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Election of Members to the Board of Governors

Memorandum by the President

1. Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference¹ provides that before the Conference at each regular session proceeds to elections of the Board of Governors, the presiding officer shall indicate to it 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 of the Statute.
2. The President accordingly informs the Conference that at the current session it will be called upon to elect 11 members to the Board² as follows:
 - (a) Two members from Latin America;
 - (b) Two members from Western Europe;
 - (c) Two members from Eastern Europe;
 - (d) Two members from Africa;
 - (e) One member from Middle East and South Asia;
 - (f) One member from the Far East;
 - (g) One member from the Far East, Middle East and South Asia, or South East Asia and the Pacific (the so-called “floating seat”).

¹ GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

² To replace Albania, Algeria, Ecuador, Ghana, Lithuania, Iraq, Ireland, Mexico, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland (see document GC(51)/RES/DEC(2007), decision number GC(51)/DEC/11).

3. The attention of delegates is drawn to the 24 Member States listed below, which will serve as members of the Board until the end of the fifty-fourth regular session (2010), as a result either of their previous election by the General Conference in 2008³ or their designation by the Board of Governors in June 2009⁴.

Afghanistan	Japan
Argentina	Malaysia
Australia	New Zealand
Brazil	Romania
Burkina Faso	Russian Federation
Canada	South Africa
China	Spain
Cuba	Switzerland
Egypt	Turkey
France	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Germany	United States of America
India	Uruguay

³ GC(52)/RES/DEC(2008), decision number GC(52)/DEC/8.

⁴ GC(53)/8.