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Attendance

Chairman

Mr BARROS OREIRO (Uruguay), President of the General Conference

Members

- Mr STUART (Australia), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr CAZA, representing Mr BARRETT (Canada), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Ms DENGO (Costa Rica), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr CHO Hyun, representing Mr CHO Yul Rae (Republic of Korea), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr POSTNIKOV, representing Mr KIRIENKO (Russian Federation), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Ms BUJÁN FREIRE (Spain), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr EL AMIN, representing Mr HAMID (Sudan), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr SHUKRI (Saudi Arabia), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

Ms KALA, representing Mr MÜNT (Estonia), Additional Member

Ms MANGIN representing Mr BIGOT (France), Additional Member

Ms WHITE, representing Mr CHU (United States of America), Additional Member

Ms MANYONGA, representing Ms MUTANDIRO (Zimbabwe), Additional Member

Chairman of the Board of Governors

Mr FORMICA (Italy)

Secretariat

Ms DUNN LEE, Deputy Director General, Department of Management

Mr CSERVENY, Secretary of the Committee

- Adoption of the agenda for the meeting (GC(56)/GEN/1)

1. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> 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. <u>The agenda was adopted</u>.

5. Arrangements for the Conference

(a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion (GC(56)/1 and Add.1, 2 and 3)

3. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> invited the Committee to consider the provisional agenda for the Conference (GC(56)/1) and the proposed supplementary items (GC(56)/1/Add.1 and Add.2). Document GC(56)/1/Add.3 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. <u>Ms WHITE</u> (United States of America) expressed her delegation's disappointment at the proposal to include a supplementary item entitled "Israeli nuclear capabilities" contained in document GC(56)/1/Add.1, owing to the divisive nature of that issue. However, she would not call for any action to be taken on the matter.

5. In response to a question from <u>Mr CAZA</u> (Canada), the <u>CHAIRMAN</u> said that the proposed supplementary agenda item entitled "Promotion of efficiency and effectiveness of the IAEA decision making process" was being referred to the Committee of the Whole for discussion purposes only. No documentation other than that contained in document GC(56)/1/Add.2 would be provided under the agenda item.

6. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> 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(56)/1 and the supplementary items contained in documents GC(56)/1/Add.1 and Add.2, and that the allocation of agenda items for initial discussion and the order of discussion should be as suggested in those documents.

7. <u>It was so decided</u>.

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

8. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> 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. Well over 100 delegations had registered to speak so far. With the cooperation and goodwill of all delegations, it would be possible to conclude the session on schedule. He was sure that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole would do his best to expedite the work of that Committee. 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, 21 September 2012.

9. <u>It was so decided</u>.

10. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Conference an opening date for the next regular session of Monday, 16 September 2013.

11. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 2.20 p.m.