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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 twenty-first regular session of the General Conference will open in the Kongresszentrum, Neue Hofburg, Vienna, on Monday, 26 September 1977, at 11 a.m. At the opening session it is expected that the Conference will be addressed by the Federal President of Austria and receive statements from the Director General and a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
2. Pursuant to Rules 11 and 12 the Director General has drawn up the attached provisional agenda for the session. In the annotation to each item thereof a suggestion is made, for consideration by the General Committee, as to where the substance of that item should first be discussed - in plenary or in a committee. 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, broadly reflect the sequence in which corresponding items have been taken up at recent sessions.
3. Should the Director General receive by 27 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 which will be circulated not later than 6 September.

[1] GC(XIX)/INF/152.

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15. Voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1978

ANNOTATIONS

1. Election of the President Plenary meeting

The General Conference will be called upon to elect a President.[2]

2. Opening statements Plenary meeting

It is expected that the Conference will be addressed by the Federal President of Austria. The Conference will also receive a statement by the Director General and a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. Election of other officers and appointment of the General Committee Plenary meeting

The President will propose for election the names of eight Vice-Presidents and the name of a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole. Under Rule 40 the Conference is required to appoint a General Committee, consisting of the President, the eight Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and five additional members, the latter being elected on the proposal of the President.

4. Applications for membership of the Agency Plenary meeting

The Conference may have before it one or more recommendations by the Board of Governors for admission of States to membership of the Agency.

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 proposed 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

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. Under Rule 1 the Conference is required to set the opening date of the twenty-second (1978) regular session.

[2] It is expected that the session will be opened by the delegate of Brazil who will invite the delegates to observe a minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation. The presiding officer will repeat this invitation immediately before the close of the session.

6. Appointment of the Director General Plenary meeting

The period of appointment of the Director General ends on 30 November 1977[3]. In document GC(XXI)/578 the Board will seek the Conference's approval, pursuant to Article VII. A of the Statute, of the appointment to the post it has accordingly made.

7. General debate and annual report for 1976 Plenary meeting

Under Article V. E. 4 of the Statute the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1976 which the Board has prepared (GC(XXI)/580).

8. The Agency's accounts for 1976 Committee of the Whole

The Agency's accounts for 1976, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and a report by the Board, will be communicated to the Conference in document GC(XXI)/581.

9. The Agency's budget for 1978 Committee of the Whole

Under Article V. E. 5 of the Statute the Conference is required to approve the Agency's budget for 1978 on the basis of the estimates for expenses which the Board, under Article XIV. A, is submitting in document GC(XXI)/582, or to return the budget with recommendations as to its entirety or to parts to the Board, for resubmission to the Conference.

10. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 1978 Committee of the Whole

The Director General will submit to the Conference in document GC(XXI)/583 a proposed scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Agency's Regular Budget for 1978.

11. Amendment of Article VI. A. 2 of the Statute Committee of the Whole

This item is included at the request of Bangladesh, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nigeria and Pakistan, under Rule 12(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference. In accordance with Rule 20 an explanatory memorandum on the amendment of Article VI. A. 2 of the Statute and a draft resolution sponsored by the above Members will be circulated (GC(XXI)/584).

12. Examination of delegates' credentials General Committee

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

13. Election of Members to the Board of Governors Plenary meeting

The Board will report to the Conference in document GC(XXI)/579 on the designations it has made under Article VI. A. 1 of the Statute of Members to serve in 1977-78, including such action as it has taken in the light of Resolution GC(XX)/RES/336 adopted by the General Conference at its twentieth (1976) regular session. Under Rule 83, the President will indicate to the Conference those elective places on the Board which must be filled so as to

[3] See document GC(XVII)/499, para. 2.

ensure that after the end of the session the Board will be constituted in accordance with Article VI. A of the Statute.[4]

14. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee Plenary meeting

The Conference will be called upon to elect one or more members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee to replace members previously elected by the Conference but no longer able to serve.

15. Voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1978 Plenary meeting

It is expected that pledges of voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1978 will be obtained during the Conference and that a progress report will be communicated to the Conference by the President.

[4] The terms of office of Bangladesh, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Indonesia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Poland, Senegal and Yugoslavia will expire at the end of this year's session of the General Conference (see document GC(XIX)/RESOLUTIONS(1975), decision number GC(XIX)/DEC/7). Attention is also drawn to the fact that Egypt (elected by the Conference in 1976 under Article VI. A. 2(c) of the Statute - see GC(XX)/RESOLUTIONS(1976), decision number GC(XX)/DEC/9) was designated by the Board on 16 June 1977 under Article VI. A. 1 of the Statute (see document GC(XXI)/579, para. 1).