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Attendance

Chair

Ms DELGADO PERALTA (Mexico), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr SOLANO ORTIZ (Costa Rica), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr GHAEBI, representing Mr GHARIB ABADI (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr SIVAGURUNATHAN (Malaysia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr OSIPOV (Republic of Moldova), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr FARHANE (Morocco), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr GIERVELD (Netherlands), Vice-President of the General Conference

Ms WOLCOTT (United States of America), Vice-President of the General Conference

Ms RAYOS NATIVIDAD (Philippines), Chair of the Committee of the Whole

Mr PACHECO, representing Ms RODRIGUES COELHO (Angola), Additional Member

Mr KLUČAR, representing Mr ŠRÁMEK (Czech Republic), Additional Member

Ms CALLESEN, representing Mr DINESEN (Denmark), Additional Member

Mr STEINMETZ, representing Mr UNGEHEUER (Luxembourg), Additional Member

Mr BULYCHEV, representing Mr ULYANOV (Russian Federation), Additional Member

Mr ALNUAIMI, representing Mr ALKAABI (United Arab Emirates), Additional Member

Chair of the Board of Governors

Ms KUMLIN GRANIT (Sweden)

Secretariat

Ms HAYWARD, Deputy Director General, Department of Management

Ms WIJEWARDANE, Secretary of the Committee

— **Adoption of the agenda for the meeting**
(GC(SPL.2)/GEN/1)

1. The CHAIR said that the provisional agenda for the meeting contained two sub-items under the item ‘Arrangements for the Conference’, namely ‘Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion’ and ‘Closing date of the current special session’.
2. It also contained an item entitled ‘Examination of delegates’ credentials’, which would be considered by the General Committee meeting as a credentials committee.
3. The agenda was adopted.

2. Arrangements for the Conference

(a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion
(GC(SPL.2)/1)

4. The CHAIR reminded the Committee that it was considering only the question of whether or not to recommend the inclusion of items in the agenda, their allocation for initial discussion and the suggested order of the items. In accordance with Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, members of the Committee should not engage in a discussion of the substance of any item, except in so far as it was relevant to the question of whether to recommend that item’s inclusion in the agenda.
5. She suggested that the Committee recommend to the Conference that the agenda for the current special session should consist of all the items in document GC(SPL.2)/1.
6. It was so decided.
7. The CHAIR took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference the suggested allocation of items for initial discussion as contained in document GC(SPL.2)/1.
8. It was so decided.
9. The CHAIR took it that the Committee was satisfied with the order of items suggested in document GC(SPL.2)/1.
10. It was so decided.

(b) Closing date of the current special session

11. The CHAIR suggested that the Committee recommend to the General Conference a closing date for the current special session of Monday, 2 December 2019.
12. It was so decided.

3. Examination of delegates' credentials (GC(SPL.2)/3 and 4)

13. The CHAIR proposed that the General Committee meet as a credentials committee and take up the examination of delegates' credentials.

14. Recalling Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, she said that credentials designated the delegate of a Member State to a given session of the General Conference, that credentials were submitted to the Director General and that they were issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Member State concerned. The Committee's task was limited to ascertaining whether the requirements of Rule 27 had been satisfied.

15. Credentials for 90 delegates had been received in due form. In addition, the Secretariat had received communications in respect of 42 delegates that did not constitute formal credentials meeting the requirements of Rule 27. Thirty-nine Member States were not participating and had not submitted any credentials.

16. Document GC(SPL.2)/3 contained a statement of Arab Member States of the Agency participating in the second special session of the General Conference, expressing their reservations concerning the credentials of the Israeli delegate.

17. Document GC(SPL.2)/4 contained a communication from Israel setting out its position with regard to those reservations.

18. Mr GHAEBI (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that the Committee's acceptance of the report on its examination of delegates' credentials must not be construed as constituting in any way recognition of the Israeli regime by his Government.

19. The CHAIR suggested that the Committee submit to the General Conference a report stating that it had met to examine the credentials of delegates in accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure, and containing a list of the Member States whose delegates had, in the Committee's opinion, submitted credentials satisfying the requirements of Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, and another list indicating the Member States for whose delegates the Director General had received communications that did not comply with that rule.

20. In accordance with past practice, the report could indicate that the Committee considered that delegates in the latter category should nevertheless be allowed to participate in the work of the Conference on the understanding that they would submit credentials in due form as soon as possible, preferably before the end of the current session.

21. The report should further state that the Committee had had before it, in document GC(SPL.2)/3, a statement by a number of Arab States members of the Agency participating in the second special session of the General Conference, as listed in that document, regarding their reservations about the credentials of the Israeli delegate and that the Committee had also had before it, in document GC(SPL.2)/4, a communication setting out Israel's position with regard to those reservations. In addition, the report should reflect the reservations regarding the credentials of the Israeli delegate expressed by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

22. Lastly, the report should state that the Committee had agreed, with the aforementioned reservations and position, to recommend that the General Conference adopt the following draft resolution:

“Examination of delegates’ credentials:

“The General Conference

“Accepts the report by the General Committee on its examination of the credentials of delegates to the second special session of the General Conference, which is set forth in document GC(SPL.2)/5.”

23. She asked whether the Committee wished a report on the lines she had described to be prepared and submitted to the General Conference.

24. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.