

General Conference

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

Item 6 of the provisional agenda
(GC(III)/72)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

Report by the General Committee under Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

1. At its sixth meeting on 22 September 1959, the General Committee considered the provisional agenda for the third regular session.^{1/}
2. The Committee was informed by the Director General that he had received no request under Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda. The Committee had before it, however, a proposal by the Board of Governors under Rule 15 that the General Conference should include in the agenda an additional item entitled "The principles to govern the provision of technical assistance by the Agency".
3. The Committee was informed that the Board had devoted a number of meetings to the discussion of this subject during recent months, and that these discussions had culminated in a decision which the Board took on 15 September whereby it agreed provisionally on certain interim principles to govern the provision of experts, equipment and supplies for technical assistance projects in 1960, pending the elaboration of more definite criteria, a task which the Board intended to undertake in the near future.^{2/} In view of the important character of the proposed additional item, the Committee decided to recommend the General Conference to include it in the agenda.

^{1/} GC(III)/72 and corrigendum 1.

^{2/} The text of the Board's decision is reproduced as annex I to this report.

4. The Committee also considered the application to the item of the last sentence of Rule 15 which stipulates that an additional item may not be considered until seven days after it has been placed on the agenda unless the General Conference decides otherwise by a two-thirds majority. A seven-day delay for this item would mean that consideration in committee could not begin before 30 September, and that might result in a prolongation of the session. The Committee accordingly recommends that the General Conference should decide, in accordance with Rule 15, that the seven-day waiting period should not apply to the item, it being understood that consideration will be deferred as long as is consistent with the need to conclude the session on schedule.

5. The General Conference will observe that item 14 of the provisional agenda - Voluntary contributions to the General Fund in 1960 - was proposed by the Board of Governors, with the suggestion that the steps to be taken to obtain voluntary contributions to the General Fund in 1960 should follow the pattern which the General Conference set in respect of the current year by adopting resolution GC(II)/RES/18. It has therefore been proposed that the General Conference should establish a Committee for Pledges of Voluntary Contributions to the General Fund. The General Committee accordingly recommends for adoption the draft resolution contained in annex III to the present report.

6. In the light of the foregoing considerations, the Committee recommends to the General Conference for adoption the agenda and allocation of items for initial consideration as set forth in annex II to the present report.

A N N E X I

TEXT OF A DECISION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON
15 SEPTEMBER 1959

Interim principles to govern the provision of experts,
equipment and supplies for technical assistance projects

The Board decided:

1. To agree provisionally on the following interim principles to govern the provision of experts, equipment and supplies for technical assistance projects during 1960:

- (a) Two time limits should be set - namely the end of January and the end of May - for the receipt of requests to enable the Board to consider them within the framework of the annual programme; and 60 per cent of the Agency's estimated technical assistance funds should be allocated to projects submitted by the end of January;
- (b) When approving projects extending over several years, the Board should act on the understanding that the financial implications of such projects would be subject to review in each ensuing year with due regard to the need for priority for such projects; and
- (c) Taking into consideration the total estimated resources available to the Agency for expenditure on the provision of experts, equipment and supplies during 1960, and in the light of the pattern of the requests received, the Board will consider all technical assistance requests with a view to ensuring an appropriate balance between:
 - (i) The provision of experts; and
 - (ii) The provision of equipment and supplies in so far as they form an integral part of a technical assistance project.

2. To agree provisionally that in order to provide a gradual transition to a procedure whereby requests for projects to be approved for the programme in any year should be submitted by 30 January of the preceding year, requests falling within the programme for the year 1961 should be submitted in outline by 30 January 1960 and in a complete form by 10 July 1960.

A N N E X II

AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Item</u> <u>Title</u> | <u>Allocation for initial</u> <u>discussion</u> |
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| 1. | Opening of the session ^{1/} | Plenary meeting |
| 2. | Election of the President ^{1/} | Plenary meeting |
| 3. | Appointment of the Credentials Committee ^{1/} | Plenary meeting |
| 4. | Election of the Vice-Presidents ^{1/} | Plenary meeting |
| 5. | Appointment of the General Committee ^{1/} | Plenary meeting |
| 6. | Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to Committees | General Committee |
| 7. | The closing date for the session | General Committee |
| 8. | Report of the Credentials Committee | Credentials Committee |
| 9. | Statement by the Director General | Plenary meeting |
| 10. | General debate and report of the Board of Governors for the year 1958-59 | Plenary meeting |
| 11. | The Agency's annual report to the United Nations General Assembly for 1958-59 | Plenary meeting |
| 12. | Assistance to less developed countries with the production of nuclear power | Programme, Technical and Budget Committee |
| 13. | The Agency's programme, budget and Working Capital Fund in 1960 | Programme, Technical and Budget Committee |
| 14. | Voluntary Contributions to the General Fund in 1960 | Committee for Pledges of Voluntary Contributions to the General Fund |
| 15. | Rules regarding the acceptance of voluntary contributions of money to the Agency | Administrative and Legal Committee |
| 16. | The Agency's accounts for 1957-58 | Administrative and Legal Committee |
| 17. | Scale of Members' contributions | Programme, Technical and Budget Committee |
| 18. | The relations of the Agency with the specialized agencies | Administrative and Legal Committee |

^{1/} This item was disposed of at the 25th plenary meeting.

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Allocation for initial discussion</u> |
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| 19. | Representation of inter-governmental organizations at the fourth regular session | | Administrative and Legal Committee |
| 20. | Election of Members to the Board of Governors | | General Committee |
| 21. | Election of Members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee | | Plenary meeting |
| 22. | The Agency's annual report to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for 1959-60 | | Plenary meeting |
| 23. | Opening date of the fourth regular session | | General Committee |
| 24. | The principles to govern the provision of technical assistance by the Agency | | Administrative and Legal Committee |
| 25. | Other business | | Plenary meeting or appropriate Committee |
| 26. | Closing of the session | | Plenary meeting |

A N N E X I I I

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE FOR PLEDGES OF VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND

The General Conference,

- (a) Having regard to the provisions of Article XIV.E and F of the Statute;
 - (b) Recalling the measures taken under resolution GC(II)/RES/18 to obtain contributions to the General Fund for 1959; and
 - (c) Recognizing the importance of obtaining from Members each year at its regular session pledges of the voluntary contributions they will be prepared to make to the General Fund for the succeeding financial year, in order to ascertain in advance the approximate total amount of such contributions that will be forthcoming during that year;
1. Decides to establish a committee of the whole Conference, under the chairmanship of the President of the Conference, to be called the Committee for Pledges of Voluntary Contributions to the General Fund;
 2. Further decides that the Committee shall meet to receive from the delegates of Member States announcements of their Governments' pledges of voluntary contributions of money to the General Fund for the succeeding financial year, and to report thereon to the General Conference; and
 3. Reaffirms its understanding that pledges announced before the Committee will be subject:
 - (a) To the approval of the legislative authorities of the Member State concerned; and
 - (b) To the Rules regarding the Acceptance of Voluntary Contributions of Money to the Agency approved by the General Conference.
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