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¹ GC(60)/20.

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Attendance

Chair

Dato' Adnan OTHMAN (Malaysia), President of the General Conference

Members

- Mr van HAASTRECHT, representing Ms RUDD (Canada), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr ANDEREYA (Chile), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Ms ALIFERI (Greece), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr RUDDYARD, representing Mr NASIR (Indonesia), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr ESHRAGH JAHROMI, representing Mr SALEHI (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr HASANS, representing Mr MUCIŅŠ (Latvia), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr BATJARGAL (Mongolia), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr CSERVENY (Hungary), Chair of the Committee of the Whole
- Mr LEAL MATTA, representing Mr CASTELLANOS LÓPEZ (Guatemala), Additional Member
- Ms HADDAOUI, representing Mr SLAOUI (Morocco), Additional Member
- Mr JENSEN, representing Ms BERGER RØSLAND (Norway), Additional Member
- Ms CHANTRE, representing Mr BAPTISTA MOITINHO DE ALMEIDA (Portugal), Additional Member
- Mr POSTNIKOV, representing Mr KIRIENKO (Russian Federation), Additional Member
- Mr SHUKRI, representing Mr YAMANI (Saudi Arabia), Additional Member
- Chair of the Board of Governors

Mr VINHAS (Brazil)

Secretariat

- Mr BAUSWEIN, Director, Division of Budget and Finance, Department of Management
- Ms WIJEWARDANE, Secretary of the Committee

Adoption of the agenda for the meeting (GC(60)/GEN/1)

1. The <u>CHAIR</u> said that the proposed agenda for the meeting contained three sub-items under the item "Arrangements for the Conference", namely "Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion", "Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session" and "Streamlining the work of the General Conference: changes to the time limit on statements during the general debate".

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(60)/1 and Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3)

3. The <u>CHAIR</u> informed the Committee that there were no vacancies on the Agency's Staff Pension Committee that year and therefore proposed that item 20 of the provisional agenda entitled "Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee" be deleted. He reminded the Committee that it was considering only the question of whether or not to recommend the inclusion of given items in the agenda, their allocation for initial discussion and the suggested order of the items. In accordance with Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, members of the Committee should not engage in a discussion of the substance of any item, except insofar as it was relevant to the question of whether it should recommend that item's inclusion in the agenda.

4. 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 consist of all the items listed in document GC(60)/1 except item 20 which would be deleted, and the supplementary items contained in documents GC(60)/1/Add.1 and Add.2, and that the allocation of items for initial discussion and the order of the items be as suggested in those documents.

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

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

6. The <u>CHAIR</u> said that the time taken up by the general debate was one of the main factors influencing the length of General Conference sessions. Over 120 delegations had registered to speak thus far and more would almost certainly inscribe their names before the speakers' list was closed.

7. With the cooperation and goodwill of all delegations, however, it should be possible to conclude the current session on schedule.

8. 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, 30 September 2016.

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

10. The <u>CHAIR</u> proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Conference an opening date for the next regular session of Monday, 18 September 2017.

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

(c) Streamlining the work of the General Conference: changes to the time limit on statements during the general debate (GC(60)/8)

12. The <u>CHAIR</u> said that document GC(60)/8 contained a recommendation by the Board to the General Conference to change the time limit on statements during the general debate from 15 minutes to 7 minutes for representatives of all Member States and observers, as of the 61st regular session of the General Conference in 2017.

13. If there were no objections, he would take it that the General Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that the time limit on statements during the general debate be changed accordingly.

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

Languages of interpretation

15. <u>Mr POSTNIKOV</u> (Russian Federation), noting that there was no Chinese interpretation at the current meeting, expressed the hope that it would be provided at the subsequent meeting of the General Committee later that week, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference.

The meeting rose at 2.30 p.m.