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## Inscription in the List of Speakers in the General Debate

1. In 1989, the General Conference adopted a procedure<sup>1</sup> for determining the order of speakers in the general debate by which a ballot shall be organized by 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.

2. In line with the practice of recent years towards streamlining the application of the abovementioned procedure, the conduct of the ballot for the speakers' list in the general debate at the forthcoming 66th regular session of the General Conference will take place as follows:

- The Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs will be available to receive applications for inclusion in the list of speakers in the general debate via email (GC-Speakers-List@iaea.org) from Monday, 20 June 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to Wednesday, 22 June 2022, at 12:00 noon. No participation in the ballot shall be accepted after the period designated for application has expired, i.e. on Wednesday, 22 June 2022, at 12:00 noon.
- A ballot to determine the order among those who have applied will be held on **Thursday**, **23 June**, at **11:00 a.m.**, in Board Room C, in the C Building, 4th floor, of the Vienna International Centre (VIC)<sup>2</sup>.
- The result of the ballot, as per past practice, will be shared by the Secretariat with all Permanent Missions via email shortly after the ballot.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Documents GC(XXXIII)/GEN/77 and GC(XXXIII)/OR.320, paras 12–15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Member States are reminded of the following safety measures and specific instructions when attending the meeting:

<sup>•</sup> FFP2 masks are generally recommended at the VIC (including in meeting rooms) and mandatory at the VIC Medical Centre and the pharmacy.

<sup>•</sup> Information on the general safety precautions is available in the COVID-19 quick guide.

- 3. As per the above-mentioned procedure, the following provisions will also be applied:
  - The names of any Member States applying for inclusion after the ballot shall be added to the list in the order in which they apply.
  - By mutual agreement, Member States shall be permitted to exchange places on the speakers' list.
  - The practice of giving special priority to **Ministers** shall continue, the Secretariat being guided entirely by information provided by Member States.

4. In 1998, the General Conference decided<sup>3</sup> 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.