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Inscription in the List of Speakers in the General Debate

1. In 1989, the General Conference adopted a procedure for determining the order of speakers in the general debate as follows¹:

- 1.1. At a previously announced date and time, the Secretary of the Policy-making Organs shall be available for a period of one hour to receive applications from Member States wishing to speak early during the general debate. All those who apply during this period shall be eligible for inclusion in a ballot, which shall be held shortly after the closure of the application period. The ballot shall be organized by representatives of the Secretariat and held in the presence of any representatives of Member States who indicate a wish to attend. The ballot shall determine an order of priority among all the participating Member States.
- 1.2. The names of any Member States applying for inclusion in the speakers' list after the end of the period designated for application for inclusion in the ballot shall be added to the list in the order in which they apply.
- 1.3. By mutual agreement, Member States shall be permitted to exchange places on the speakers' list.
- 1.4. The practice of giving special priority to **Ministers** shall continue, the Secretariat being guided entirely by information provided by Member States.

2. In 1998, the General Conference decided² to confer upon Palestine additional rights and privileges of participation in the work of the Agency, including the right to participate in the general debate. Palestine is therefore entitled to be included in the speakers' list of the general debate in accordance with this decision and the practice of the United Nations.

3. In light of the exceptional circumstances imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the following arrangements will be put in place for conducting the ballot for the speakers' list in the general debate at the forthcoming 65th regular session of the General Conference:

¹ See documents GC(XXXIII)/GEN/77 and GC(XXXIII)/OR.320, paras 12–15.

² See resolution GC(42)/RES/20.

- The Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs will be available to receive applications for inclusion in the list of speakers in the general debate at the forthcoming 65th General Conference via email (to the email: GC-Speakers-List@iaea.org) from Friday, 18 June 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to Tuesday, 22 June 2021, at 12:00 noon. This procedure is set to avoid any possible congestion resulting from the physical presence during the application period.
- A ballot to determine the order among those who have applied will be held on Wednesday, 23 June, at 11:00 a.m. in Board Room A, in the M Building, 2nd floor, of the Vienna International Centre (VIC).
- The number of Member States' representatives attending the ballot is limited to one (1) per Member State.
- Member States' representatives wishing to be present during the ballot are reminded that COVID-19 preventive measures will apply, in accordance with the host country guidelines³:
- No participation in the ballot shall be accepted after the period designated for application has expired, i.e. Tuesday, 22 June 2021, at 12:00 noon. The names of any Member States applying for inclusion in the list of speakers after this period shall be added to the list derived from the ballot in the order in which they apply.
- The result of the ballot, as per past practice, will be shared by the Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs shortly after the ballot with all Permanent Missions via email.

³ Participants will be seated maintaining a distance of at least two metres from each other at all times. Participants are advised to wear FFP2 masks all the time, e.g. while entering, walking around inside and exiting the meeting room and when sitting in their assigned seats. Participants are requested to fill out a contact tracing information form placed on their desks. Furthermore, participants are reminded of the host country requirement related to the low epidemiological risk when attending a meeting:

- proof of a negative PCR test not older than 72 hours, or a rapid antigen test not older than 48 hours; or
- proof of COVID-19 vaccination between 22 days and 3 months after the first dose, or proof of a full vaccination not older than 9 months; or
- a certificate of recovery from COVID-19 illness not older than 6 months, or proof of positive COVID-19 antibody test (with a result of 15 BAU or above) not older than 3 months.