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GENERAL COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Memorandum by the Director General

1. Under Rule 86 of the Rules of Procedure^{1/} the General Committee is called to determine the number of elective places on the Board of Governors which must be filled by the General Conference, as well as to specify each geographical area in respect of which a Member or Members must be elected so as to ensure compliance with the provisions of Article VI.A.3 of the Statute.
2. Of the present Members elected at previous sessions, the terms of office of seven - Afghanistan, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Morocco, Romania, Switzerland and Uruguay - will expire at the end of the ninth regular session. The Committee will, therefore, no doubt wish to determine and so report to the Conference that seven Members must be elected to the Board during this session.
3. Article VI.A.3 of the Statute provides that the 12 Members of the Board elected by the Conference shall always include:

3 from Latin America,	1 from South Asia,
1 from Western Europe,	1 from South East Asia
1 from Eastern Europe,	and the Pacific, and
3 from Africa and the Middle East	1 from the Far East

^{1/} GC(VII)/INF/60

Since the five elected Members that will continue to serve on the Board after the end of the current session are Argentina, Chile, the Netherlands, Thailand and the United Arab Republic^{2/}, the Committee will doubtless wish to specify that the following elections are required in respect of geographical areas:

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| 1 from Latin America, | 1 from South Asia, and |
| 1 from Eastern Europe, | 1 from the Far East. |
| 2 from Africa and the Middle East, | |

4. For the Committee's convenience, a draft of its report to the Conference is annexed hereto. It closely follows the lines of the corresponding report the Committee made to the Conference last year^{3/}.

^{2/} See document GC(VIII)/RESOLUTIONS, Other Decisions, decision number GC(VIII)/DEC/8.

^{3/} GC(VIII)/284/Rev.1.

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Ninth regular session

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Report of the General Committee

1. Rule 86 of the Rules of Procedure^{1/} requires the General Committee to determine the number of elective places on the Board of Governors which must be filled by the General Conference so as to ensure compliance with the provisions of Article VI.A.3 of the Statute. The Committee accordingly notifies the Conference that it has determined that seven Members must be elected to the Board during the present session. In this connection the Committee invites attention to the last provision in the Article, which stipulates that

"... no member in the category of members elected to the Board by the General Conference^{2/} in any one term of office shall be eligible for re-election in the same category for the following term of office."

2. Rule 86 further requires the General Committee to specify the geographical areas in respect of which a Member or Members must be elected so as to ensure that after the end of the session the Board shall include three Members elected by the Conference from each of the areas of Latin America and of Africa and the Middle East, and one Member from each of the remaining areas, except North America, specified in Rule 83. In compliance with this provision, the Committee hereby specifies that elections are required at the current session in respect of five geographical areas, as follows:

- 1 Member from Latin America,
- 1 Member from Eastern Europe,
- 2 Members from Africa and the Middle East,
- 1 Member from South Asia, and
- 1 Member from the Far East.

^{1/} GC(VIII)/INF/60.

^{2/} The Members to which this provision at present applies are Afghanistan, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Morocco, Romania, Switzerland and Uruguay - see document GC(VII)/RESOLUTIONS, Other Decisions, decision number GC(VII)/DEC/11, and Article VI.D of the Statute.

The remaining Member may be elected from any geographical area in so far as its election is not precluded by the provisions of Article VI of the Statute.

2. In view of the provision in Rule 83 that the Conference shall conduct the elections with due regard to equitable representation on the Board as a whole of the Members in the geographical areas specified in that Rule, it may wish to have before it the following list of Members that have already been designated by the Board^{3/} or elected by the Conference^{4/} to serve on the Board after the end of the present session:

Argentina	Portugal
Australia	South Africa
Brazil	Sweden
Canada	Thailand
Chile	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic	United Arab Republic
France	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
India	United States of America
Japan	
Netherlands	

^{3/} GC(IX)/298.

^{4/} See document GC(VIII)/RESOLUTIONS, Other Decisions, decision number GC(VIII)/DEC/8.