



General Conference

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Provisional agenda

1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference¹, the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the sixty-first regular session of the General Conference will open in the M Building of the Vienna International Centre (VIC) on Monday, 18 September 2017, at 10.00 a.m.
2. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September 2017), facilities will be made available for group meetings. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities, with a view to achieving early agreement on organizational matters, by participating in pre-session group meetings and the associated group decision-making. Meeting rooms may be reserved through the Secretariat's Conference Services Section (tel. no.: +43 1 2600 21320).
3. Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure, the Director General has drawn up the attached provisional agenda for the session in consultation with the Board of Governors. In the annotation to each item a suggestion is made, for consideration by the General Committee, as to whether it should first be discussed in plenary or in a committee.
4. Should the Director General receive by 19 August 2017 any request under Rule 13 for inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda, such an item will, unless Rule 21 applies, be placed on a list which will be circulated not later than 29 August 2017.

¹ GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

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Annotations

1. Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee² *Plenary*

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President. In accordance with Rules 34 and 40, the Conference will also be called upon to elect eight Vice-Presidents, a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and six additional members on the proposal of the President.

2. Applications for membership of the Agency *Plenary*

The General Conference may have before it one or more recommendations by the Board of Governors regarding applications for membership of the Agency.

3. Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations *Plenary*

It is expected that a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations will be delivered.

4. Statement by the Director General *Plenary*

The Director General is expected to make a statement to the Conference.

5. Arrangements for the Conference

(a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion *General Committee*

The General Committee is required to report to the Conference under Rule 42(a) on the provisional agenda set forth in the present document and on any supplementary or additional items (Rules 13 and 15). The Conference will then approve the agenda (Rule 14) and allocate the items for initial discussion.

(b) Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session *General Committee*

The Conference is required, under Rule 8, to set the closing date of the session and, under Rule 1, to set the opening date of the sixty-second (2018) regular session after considering recommendations made by the General Committee.

6. Approval of the Appointment of the Director General *Plenary*

Under Article VII.A of the Statute, the Director General is appointed by the Board of Governors with the approval of the General Conference for a term of four years. The term of the Director General ends on 30 November 2017. On 8 March 2017, the Board decided on an appointment to the post of Director General, who is to serve from 1 December 2017 to 30 November 2021. In document GC(61)/5 the Board is seeking the Conference's approval of this appointment.

² As stated in paragraph 2 of the cover note, facilities are being made available for area groups to meet during the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session. It is hoped that this measure will help area groups to reach agreement on their nominees for membership of the General Committee **before Monday morning** so that the work of the Conference can proceed without delay.

7. Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2018 *Plenary*

Member States will be urged to pledge contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2018 and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

8. General debate and Annual Report for 2016 *Plenary*

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the Agency's *Annual Report for 2016*, which the Board has approved (document GC(61)/3).

As part of the efforts to streamline the work of the General Conference, the Conference in 2016 decided 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 sixty-first regular session of the General Conference (decision GC(60)/DEC/8).

9. Election of Members to the Board of Governors *Plenary*

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board³. Under Rule 83, the President will indicate to the Conference 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. Designations made in accordance with Article VI.A.1 of the Statute for membership on the Board in 2017–2018 are set out in document GC(61)/6.

10. The Agency's Financial Statements for 2016 *Committee of the Whole*

In accordance with Rule 12(i), *The Agency's Financial Statements for 2016*, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and the report of the Board, are being communicated to the Conference in document GC(61)/2.

11. The Agency's Programme and Budget 2018–2019 *Committee of the Whole*

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 2018 which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(61)/4.

12. Appointment of the External Auditor *Plenary*

The tenure of the Agency's External Auditor will end with the completion of the audit of the Agency's financial statements for the financial year 2017. It will therefore be necessary to appoint an External Auditor to audit the Agency's financial statements for 2018 and 2019. The Board's recommendation is contained in document GC(61)/10.

13. Amendment to Article XIV.A of the Statute *Committee of the Whole*

By resolution GC(43)/RES/8 the General Conference approved an amendment to Article XIV.A of the Agency's Statute, permitting biennial budgeting. This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to decision GC(60)/DEC/10. As requested in that decision, a report on the progress made towards the entry into force of this amendment is contained in document GC(61)/8.

³ The terms of office of Belarus, Ghana, the Republic of Korea, Latvia, Namibia, Pakistan, Paraguay, the Philippines, Spain, Turkey and Uruguay will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(59)/RES/DEC(2015), decision number GC(59)/DEC/8).

14. Scale of assessment of Member States' contributions towards the Regular Budget for 2018 *Committee of the Whole*

Pursuant to Article XIV.D of the Statute, a proposed scale of assessment of Member States' contributions towards the Regular Budget for 2018 will be submitted to the Conference.

15. Measures to strengthen international cooperation in nuclear, radiation, transport and waste safety *Committee of the Whole*

Pursuant to resolution GC(60)/RES/9, it is expected that the General Conference will have before it reports by the Director General on a number of issues, including:

- developments in items under resolution GC(60)/RES/9; and
- the *Nuclear Safety Review 2017*.

16. Nuclear security *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(60)/RES/10. It is expected that the General Conference will have before it the *Nuclear Security Report 2017* and the *Nuclear Security Plan 2018-2021*.

17. Strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation activities *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(60)/RES/11 to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 6.1.

18. Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolutions GC(59)/RES/12 and GC(60)/RES/12. It is expected that the General Conference will have before it reports on a number of issues, including:

- developments in items under resolutions GC(59)/RES/12 and GC(60)/RES/12; and
- the *Nuclear Technology Review 2017*.

19. Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of Agency safeguards *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(60)/RES/13, adopted by the General Conference last year. The Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 41.

20. Implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 13 of resolution GC(60)/RES/14, in which the General Conference decided last year to remain seized of this matter and to include this item in the agenda for its sixty-first regular session.

21. Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(60)/RES/15 adopted by the General Conference last year. The Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 13.

22. Amendment to Article VI of the Statute

Committee of the Whole

By resolution GC(43)/RES/19 the General Conference approved an amendment to Article VI of the Agency's Statute. This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to the decision of the Conference contained in decision GC(59)/DEC/12. As requested in that decision, a report on the progress made towards the entry into force of this amendment is contained in document GC(61)/9.

23. Personnel

Committee of the Whole

(a) Staffing of the Agency's Secretariat

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(59)/RES/16.A as requested in its operative paragraph 9.

(b) Women in the Secretariat

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(59)/RES/16.B as requested in its operative paragraph 7.

24. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee

Committee of the Whole

The Conference may be called upon to elect representatives from Member States to serve on the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

25. Term of Office of the External Auditor

Plenary

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to a decision of the Board in June 2017 to recommend that the General Conference decide that the appointment of the Agency's External Auditor shall be made through a competitive selection process for a non-renewable six-year term starting from the audit of the financial statements for the financial year 2022, with another appointment possible only after a break of at least one term. The Board's recommendation is contained in document GC(61)/7.

26. Examination of delegates' credentials

General Committee

Under Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure the General Committee, meeting as a credentials committee, will examine the credentials of all delegates and report thereon to the Conference.

27. Report on contributions pledged to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2018

Plenary

It is expected that pledges of contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2018 will be obtained during the Conference and that the President will communicate a report thereon to the Conference.