

General Conference

GC(55)/GEN/OR.1

Issued: September 2011

General Distribution

Original: English

Fifty-fifth regular session

General Committee

Record of the First Meeting

Held at Headquarters, Vienna, on Monday, 19 September 2011, at 2.30 p.m.

Contents

Item of the agenda ¹	Paragraphs
– Adoption of the agenda for the meeting	1–2
5 Arrangements for the Conference	3–15
(a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion	3–11
(b) Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session	12–15

¹ GC(55)/25.

Attendance

Chairman

Mr FERUTA (Romania), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr POTTS (Australia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr SOLTANIEH, representing Mr ABBASI DAVANI (Islamic Republic of Iran),
Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr GRIMA (Malta), Vice-President of the General Conference

Ms LAOSE, representing Mr OSAISAI (Nigeria), Vice-President of the General
Conference

Mr SMIRNOV, representing Mr KIRIENKO (Russian Federation), Vice-President of the
General Conference

Mr DAVIES (United States of America), Vice-President of the General Conference

Ms YPARRAGUIRRE (Philippines), Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole

Mr DAVIDOVIC (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Additional Member

Mr BARRETT (Canada), Additional Member

Mr LUEDEKING, representing Mr OTTO (Germany), Additional Member

Mr EL-KHOURY (Lebanon), Additional Member

Mr BUKHEET, representing Mr BASHARI (Sudan), Additional Member

Mr YAÑEZ PILGRIM, representing Mr UZCÁTEGUI DUQUE (Bolivarian Republic
of Venezuela), Additional Member

Chairman of the Board of Governors

Mr PARVEZ (Pakistan)

Secretariat

Mr WALLER, Deputy Director General, Department of Management

Ms JOHNSON, Director, Office of Legal Affairs

Mr CSERVENY, Secretary of the Committee

- Adoption of the agenda for the meeting
(GC(55)/GEN/1)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that 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”.

2. The agenda was adopted.

5. Arrangements for the Conference

(a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion (GC(55)/1 and Add.1 and 2)

3. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the provisional agenda for the Conference (GC(55)/1) and the proposed supplementary item (GC(55)/1/Add.1). Document GC(55)/1/Add.2 contained a list of supplementary items. He reminded the Committee that it was considering only the question of whether or not to recommend the inclusion of the items, their allocation for initial discussion and the suggested order of discussion. In accordance with Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, members of the Committee were not to engage in a discussion of the substance of any item, except in so far as that was relevant to the question of whether to recommend that item’s inclusion in the agenda.

4. Mr LUEDEKING (Germany), speaking with reference to item 11 of the provisional agenda, noted that it appeared likely that there would be more than one candidate for the post of External Auditor, instead of a single candidate being agreed beforehand as was the usual practice.

5. The CHAIRMAN said that he would be conducting informal negotiations with all interested parties during the session with a view to resolving that issue as smoothly as possible.

6. Mr DAVIES (United States of America) asked whether, in the light of reports that the Arab Members States of the Agency would not be calling for a vote on a resolution related to Israeli nuclear capabilities, they still wished the proposed supplementary item to be included in the agenda.

7. Mr EL-KHOURY (Lebanon) said that the Arab States still wished the item to be discussed by the General Conference.

8. Mr SOLTANIEH (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that it would be regrettable if an appropriate resolution were not adopted, since the situation with regard to Israeli nuclear activities had, if anything, worsened. It seemed logical to discuss the issue before item 20, “Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East”, rather than afterwards as proposed, but he would abide by the consensus decision of Member States.

9. Mr BARRETT (Canada) said that the supplementary item should be discussed after item 20, as originally proposed.

10. The CHAIRMAN said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that the agenda for the current session should consist of all the items listed in document GC(55)/1 and the supplementary item listed in document GC(55)/1/Add.1, and that the allocation of agenda items for initial discussion and the order of discussion should be as suggested in those documents.

11. It was so decided.

(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 100 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. He was sure that the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole would do her best to ensure that that Committee finished its work by Friday afternoon at the latest. If there were no objections, he would take it that the General Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference a closing date for the current session of Friday, 23 September 2011.

13. It was so decided.

14. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Conference an opening date for the next regular session of Monday, 17 September 2012.

15. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 2.45 p.m.