

# **SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**

**held on Monday, 16 September 2024**

**Plenary  
1st  
meeting**

The Conference, under agenda **item 1** of the provisional agenda, “Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee,” elected by acclamation HE Mr HAM Sangwook, Ambassador and Resident Representative of the Republic of Korea to the IAEA, as President of the General Conference at its sixty-eighth regular session.

In line with a proposal by the President, the Conference elected the delegates of Burkina Faso, Canada, Iraq, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Serbia and the United Kingdom as Vice-Presidents of the Conference; the delegates of Ecuador, France, the Russian Federation, Sudan, the United States of America and India as additional members of the General Committee, and Mr Jan Lodding of Sweden as Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole.

Under agenda **item 2** of the provisional agenda, the Conference approved the applications for membership of the Agency by the Cook Islands and by the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Under agenda **item 3** of the provisional agenda, a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr António Guterres, was delivered to the General Conference by Ms Ghada Fathi Waly, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna.

Under agenda **item 4** of the provisional agenda, Mr Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director General of the IAEA, gave a statement to the Conference.

Under agenda **item 6** of the provisional agenda, “Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2025”, the President made a statement regarding the early pledging and payment of contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2025, which greatly helps the Secretariat in planning the Agency’s technical cooperation programme.

The Conference took up agenda **item 7** of the provisional agenda, “General debate and Annual Report for 2023”, and statements were made by the delegates of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, the Russian Federation, India, Hungary (on behalf of the European Union), China, France, the Republic of Korea, Ukraine, Iraq, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, the Czech Republic, Saudi Arabia and Niger.

**General  
Committee  
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The General Committee adopted the agenda of the meeting as set forth in document GC(68)/GEN/1 and recommended to the Conference that:

- the agenda for the current session of the General Conference consist of all the items on the provisional agenda set forth in document GC(68)/1 and of the supplementary items in GC(68)/1/Add.1, Add.2, Add.3 and Add.4;
- the allocation of items for initial discussion listed in documents GC(68)/1, Add.1, Add.2, and Add.4 be taken up for discussion as indicated in these documents and the agenda item proposed in Add.3 as requested in GC(68)/20;

- the order of items be as set out in documents GC(68)/1, Add.1, Add.2, Add.3 and Add.4.
- Friday, 20 September 2024 be set as the closing date of this session; and the General Conference start its next regular session on Monday, 15 September 2025.

Meeting as the Credentials Committee, the General Committee took up the item on “Examination of delegates’ credentials” and with respect to the credentials of Myanmar recommended to the Conference to adopt the draft resolution contained in paragraph 5 of the first report of the General Committee contained in document GC(68)/22.

**Plenary  
2nd  
meeting**

Under **item 5(a)** of the provisional agenda, “Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion”, the Conference accepted the General Committee’s recommendations that the agenda for the current session consist of all the items on the provisional agenda set forth in document GC(68)/1 and of all the supplementary items set forth in documents GC(68)/1/Add.1, Add.2, Add.3 and Add.4, and that they be taken up for discussion in the order and according to the respective allocations as set out in these documents and as requested in document GC(68)/20 for Add.3.

Under **item 5(b)** of the agenda, “Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session”, the Conference accepted the General Committee’s recommendation to close the current session on Friday, 20 September 2024. The Conference also accepted the General Committee’s recommendation to start its next regular session on Monday, 15 September 2025.

The Conference took up **item 26** of the agenda, “Examination of delegates’ credentials”, and considered the first report of the General Committee, contained in document GC(68)/22. The Conference adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 5 of the first report of the General Committee contained in document GC(68)/22.

The Conference continued with **item 7** of the agenda, “General debate and Annual Report for 2023”. Statements were made by Estonia, Belgium, Japan, Norway, Denmark, Pakistan, Argentina, Morocco, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Holy See, Burkina Faso, Egypt, the United Kingdom, Türkiye, South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Slovakia, Namibia, Qatar, Côte d’Ivoire, the United States of America, Thailand and Ireland.

**Committee  
of the  
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The Committee agreed to take the items referred to it, as far as possible, in the order in which they appear in the agenda of the Conference, published as document GC(68)/21.

The Committee also agreed to continue the practice, successfully implemented in recent years, of clustering, to the extent practicable, the draft resolutions submitted to the Plenary by the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee elected Ms Jo-Phie Tang, Deputy Resident Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore, and Mr Karel Kuenzel, the delegate of the Czech Republic, as Vice-Chairs of the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee agreed to recommend the following to the Conference for adoption:

- under agenda **item 9**, “The Agency’s Financial Statements for 2023”, the draft resolution contained in document GC(68)/4.

- under agenda **item 10**, “The Agency’s Budget Update 2025”,
  - a draft resolution entitled “A. Regular Budget Appropriations for 2025”, contained in document GC(68)/5;
  - a draft resolution entitled “B. Technical Cooperation Fund Allocation for 2025”, contained in document GC(68)/5; and
  - a draft resolution entitled “C. The Working Capital Fund for 2025”, contained in document GC(68)/5.
- under agenda **item 11**, “Amendment to Article XIV.A of the Statute”, the draft decision contained in document GC(68)/COM.5/L.14;
- under agenda **item 12**, “Scale of assessment of Member States’ contributions towards the Regular Budget for 2025”, the draft resolution contained on page 3 of document GC(68)/12;
- under agenda **item 15**, “Strengthening of the Agency’s technical cooperation activities”, the draft resolutions contained in documents GC(68)/COM.5/L.11 and GC(68)/COM.5/L.2;
- under agenda **item 16**, “Strengthening the Agency’s activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications”,
  - a draft resolution entitled “Support to the African Union’s Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomosis Eradication Campaign (AU-PATTEC)”, contained in document GC(68)/COM.5/L.3;
  - a draft resolution entitled “Development of the sterile insect technique package for the management of disease transmitting mosquitoes”, contained in document GC(68)/COM.5/L.4;
  - a draft resolution entitled “Renovation of the Agency’s Nuclear Applications Laboratories at Seibersdorf”, contained in document GC(68)/COM.5/L.5;
  - a draft resolution entitled “Zoonotic Disease Integrated Action (ZODIAC) Project”, contained in document GC(68)/COM.5/L.6;
  - a draft resolution entitled “Plan for producing potable water economically using small and medium-sized nuclear reactors”, contained in document GC(68)/COM.5/L.8; and
  - a draft resolution entitled “Non-power nuclear applications – General”, contained in document GC(68)/COM.5/L.12.

The Committee also considered:

- Under agenda **item 16**, Strengthening the Agency’s activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications”,



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- a draft resolution entitled “Non-power nuclear applications - Use of isotope hydrology for water resources management”, contained in document GC(68)/COM.5/L.7;
  - a draft resolution entitled “Non-power nuclear applications - Strengthening the support to Member States in food and agriculture”, contained in document GC(68)/COM.5/L.13; and
  - a draft resolution entitled “B. Nuclear power applications and C. Nuclear knowledge management” , contained in document GC(68)/COM.5/L10.
- under agenda **item 17**, “Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of Agency safeguards”
- a draft resolution entitled “Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of Agency safeguards” , contained in document GC(68)/COM.5/L.1.