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GENERAL COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS TO COMMITTEES

Memorandum by the Director General

1. Under Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, the General Committee is required to report to the General Conference on the provisional agenda for the session, as well as to propose the allocation of items to Committees. The provisional agenda is given in document GC(III)/72 and corrigendum 1.
2. Rule 42 also contains a reference to the list of supplementary items provided for in Rule 13; "but the Director General wishes to inform the Committee that he did not receive any request for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda of the present session. However, the Committee has before it a proposal by the Board of Governors under Rule 15 for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "The principles to govern the provision of technical assistance by the Agency",^{1/}
3. In view of the importance of this subject, it is assumed that the Committee will wish to recommend the General Conference to include the item in its agenda; and it is suggested that if the Committee decides in this sense, the item could conveniently be added to the list as item number 24. As the Committee is aware, the numerical order of items in no way affects the order of their consideration, and this arrangement would obviate the need to change the numbers already allocated to the other substantive items of the provisional agenda.
4. In the annotations to the provisional agenda, suggestions are made as to where each item should first be discussed, either in plenary meeting or in

^{1/} GC(III)/GEN/12.

one of the committees; these suggestions follow in general the pattern of allocation which the General Conference set at the second regular session. In so far as the additional item "The principles to govern the provision of technical assistance by the Agency" is concerned, its allocation to the Administrative and Legal Committee would be preferable from the organizational standpoint. The Committee may, however, consider that for substantive reasons it would be better to recommend its allocation to the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, despite the fact that the work the latter Committee will be called upon to undertake is likely to be very heavy.

5. In connexion with the Board's proposal, the attention of the Committee is drawn to the last sentence of Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure which stipulates that an additional item may not be considered until seven days after it had been placed on the agenda unless the General Conference decides otherwise by a two-thirds majority. If the General Conference places the additional item on its agenda on 23 September, a seven-day delay would mean that discussion by a Committee could not be started before 30 September, and the Committee's report could then hardly be considered in plenary before 2 October. This situation might delay the conclusion of the General Conference's work. The Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the General Conference should, in accordance with Rule 15, waive the seven-day waiting period for the additional item.

6. A final point to which the Director General wishes to invite the Committee's attention is the proposal for the establishment of a Standing Committee for Pledges of Voluntary Contributions to the General Fund made in the second sentence of the annotation to item 6 of the provisional agenda. This proposal stems from a suggestion by the Board of Governors, recorded in the annotation to item 14, that the General Conference may wish to give a permanent status to the pledging committee which it set up in 1959 by resolution GC(II)/RES/18.

7. For the convenience of the Committee, a draft of its report to the General Conference on the adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to committees is annexed to the present memorandum. The draft is based on the assumption that the Committee will wish to recommend the provisional agenda set forth in document GC(III)/72 and corrigendum 1, together with the additional item proposed by the Board of Governors, for approval by the General Conference, and also to make proposals to the General Conference in the sense of paragraphs 4-6 above.

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Draft of the Committee's report to the General Conference
on the agenda

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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. The Board further suggested that the General Conference might wish to give a permanent status to the committee established under paragraph 1 of that resolution, with the object of facilitating the taking of similar measures in the future. It has therefore been proposed that the General Conference should establish a Standing Committee for Pledges of Voluntary Contributions to the General Fund.^{3/} The General Committee concurs in the Board's suggestion that it would now be desirable for the General Conference to introduce a standard procedure whereby Members could pledge contributions to the General Fund each year, and it 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.

^{3/} GC(III)/72, annotation to item 6 of the provisional agenda.

Annex 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.
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Annex 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>
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	Standing 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</u> <u>discussion</u>
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	(To be decided)
25.	Other business	Plenary meeting or appropriate Committee
26.	Closing of the session	Plenary meeting

Annex III

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDING 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 standing committee of the whole Conference, under the chairmanship of the President of the Conference, to be called the Standing Committee for Pledges of Voluntary Contributions to the General Fund;

2. Further decides that the Standing Committee shall meet each year during its regular session 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 Standing 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.
