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¹ GC(56)/19.

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 DENGGO (Costa Rica), Vice-President of the General Conference

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

Mr BAHK Sahng-Hoon, representing Mr CHO Yul-Rae (Republic of Korea), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr ZHUYKOV, 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

Mr THILL (Austria), Additional Member

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

Mr BAUDE representing Mr MONDOLONI (France), Additional Member

Mr WOOD (United States of America), Additional Member

Mr CHIYANGWA, 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/2)

1. The CHAIRMAN asked whether the Committee wished to adopt the provisional agenda contained in document GC(56)/GEN/2.
2. The agenda was adopted.

23. Examination of delegates' credentials
(GC(56)/21 and 22)

3. The CHAIRMAN, recalling Rules 27, 28 and 29 of the Rules of Procedure, said that credentials designated the delegate of a Member State to a given session of the General Conference, that credentials were submitted to the Director General and that they were issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Member State concerned. The Director General had received credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure for 109 delegates. The Secretariat had also received communications in respect of 33 delegates that did not constitute formal credentials meeting the requirements of that Rule. Thirteen Member States had not submitted any credentials.
4. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to document GC(56)/21 containing reservations submitted by the Ambassador of Tunisia on behalf of Arab delegations participating in the work of the 56th session of the General Conference, as listed in the document, concerning the credentials of the Israeli delegate. Document GC(56)/22 contained a communication from Israel setting out its position with regard to those reservations.
5. Mr BOLOURIAN (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that his delegation had reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegation for some of the reasons given in document GC(56)/21. A decision by the General Committee to accept the credentials of the Israeli delegation did not imply recognition of the Israeli regime by the Islamic Republic of Iran.
6. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee submit to the General Conference a report stating that it had met to examine the credentials of delegates in accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure, and containing a list of Member States whose delegates had, in the Committee's opinion, submitted credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, and another list indicating the Member States for whose delegates the Director General had received communications that did not comply with that Rule. In accordance with past practice, the report could indicate that the Committee considered that delegates in the latter category should nevertheless be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference on the understanding that they would submit credentials in due form as soon as possible, preferably before the end of the current session. The report should further state that the Committee had had before it a statement submitted by the Ambassador of Tunisia on behalf of certain Arab delegations participating in the session concerning their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegation, as well as a document setting out the position of Israel with regard to those reservations. It should also reflect the reservations expressed by the Islamic

Republic of Iran. Finally, the report should recommend that the General Conference adopt, with the reservations and positions mentioned, the following draft resolution:

“Examination of Delegates’ Credentials:

“The General Conference

“Accepts the report by the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of delegates to the Conference’s fifty-sixth regular session, which is set forth in document GC(56)/23.”

7. He asked whether the General Committee wished a report on the lines he had described to be prepared and submitted to the General Conference.

8. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 9.30 a.m.