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-third regular session of the General Conference will begin at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 4 December 1979 at the Vigyan Bhavan Conference Centre in New Delhi, India[2].

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.

3. Should the Director General receive, by 5 November, any request under Rule 13 for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda, such an item will, unless Rule 21 applies, be placed on a supplementary list of items which will be circulated not later than 14 November.

[1] GC(XIX)/INF/152.
PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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1. **Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee**

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure the General Conference will 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. 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. **Inaugural address on behalf of the host country**

An inaugural address will be made by the Prime Minister of India.

3. **Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations**

A message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations will be delivered by his representative.

4. **Statement by the Director General**

The Director General will make his customary report to the Conference.

5. **Arrangements for the Conference**

   (a) **Adoption of the agenda and allocation of 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 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 and opening date of the next session**

   Under Rule 8 the Conference will set the closing date for the session, after considering a recommendation on the subject which the General Committee will make. Under Rule 11 the Conference will set the opening date of the twenty-fourth (1980) regular session.

6. **Voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1980**

Member States will be urged to pledge voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1980 during the session.
7. General debate and annual report for 1978

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1978 which the Board has submitted (GC(XXIII)/610).

8. The Agency's accounts for 1978

The Agency's accounts for 1978, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and observations by the Board, will be communicated to the Conference in document GC(XXIII)/611.


Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 1980 in accordance with the estimates for the expenses which the Board, under Article XIV.A, is submitting in document GC(XXIII)/612.

10. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 1980

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 1980 (GC(XXIII)/613).

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

The question of the proposed amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute is included in the provisional agenda under Rule 12(a) upon request made by the Conference last year (see Resolution GC(XXII)/RES/361, paragraph 1).

12. Examination of delegates' credentials

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

13. Election of Members to the Board of Governors

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.

14. Appointment of the External Auditor

As the present term of the External Auditor expires this year[4], the Conference will be required to make an appointment to provide for the auditing of the Agency's accounts for 1980 and 1981.

[3] The terms of Austria, Bulgaria, Ecuador, Ghana, Iran, the Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Norway, Peru, Romania and Tunisia will expire at the end of this year's session of the General Conference (see document GC(XXI)/RESOLUTIONS(1977), decision number GC(XXI)/DEC/8).

15. **Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee**

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.


It is expected that pledges of voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1980 will be made during the Conference, and that the President will report to the Conference on the pledges made.