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GENERAL COMMITTEE

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on Tuesday, 23 September 1958, at 10.40 a.m.

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Present

Chairman: Mr. SUDJARWO President of the General Conference

Members:

Mr. WERSHOF	Canada
Mr. CORPION CAULA	Cuba
Mr. DELEAU	France
Mr. RAJAN	India
Mr. FURUUCHI	Japan
Mr. CLEMENTE	Philippines
Mr. NICUTZA	Romania
Mr. de ERICE	Spain
Mr. YEMISCIBASI	Turkey
Mr. EMELYANOV	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Mr. FAHMY	United Arab Republic
Mr. MICHAELS	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. VEDELER	United States of America

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Also present: Mr. WINKLER Chairman of the Board of Governors

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Secretariat: Mr. COLE Director General  
Mr. JOLLES Secretary of the General Committee

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING (GC(II)/GEN/3)

1. Mr. RAJAN (India), Chairman of the Administrative and Legal Committee, referred to Rule 86 of the Rules of Procedure and suggested that the wording of the third item of the provisional agenda (GC(II)/GEN/3) be amended to read "Determination of the number of elective places to be filled on the Board of Governors".

It was so agreed.

The agenda for the meeting, as amended, was adopted.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS TO COMMITTEES (GC(II)/35;  
GC(II)/GEN/4)

2. Mr. JOLLES (Secretary of the General Committee) pointed out that in addition to the alteration in the allocation of items to Committees suggested in paragraph 3 of the Director General's memorandum (GC(II)/GEN/4), it seemed preferable not to proceed to initial consideration of item 22 in plenary meeting, but to allocate it to the Administrative and Legal Committee, as suggested in the annex to the memorandum.

3. Mr. RAJAN (India), Chairman of the Administrative and Legal Committee, hoped that the General Conference would consider at the earliest possible moment, preferably immediately after the general debate, the report to be submitted by the General Committee, under Rule 86 of the Rules of Procedure, on the determination of the number of elective places to be filled on the Board of Governors, and that it would proceed at once with the necessary elections. It was advisable for the newly elected Governors to present their credentials as soon as possible, so that the new Board could be formed.

4. He was surprised to find no mention of item 23 of the provisional agenda in the list of items to be considered in plenary meeting.

5. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the items of the agenda would not necessarily be considered in the order in which they appeared in the draft report (GC(II)/GEN/4, Annex). That was a matter for the General Conference to decide.

6. Moreover, wherever the different items of the agenda were initially considered, it was obvious that they would all eventually be dealt with in plenary meeting.

7. Mr. WINKLER (Chairman of the Board of Governors) thought that in view of the relevant provisions of the Statute and the Rules of Procedure, the best solution would be to include item 23 of the provisional agenda among the items listed in paragraph 3, sub-section (a) of the draft of the report for consideration at a plenary meeting. It was none the less obvious that the debate in plenary meeting would be based on the report of the General Committee on those elements of the question which lay within its competence.

8. He also pointed out that at the end of paragraph (b) of Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, mention was made of the General Committee's part in the conduct of the work of the General Conference.

9. Mr. WERSHOP (Canada) formally proposed that item 23 of the provisional agenda be included among the questions to be considered directly in plenary meeting.

It was so agreed.

10. Mr. MICHAELS (United Kingdom) thought in regard to item 26 of the provisional agenda it might be necessary to take a procedural decision similar to that just taken on item 23.

11. Mr. WERSHOP (Canada) pointed out that the General Committee's function was not the same in both cases. As far as item 23 was concerned, it would have to confine itself to advising the General Conference on the number of elective places to be filled on the Board of Governors; on the other hand, if the General Conference decided to refer item 26 to the General Committee, the latter would be justified in formulating all the recommendations it considered useful on that item. He therefore proposed that no amendment be made in the allocation of item 26.

It was so agreed.

The draft of the report to the General Conference on the provisional agenda, as amended, was adopted.

#### DETERMINATION OF THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE SESSION

12. The CHAIRMAN reminded the Committee that when the Director General distributed the provisional agenda for the General Conference (GC(II)/35) in June, he had expected the session to last about two weeks.

13. Mr. WERSHOF (Canada) asked for further details on how that estimate had been arrived at.
14. Mr. JOLLES (Secretary of the General Committee) said that when the Director General consulted the Board of Governors on drawing up the provisional agenda, in accordance with Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure, he had had the impression that the majority of Governors considered two weeks sufficient.
15. It was planned that the general debate should begin that day and end on Thursday morning. The two main Committees would meet on Thursday afternoon, Friday, Saturday morning, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning, which should be enough to enable them to complete their work. For the second part of its work in plenary meeting the General Conference would thus have the equivalent of three working days. Of those three days, half a day could be reserved for the pledging conference.
16. Mr. FAHMY (United Arab Republic) thought that the General Committee could fix the closing date provisionally for 4 October, on the understanding that it would be altered if required. By this procedure the Agency would conform to current practice in international organizations.
17. Moreover, the Administrative and Legal Committee at least, if not the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, in which heads of delegations and experts had to sit, could meet simultaneously with plenary meetings of the General Conference.
18. Mr. MICHAELS (United Kingdom) did not think the General Committee was obliged to submit an immediate report or recommendations on the closing date.
19. Mr. EMBELIANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) stressed the point that the probable duration of the General Conference could be determined only after the general debate. The debate was of great importance, since it could provide an opportunity for all Member States to express valuable opinions on the Agency's future activities.
20. Mr. de ERICE (Spain), Chairman of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, thought that if it was really desired to finish on 4 October the main Committees should perhaps hold short meetings on Saturday afternoon.
21. Mr. RAJAN (India), Chairman of the Administrative and Legal Committee, pointed out that even though the General Committee, under Rule 8 of the Rules of

Procedure, had at the beginning of each session to fix a closing date, that recommendation could always be altered later under Rule 66 of the Rules of Procedure.

22. The CHAIRMAN suggested that 4 October should be adopted provisionally as the closing date. The General Conference would be so informed orally.

It was so agreed.

DETERMINATION OF THE NUMBER OF ELECTIVE PLACES TO BE FILLED ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (GC(II)/GEN/5)

23. The CHAIRMAN submitted the draft document for the General Conference (GC(II)/GEN/5, Annex) for the approval of the General Committee.

The draft document was adopted.

The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.