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Present^{*/}

Chairman:

Mr. PEREIRA (Ceylon), President of the General Conference

Members:

Mr. FRANCO-NETTO (Brazil), Chairman of the Administrative and Legal Committee

Miss MEAGHER (Canada), Additional Member

Mr. MARULANDA (Colombia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. MALU (Congo) (Leopoldville), Additional Member

Mr. FINKELSTEIN, representing Mr. HIRSCH (France), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. FERRÓ, representing Mr. JÁNOSSY (Hungary), Additional Member

Mr. OGISO, representing Mr. UCHIDA (Japan), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. ZOHRAB (New Zealand), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. EMBELIANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. TOHAMY (United Arab Republic), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. MICHAELS, representing Sir Roger MAKINS (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Additional Member

Mr. SMYTH, representing Mr. SEABORG (United States of America), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. NAKIČENOVIC (Yugoslavia), Chairman of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

Secretariat:

Mr. EKLUND, Director General

Mr. BOLTON, Secretary of the Committee

^{*/} The structure of the General Committee is laid down in Rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure. The composition of the Committee at the seventh regular session is given in document GC(VII)/INF/66/Rev.2.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING (GC(VII)/GEN/24)

1. The agenda for the meeting was adopted.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION
(GC(VII)/226, 226/Add.1, 226/Add.1/Mod.1)

2. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that Pakistan did not wish to maintain (GC(VII)/226/Add.1/Mod.1) its request for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda (GC(VII)/226/Add.1).

3. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Conference that it include in its agenda all the items in document GC(VII)/226.

4. The CHAIRMAN said that in the past the General Committee had gone no further than to make recommendations in its report on the agenda with regard to the allocation of items for initial discussion, leaving the President of the Conference to decide, in consultation with the Secretariat, the best order in which to take the items so as to meet the wishes of the largest possible number of delegates. With a view to finishing the session as soon as possible, it would seem advisable for the Committee again to leave the President a similar degree of latitude. He suggested, however, that item 3(b) - Report of the Credentials Committee - be taken towards the end of the session.

5. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Conference the allocation of items for initial discussion suggested in document GC(VII)/226.

6. The Committee authorized the Chairman to draw up, with the help of the Secretariat, the report to the General Conference containing its recommendations on the agenda and the allocation of items for initial discussion.^{1/}

CLOSING DATE OF THE SESSION (GC(VII)/226)

7. The CHAIRMAN recalled that under Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure the Committee had to recommend a closing date for the session. The sixth regular session had been shorter than those of preceding years. To the general satisfaction it had finished in the afternoon of Wednesday of the second week.

^{1/} Subsequently issued as document GC(VII)/246.

8. Having studied the agenda, together with the Director General, he thought the Committee could recommend that the closing date be fixed for Wednesday, 2 October 1963, it being understood that the session could be prolonged if the work of the Conference had not been completed by that date.

9. It was so agreed.

OPENING DATE OF THE EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION (GC(VII)/226)

10. The CHAIRMAN recalled that under Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure the General Conference met each year on a date which it fixed at the preceding annual session. Normally, the Committee would probably have recommended Tuesday, 22 September, for the opening of next year's session.

11. Both he and the Director General felt it advisable to consider the matter in the context of other plans for 1964. The Third United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy was due to be held in Geneva from 31 August to 9 September 1964. There seemed therefore to be a good case for moving the eighth session of the General Conference forward one week in order to reduce the interval between the end of the Geneva Conference and the beginning of that session. Less time would then be lost by persons participating in both conferences and delegates from distant countries would gain considerably by the change.

12. On the other hand, the big Vienna Trade Fair was scheduled to be held from 13 to 19 September 1964. If the General Conference were also to meet at that period, delegations might have difficulties in finding accommodation. Moreover, since the final arrangements for the Third Geneva Conference had still to be worked out by the United Nations later in the year, it would be premature for the General Conference to take a decision at the present stage linking the timing of its next session with the date of the Geneva Conference, in view of the practical problems that might arise. On the other hand, it would be unfortunate if the General Conference were to take a decision that might prevent the following session from being held shortly after the end of the Geneva Conference, if that should prove feasible.

13. He therefore suggested that the Committee recommend the General Conference provisionally to fix Tuesday, 22 September, as the opening date of the eighth regular session, but to empower the Director General, after consultation with the

Board of Governors, to advance that date to bring it closer to the end of the Third Geneva Conference, if such a change appeared to be in the general interest. It would of course be clearly understood that the Director General would give the Governments of all Member States several months' notice of any such change of date.

14. It was so agreed.

REJECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (GC(VII)/239; GC(VII)/GEN/23)

15. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to the Director General's memorandum (GC(VII)/GEN/23), which clearly outlined the situation. The Annex to that document contained the draft of a report which the Committee could make to the Conference.

16. He proposed that the Committee approve the draft report annexed to the Director General's memorandum.

17. It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.

