

General Conference

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Provisional agenda

1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference¹, the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Conference will open in Building ‘M’ at the Vienna International Centre on Monday, 16 September 2013, at 10.00 a.m.
2. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference’s session (Saturday, 14 September and Sunday, 15 September 2013), facilities will be made available for group meetings. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities, with a view to achieving early agreement on organizational matters, by participating in pre-session group meetings and the associated group decision-making. Meeting rooms may be reserved through the Secretariat’s Conference Services Section (tel. no.: +43 1 2600 21320).
3. Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Conference’s Rules of Procedure, 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 a suggestion is made, for consideration by the General Committee, as to whether it should first be discussed in plenary or in a committee.
4. Should the Director General receive by 17 August 2013 any request under Rule 13 for inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda, such an item will, unless Rule 21 applies, be placed on a list which will be circulated not later than 27 August 2013.

¹ GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

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Annotations

1. Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee²

Plenary

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President. In accordance with Rules 34 and 40, the Conference will also be called upon to elect seven Vice-Presidents, a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and six additional members on the proposal of the President.

2. Applications for membership of the Agency

Plenary

The General Conference will have before it one or more recommendations by the Board of Governors regarding applications for membership of the Agency.

3. Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Plenary

It is expected that a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations will be delivered.

4. Statement by the Director General

Plenary

The Director General is expected to make a statement to the Conference.

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 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

The Conference is required, under Rule 8, to set the closing date of the session and, under Rule 1, to set the opening date of the fifty-eighth (2014) regular session after considering recommendations made by the General Committee.

6. Approval of the Appointment of the Director General

Plenary

Under Article VII.A of the Statute, the Director General is appointed by the Board of Governors with the approval of the General Conference for a term of four years. The term of the Director General ends on 30 November 2013. On 6 March 2013, the Board decided on an appointment to the post of Director General, who is to serve from 1 December 2013 to 30 November 2017. In document GC(57)/7 the Board is seeking the Conference's approval of this appointment.

² As stated in paragraph 2 of the cover note, facilities are being made available for area groups to meet during the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session. It is hoped that this measure will help area groups to reach agreement on their nominees for membership of the General Committee **before Monday morning** so that the work of the Conference can proceed without delay.

7. Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2014

Plenary

Member States will be urged to pledge contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2014 and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

8. General debate and Annual Report for 2012

Plenary

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the Agency's Annual Report 2012, which the Board has approved (GC(57)/3).

As part of the efforts to streamline the work of the General Conference, it is recommended that statements by delegates in the general debate be limited to 15 minutes.

9. Election of Members to the Board of Governors

Plenary

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board³. Under Rule 83, 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 the session the Board will be constituted in accordance with Article VI.A of the Statute. Designations made in accordance with Article VI.A.1 of the Statute for membership on the Board in 2013–2014 are set out in document GC(57)/4.

10. The Agency's Financial Statements for 2012

Committee of the Whole

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's Financial Statements for 2012, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and the report of the Board, are being communicated to the Conference.

11. The Agency's Programme and Budget for 2014-2015

Committee of the Whole

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's Budget for 2014 which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(57)/2.

12. Appointment of the External Auditor

Plenary

The tenure of the Agency's External Auditor will end with the completion of the audit of the Agency's financial statements for the financial year 2013. It will therefore be necessary to appoint an External Auditor to audit the Agency's financial statements for 2014 and 2015. For this purpose, it is expected that the General Conference will have before it a recommendation by the Board.

13. Amendment to Article XIV.A of the Statute

Committee of the Whole

By resolution GC(43)/RES/8 the General Conference approved an amendment to Article XIV.A of the Agency's Statute, permitting biennial budgeting. This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to decision GC(56)/DEC/9. As requested in that decision, a report on the progress made towards the entry into force of this amendment is contained in document GC(57)/5.

³ The terms of office of Bulgaria, Cuba, Egypt, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Sweden and United Republic of Tanzania will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(55)/RES/DEC(2011), decision number GC(55)/DEC/8).

14. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget

Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to Article XIV.D of the Statute, a proposed scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget for 2014 will be submitted to the Conference.

15. Measures to strengthen international cooperation in nuclear, radiation, transport and waste safety

Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to resolution GC(56)/RES/9 it is expected that the General Conference will have before it reports by the Director General on a number of issues, including:

- developments in items under GC(56)/RES/9; and
- the Nuclear Safety Review 2013.

16. Nuclear security

Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(56)/RES/10. It is expected that the General Conference will have before it a report on issues related to nuclear security, including the Nuclear Security Report 2013.

17. Strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation activities

Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(56)/RES/11 to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 5.4.

18. Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications

Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolutions GC(55)/RES/12 and GC(56)/RES/12. It is expected that the General Conference will have before it reports on a number of issues, including:

- developments in items under GC(55)/RES/12.A and B and GC(56)/RES/12.A and B; and
- the Nuclear Technology Review 2013.

19. Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system and application of the Model Additional Protocol

Committee of the Whole

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(56)/RES/13, adopted by the General Conference last year. The Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 30.

20. Implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Plenary

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 10 of resolution GC(56)/RES/14, in which the General Conference decided last year to remain seized of this matter and to include this item in the agenda for its fifty-seventh regular session.

21. Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East

Plenary

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(56)/RES/15 adopted by the General Conference last year. The Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 13.

22. Amendment to Article VI of the Statute

Committee of the Whole

By resolution GC(43)/RES/19 the General Conference approved an amendment to Article VI of the Agency's Statute. This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to the decision of the Conference contained in GC(55)/DEC/12. As requested in that decision, a report on the progress made towards the entry into force of this amendment is contained in document GC(57)/6.

23. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee

Committee of the Whole

The Conference may be called upon to elect representatives from Member States to serve on the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

24. Personnel

Committee of the Whole

(a) Staffing of the Agency's Secretariat

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(55)/RES/15.A as requested in operative paragraph 9.

(b) Women in the Secretariat

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(55)/RES/15.B as requested in operative paragraph 7.

25. Examination of delegates' credentials

General Committee

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

26. Report on contributions pledged to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2014

Plenary

It is expected that pledges of contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2014 will be obtained during the Conference and that the President will communicate a report thereon to the Conference.