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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Director General

- 1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference [1], the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the eighteenth regular session of the General Conference will open in the Kongresszentrum, Neue Hofburg, Vienna, on Monday, 16 September 1974, at 3 p.m.
- 2. Pursuant to Rule 11 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 thereof a suggestion is made, for consideration by the General Committee, as to where it should first be discussed in plenary meeting or in one of the committees.
- 3. The order in which items are listed is not to be construed as a formal proposal that they should be discussed in that order; the numbers allocated to them do, however, largely reflect the sequence in which the Conference has taken up corresponding items at recent sessions. The Conference may accordingly find it convenient to take items 1-10 during the initial plenary meeting; items 11-16 are grouped according to the committee in which it is suggested they should first be discussed; and the remainder are those which it seems likely the Conference will wish to take up in subsequent plenary meetings.
- 4. Should the Director General receive by 17 August any request under Rule 13 for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda, such an item will, subject to the limitation in Rule 21, be placed on a supplementary list of items which will be circulated not later than 27 August.

^[1] GC(XVIII)/INF/146.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 1. Opening of the session
- 2. Election of the President
- 3. Credentials of delegates to the eighteenth (1974) regular session
 - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee
- 4. Election of the Vice-Presidents
- 5. Appointment of the General Committee
- 6. Applications for membership of the Agency
- 7. Statement by the Director General
- 8. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion
- 9. General debate and report for 1973-74
- 10. Closing date of the session
- 11. Opening date of the nineteenth (1975) regular session
- 12. The Agency's programme for 1975-80 and budget for 1975
- 13. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 1975
- 14. Financing of technical assistance
- 15. The Agency's accounts for 1973
- 16. Amendment of the Rules of Procedure
- 17. Election of Members to the Board of Governors
- 18. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee
- 19. Voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1975
- 20. Closing of the session

ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session

Plenary meeting

In the light of Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure, it is expected that the session will be opened by the delegate of Australia. Immediately thereafter the presiding officer will invite the delegates to observe a minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

2. Election of the President

Plenary meeting

Under Rule 34 the General Conference is required to elect a President to hold office until the end of the session.

3. Credentials of delegates to the eighteenth (1974) regular session

(a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee

Plenary meeting

Under Rule 28 the President will propose the appointment of a Credentials Committee of nine members.

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

Plenary meeting

Under Rule 28 the Credentials Committee is required to examine the credentials of all delegates and report thereon to the General Conference.

4. Election of the Vice-Presidents

Plenary meeting

Under Rule 34 the Conference is required to elect eight Vice-Presidents to hold office until the end of the session. [2]

5. Appointment of the General Committee

Plenary meeting

Under Rule 40 the Conference is required to appoint a General Committee consisting of the President, the eight Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the Main Committees and four additional members.

6. Applications for membership of the Agency

Plenary meeting

Documents GC(XVIII)/521 and 522 contain recommendations by the Board of Governors for the admission of Mauritius and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea respectively to membership of the Agency.

7. Statement by the Director General

Plenary meeting

The Director General proposes to make a statement to the Conference.

^[2] Rule 34 stipulates that these elections shall be held after those of the Chairmen of the two Main Committees provided for in Rule 45. Before this item is taken it will accordingly be necessary to hold brief meetings of the two Committees (the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee and the Administrative and Legal Committee) at which these two bodies can elect their respective Chairmen.

8. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion

General Committee

The General Committee will report to the Conference under Rule 42(a) on the provisional agenda set forth in the present document and on any supplementary list of items (Rule 13); it will also report on any proposals for the inclusion of additional items of an important or urgent character in the agenda (Rule 15) that may have been made at the outset of the session. The Conference will then approve the agenda (Rule 14) and allocate the items for initial discussion.

9. General debate and report for 1973-74

Plenary meeting

Under Article V. E. 4 of the Statute the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1973-74 which the Board has prepared (GC(XVIII)/525).

10. Closing date of the session

General Committee

Under Rule 8 the Conference is required to fix a closing date for the session, after considering a recommendation on the subject which the General Committee will make.

11. Opening date of the nineteenth (1975) regular session

General Committee

Under Rule 1 the Conference is required to set the opening date of the nineteenth regular session in 1975.

12. The Agency's programme for 1975-80 and budget for 1975

Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

Under Article V. E. 5 of the Statute the Conference is required to approve the Agency's budget for 1975 on the basis of estimates for expenses which the Board, under Article XIV. A, is submitting in document GC(XVIII)/526 (in which the Agency's programme for 1975-80 is also set out), or to return the budget with recommendations as to its entirety or to parts to the Board, for resubmission to the Conference.

13. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 1975

Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

The Director General will submit to the Conference in document GC(XVIII)/528 a proposed scale of assessment of Members' contributions to the Agency's Regular Budget for 1975.

14. Financing of technical assistance

Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

The question of the financing of technical assistance is included in the provisional agenda in the light of a request the Conference made to the Board last year.[3]

15. The Agency's accounts for 1973

 $\frac{\text{Administrative and}}{\text{Legal Committee}}$

The Agency's accounts for 1973, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and a report by the Board, will be communicated to the Conference in document GC(XVIII)/527.

^[3] See Resolutions and Other Decisions of the General Conference, seventeenth regular session, Resolution GC(XVII)/RES/307, para. 2.

16. Amendment of the Rules of Procedure

Administrative and Legal Committee

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to a decision on the amendment of the Rules of Procedure taken by the Conference last year [4].

17. Election of Members to the Board of Governors

Plenary meeting

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board. [5] Pursuant to Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure, 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 that session the Board will be constituted in accordance with Article VI, A of the Statute.

18. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee

Plenary meeting

It will be necessary to elect successors to replace one or more of those members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee who are chosen by the Conference.

19. Voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1975

Plenary meeting

It is expected that the usual measures will be taken to obtain pledges of voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1975 [6].

20. Closing of the session

Plenary meeting

The President will invite the delegates to observe a minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation and immediately thereafter declare the session closed.

^[4] Ibid., decision number GC(XVII)/DEC/7.

^[5] Four to replace Argentina, Indonesia, Mexico and Saudi Arabia whose terms of office will expire at the end of this year's session of the Conference (see Resolutions and Other Decisions of the General Conference, sixteenth regular session, decision number GC(XVI)/DEC/8) and seven to replace Algeria, Chile, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, Denmark, Ghana, Ireland and Lebanon (see document GC(XVII)/OR. 167, para. 19).

^[6] See, for example, documents GC(XVII)/511 and GC(XVII)/OR. 166, paras 20-22.