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## GENERAL COMMITTEE

### RECORD OF THE FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

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on Monday, 24 September 1984, at 5.40 p.m.

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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Chairman

Mr. BARREDA DELGADO (Peru), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr. CAMPBELL (Australia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. SULLIVAN (Canada), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. THABAULT, representing Mr. RENON (France), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. AL-KITAL (Iraq), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. MATSUMURA, representing Mr. ISURUGI (Japan), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. TIMERBAEV, representing Mr. PETROSYANTS (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. DI BIASE (Uruguay), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. SIAMWIZA (Zambia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. UMAR (Nigeria), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. POPOV, representing Mr. PANDEV (Bulgaria), Additional Member

Mr. HAVEL (Czechoslovakia), Additional Member

Mr. HOFFMANN, representing Mr. HAUNSCHILD (Federal Republic of Germany), Additional Member

Mr. SOLTANIEH, representing Mr. AMROLLAHI (Islamic Republic of Iran), Additional Member

Mr. BRUSH, representing Mr. KENNEDY (United States of America), Additional Member

Secretariat

Mr. SANMUGANATHAN, Secretary of the Committee

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING (GC(XXVIII)/GEN/65)

1. The CHAIRMAN asked the General Committee whether it wished to adopt the provisional agenda reproduced in document GC(XXVIII)/GEN/65.
2. It was so decided.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE

(a) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION  
(GC(XXVIII)/711, Annotation to item 5(a))

3. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the General Committee recommend to the General Conference that the agenda for the session should comprise all the items listed in the provisional agenda (GC(XXVIII)/711).
4. It was so decided.
5. The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Conference approve the allocation of items for initial discussion suggested in document GC(XXVIII)/711.

(b) CLOSING DATE OF THE SESSION AND OPENING DATE OF THE NEXT SESSION  
(GC(XXVIII)/711, Annotation to item 5(b), GC(XXVIII)/INF/221)

6. The CHAIRMAN noted that 72 speakers were already entered on the speakers' list for the General Debate and that a further fifteen or so would probably ask to be registered. Assuming that it would be possible to conclude the General Debate on the morning of Friday, 28 September, he suggested that the Committee authorize him to recommend to the General Conference that it set the afternoon of Friday, 28 September, as the closing date of the session, provided that the Committee of the Whole managed to complete its work by Thursday at the latest.
7. It was so decided.
8. The CHAIRMAN recalled that under Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure the General Conference was called upon to set a date for its next regular session and that the Director General had issued a document on that subject (GC(XXVIII)/INF/221). He thanked the Director General for his efforts to

find a generally acceptable solution to the problem. All options had been considered, and the Committee seemed to feel that departing from the normal practice, which was for the General Conference to meet in September, would create serious difficulties for many delegations. In those circumstances, he understood that the General Committee wished to set Monday, 23 September 1985, as the opening date of the twenty-ninth regular session, which would be held in Vienna.

9. It was so decided.

#### NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

10. The CHAIRMAN recalled that, under Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee met to examine the credentials of all delegates. He proposed that its meeting for that purpose should take place on Thursday, 27 September, at 5.30 p.m. in the same room, subject to any unforeseen developments which might occur in the scheduling of meetings.

11. Mr. SOLTANIEH (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that in the past his delegation had expressed its dissatisfaction at the length of time which the General Committee took to report on delegates' credentials to the General Conference. In various fora of the Agency, his delegation had stated the view that the report should be submitted earlier so as to enable the General Conference to deal with that question more promptly and in a more organized manner. He therefore proposed that the Committee's discussion of credentials should commence sooner than the Chairman had suggested so that the Committee could report earlier to the Conference.

12. Mr. HOFFMANN (Federal Republic of Germany) said that the question of credentials assumed practical importance only when the Conference was required to vote in plenary session, at which point it was essential to know which credentials had been accepted and which had not. Furthermore, some delegations' credentials were submitted only at a late stage, so it was difficult to produce a comprehensive report early in the week. A compromise might be to begin deliberations on the subject on Wednesday and continue on Thursday, so that by Thursday evening the Committee would have a full picture of the situation.

13. The CHAIRMAN said that it had become traditional to wait until Thursday before discussing that question because of the late submission of some credentials. Experience had shown that to be the best way of proceeding.

14. Mr. SOLTANIEH (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that if the Committee no longer felt the tradition to be well-founded it should take steps to change it immediately. Delegations were required to provide credentials as soon as possible, and under the Rules of Procedure the Committee was to report on credentials without delay. He suggested that the Committee should examine credentials at an early stage of the current session so that at subsequent sessions delegations would be encouraged to submit their credentials by the first or second day of the session at the latest.

15. Mr. SULLIVAN (Canada) said that the reason for deferring the examination of credentials was not simply to preserve tradition. Many years' experience had shown that to be the best procedure.

16. Mr. AL-KITAL (Iraq) said that the issue at stake was one of practicality. Was the Committee assuming that there would not be a vote on any resolution before Friday? What would happen if a vote were taken on a resolution on, say, Wednesday and it turned out on Friday that certain credentials were rejected?

17. Mr. CAMPBELL (Australia) said his experience of previous sessions of the General Conference had persuaded him beyond doubt that there was no practical alternative to Thursday for discussing credentials. That was the reason why the tradition had arisen in the first place.

18. The CHAIRMAN considered that the most appropriate course would be to follow the traditional practice, which was the result of many years of experience. It seemed that, with the exception of the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq, there was a consensus on his earlier proposal and, if there were no other objections, he assumed that the Committee had agreed that its next meeting should take place on Thursday, 27 September, at 5.30 p.m.

19. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 6.5 p.m.

