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# General Committee

## Record of the First Meeting

*Held at the Austria Center Vienna on Monday, 20 September 2004, at 6.10 p.m.*

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[\*] GC(48)/1 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

## **Attendance**

### Chairman

Mr. RÓNAKY (Hungary), President of the General Conference

### Members

Ms. HALL (Canada), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. GONZÁLEZ ANINAT (Chile), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. Chang-beom CHO (Republic of Korea), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. KALININ, representing Mr. RUMYANTSEV (Russian Federation), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. RUÍZ RODRÍGUEZ, representing Mr. NÚÑEZ GARCÍA-SAÚCO (Spain), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. AL-JANAD, representing Mr. BAHNAN (Yemen), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. MOYO (Zimbabwe), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. OTHMAN (Syrian Arab Republic), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

Ms. DAMIBA, representing Mr. BONOU (Burkina Faso), Additional Member

Ms. ROSAS, representing Ms. OLAMENDI (Mexico), Additional Member

Mr. NIEWODNICZAŃSKI (Poland), Additional Member

Mr. STRUB, representing Mr. STEINMANN (Switzerland), Additional Member

Mr. ŞAHİNBAŞ (Turkey), Additional Member

### Secretariat

Mr. WALLER, Deputy Director General, Department of Management

Mr. EIDET, Director, Division of Budget and Finance

Mr. RAUTENBACH, Director, Office of Legal Affairs

Mr. SWAMINATHAN, Office of External Relations and Policy Coordination

Mr. ANING, Secretary of the Committee

– **Adoption of the agenda for the meeting**  
(GC(48)/GEN/1)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that, in conducting the Committee's business, he intended to follow the established practice whereby its meetings were private but representatives of Member States which had requested the inclusion of an item in the agenda were entitled, pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure, to attend relevant meetings and to participate, without vote, in the discussion of their request. Representatives of other Member States could also attend the Committee's meetings and participate in discussions as decided by the Committee.

2. The proposed agenda for the meeting contained the two traditional sub-items under the item "Arrangements for the Conference", namely "Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion" and "Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session".

3. The agenda was adopted.

## **5. Arrangements for the Conference**

### **(a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion** (GC(48)/1 and Corr.1 and Add.1)

4. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the provisional agenda for the Conference (GC(48)/1 and Corr.1 and Add.1).

5. Mr. ANING (Secretary of the Committee), in response to a question from Ms. HALL (Canada), confirmed that the item on the application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East had preceded the item on Israeli nuclear capabilities and threat in previous years.

6. The CHAIRMAN said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend to the Conference that the agenda for the current session should consist of all the items listed in document GC(48)/1 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

7. It was so agreed.

8. The CHAIRMAN proposed one change in the allocation of agenda items for initial discussion suggested in document GC(48)/1 and Corr.1 and Add.1, namely that item 21, "Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee", should first be discussed in the Committee of the Whole and not in the Plenary.

9. Mr. ANING (Secretary of the Committee), in response to a question from Mr. NIEWODNICZAŃSKI (Poland), said that delegates' credentials were examined at the General Committee's second meeting on Thursday because decisions were generally not taken, or resolutions voted on, until late on Thursday. Delegations entitled to vote were allowed to participate in discussions before submitting their credentials on the understanding that the necessary documentation would be provided as soon as possible.

10. The CHAIRMAN said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend to the Conference the allocation of agenda items and the order of discussion suggested in document GC(48)/1 and Corr.1 and Add.1 with the single change he had proposed.

11. It was so agreed.

**(b) Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session**

12. The CHAIRMAN said that the number of speakers registering to speak in the general debate was one of the main factors influencing the length of the session. Over 80 delegations had registered to speak so far. The cooperation and goodwill of all delegations would be required if the Conference was to finish its work on schedule. The Committee of the Whole needed to finish its work by Thursday evening at the latest.

13. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend to the Conference a closing date for the current session of Friday, 24 September 2004.

14. It was so agreed.

15. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that, for the next regular session, conference facilities at the Austria Center had been provisionally booked for the week beginning Monday, 26 September 2005. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend that date to the Conference as the opening date of the next regular session.

16. It was so agreed.

– **Restoration of voting rights**  
(GC(48)/INF/9, 10, 11 and 12)

17. The CHAIRMAN said that requests for restoration of voting rights had been received from Afghanistan (GC(48)/INF/12), Armenia (GC(48)/INF/11), Iraq (GC(48)/INF/9) and Kazakhstan (GC(48)/INF/10). He suggested that the General Committee should consider those requests, and any others which were submitted in the meantime, when it met again as a credentials committee on Thursday, 23 September.

18. It was so agreed.

**The meeting rose at 6.20 p.m.**