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## ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## Memorandum by the President

- 1. Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference provides that before the Conference at each regular session proceeds to elections to the Board of Governors, the presiding officer shall indicate to it those elective places on the Board which must be filled so as to ensure that after the end of the session the Board will be constituted in accordance with Article VI.A. of the Statute.
- 2. The President accordingly informs the Conference that at the current session it will be called upon to elect 11 members to the Board as follows:
  - (a) Two members from Latin America;
  - (b) Two members from Western Europe;
  - (c) Two members from Eastern Europe;
  - (d) Two members from Africa;
  - (e) One member from the Middle East and South Asia;
  - (f) One member from the Far East;
  - (g) One member from the Middle East and South Asia; or South East Asia and the Pacific; or the Far East (the so-called "floating seat").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>/ GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>/ To replace Bulgaria, Chile, Denmark, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, Kuwait, the Netherlands Nicaragua, Nigeria, Romania and Saudi Arabia (see document GC(39)/RESOLUTIONS(1995), decision number GC(39)/DEC/10).

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3. Delegates may find it convenient to have before them the names of the 24 members that have either been designated by the Board<sup>3</sup> or previously elected by the Conference<sup>4</sup> to serve on the Board after the end of this session.

Argentina Japan

Australia Malaysia

Belgium Namibia

**Brazil** Netherlands

Canada New Zealand

**China** Portugal

Colombia Russian Federation

Cuba South Africa

Czech Republic Tunisia

France United Arab Emirates

Germany United Kingdom of Great Britain

and Northern Ireland

India United States of America

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<sup>4&#</sup>x27; GC(40)/RES/DEC(1996), decision number GC(40)/DEC/9.