

## **General Conference**

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## Arrangements for the Conference

- 1- The annex to document GC(64)/12 entitled "Arrangements for the Conference" sets out the arrangements that were agreed by silence procedure by Member States on 24 July 2020 on the arrangements for the 64th regular session of the General Conference so that the Conference could pursue its work under the then prevailing health and safety measures and restrictions in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2- The annex however stated that "should the situation change at any stage before the Conference, there may be a need to revise these arrangements accordingly".
- 3- In response to requests expressed today by several Member States and groups to be able to participate virtually in the meetings of the Conference, the Director General and the Secretariat are prepared to make the necessary arrangements to allow Member States so wishing to participate accordingly.
- 4- One (1) additional delegate per Member State will be able to participate virtually in the proceedings of the Plenary and Committee of the Whole through the Interprety IT platform.
- 5- Participation of UN specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations will be also be possible through Interprefy for one delegate each.
- 6- In case of voting, at least one representative per Member State will be required to be physically present in the Plenary hall where the voting will take place. Casting a vote or votes virtually will not be possible.
- 7- In light of the technical requirements that need to be undertaken by the Secretariat to enable delegates to participate virtually in the meetings of the Conference, it is envisaged that the parallel virtual meeting (in hybrid format) of the General Conference could be technically feasible effective only as of Monday 21 September in the afternoon.
- 8- Instructions regarding designating, registering and connectivity confirmation of the designated virtual participant will be issued by the Secretariat in a separate note.