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INSCRIPTION IN THE LIST OF SPEAKERS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

1. At the thirty-second regular session of the General Conference, the Conference's President, Ambassador Halim of Malaysia, informed the Conference (a) that the General Committee had recommended that an inter-sessional working group be set up to consider ways of streamlining the Conference's working practices and timing, and (b) that, as Chairman of the General Committee, he would hold consultations with regional groups and other interested parties and would set up a small but representative group which would report to the General Conference in 1989.

2. The working group, which met under the chairmanship of Ambassador Halim and whose meetings were attended by the representatives of over 30 Member States, considered -- inter alia -- the question of the speakers' list for the general debate and has recommended the following procedure for determining the order of speakers in the general debate:

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) By mutual agreement, Member States shall be permitted to exchange places on the speakers' list.
- (d) The practice of giving special priority to Ministers shall continue, the Secretariat being guided entirely by information provided by Member States.

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3. The working group was of the opinion that, pending consideration of this recommendation at the General Conference's forthcoming session^{1/}, the Secretariat should implement the recommended procedure on a trial basis.

4. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Policy-making Organs will be available in Room A-2873 at the Vienna International Centre from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, 19 June 1989, to receive applications from Member States' representatives for inclusion in the list of speakers in the general debate at the forthcoming regular session of the General Conference. A ballot to determine the order of priority among the Member States whose representatives have applied will be held at 11 a.m. on that day.

^{1/} The working group's report will be issued as a GC(XXXIII)/GEN/.... document.