Board of Governors

Plenary meeting

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board.[3] Under Rule 83, the President will indicate to the Conference those elective places on the Board which must be filled so as to ensure that after the end of the session the Board will be constituted in accordance with Article VI.A.2 of the Statute.

12. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee

Plenary meeting

The Conference will be called upon to elect one or more members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee to replace members previously elected by the Conference but no longer able to serve.

13. $\frac{\text{Voluntary contributions to the General}}{\text{Fund for 1979}}$

Plenary meeting

It is expected that pledges of voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1979 will be obtained during the Conference, and that a progress report will be communicated to the Conference by the President.

^[3] The terms of Argentina, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Malayisa, Mexico, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Portugal and Senegal will expire at the end of this year's session of the General Conference (see document GC(XX)/RESOLUTIONS(1976), decision number GC(XX)/DEC/9).