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Present^{*/}

Chairman:

Mr. ASAKAI (Japan), President of the General Conference

Members:

Mr. QUIHILLALT (Argentina), Chairman of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

Mr. de LIMA, representing Mr. PRADO (Brazil), Vice-President of the General Conference

Miss MEAGHER (Canada), Additional Member

Mr. MALU, representing Mr. MOMBONG (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Vice-President of the General Conference

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

Mr. DAYAL, representing Mr. TYABJI (India), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. AZAD (Iran), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr. RANDERS (Norway), Chairman of the Administrative and Legal Committee

Mr. HULUBEI (Romania), Vice-President of the General Conference

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

Mr. TOHAMY (United Arab Republic), Additional Member

Mr. MICHAELS, representing Sir William PENNEY (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. SALOM-SUICA (Yugoslavia), Additional Member

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 ninth regular session is given in the Annex to document GC(IX)/INF/82/Rev.2.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING (GC(IX)/GEN/28)

1. The agenda proposed for the meeting (GC(IX)/GEN/28) was adopted.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION
(GC(IX)/295)

2. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the notes contained on page 3 et seq. of document GC(IX)/295 explained why the various items had been included in the provisional agenda. Item 19 - Emergency assistance in the event of radiation accidents - had been included in case it might be possible for the Board of Governors to submit a draft agreement on that type of assistance to the General Conference. As the Committee could see from the Director General's memorandum on the question (GC(IX)/INF/83, para. 6), that had not been possible, and he therefore suggested that the item should not be recommended for inclusion in the agenda.
3. It seemed that all the other items should be included in the agenda with the exception of item 18 - Amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute: Proposal by the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In a communication relating to the proposed amendment^{1/} the Board had stated that in view of the importance of the issues raised in the Congolese proposal the question required careful study, which it proposed to undertake in 1966.^{2/} He therefore suggested that the Committee recommend the General Conference to postpone discussion of item 18 on the understanding that it would probably be called upon to study the question during its next regular session.
4. Mr. MALU (Democratic Republic of the Congo) was surprised that the Board had not had time to make a thorough study of the proposal presented by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and pointed out that the amendment to Article VI.A.2 of the Statute had been presented at the required time and in the proper form. He also found it surprising that the Board did not feel itself in a position to comment on the proposal. He nevertheless agreed to discussion of the question being postponed, if it was understood that the Board would study it in 1966 and present its comments on the substance of the matter to the General Conference at its tenth session.

^{1/} GC(IX)/305.

^{2/} GC(IX)/309, para. 2.

5. Mr. TOHAMY (United Arab Republic) recalled that during the discussion in the Board of Governors, when it had been decided to defer consideration of the subject, the representative of the United Arab Republic, speaking as a representative of Africa and the Middle East, had made a statement which clearly reflected his views on the matter.

6. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Conference that it include in the agenda for the session all the items in document GC(IX)/295 with the exception of items 18 and 19.

7. The CHAIRMAN recalled 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 it to 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 as late in the session as possible, as in previous years.

8. The Committee decided to recommend to the Conference that the items be allocated for initial discussion as suggested in document GC(IX)/295, and that item 3(b) be taken towards the end of the session.

9. The Committee authorized its 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.

CLOSING DATE OF THE SESSION

10. The CHAIRMAN recalled that under Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure the Committee had to recommend a closing date for the session.

11. Consideration of the agenda which the Committee had decided to recommend to the Conference suggested that most time would be devoted to item 10 - General debate and Report of the Board of Governors for 1964-65. If the Committees began their work before the end of the week, he felt that the Conference could complete its business by Tuesday, 28 September. He would,

of course, with the help of the Secretariat, do everything in his power to ensure that sufficient time was given both in committee and in plenary meetings, for every item to be discussed with the attention it deserved.

12. Mr. TOHAIY (United Arab Republic) suggested that the Committee should recommend the continuation of work until 29 September.

13. Mr. MALU (Democratic Republic of the Congo) said he would prefer the closing date to be fixed for 27 September.

14. The CHAIRMAN thought the Committee could recommend to the Conference that the closing date be provisionally fixed for Tuesday, 28 September, it being understood that the session would be prolonged if the work had not been completed by that date.

15. It was so agreed.

OPENING DATE OF THE TENTH REGULAR SESSION

16. The CHAIRMAN recalled that under Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure the Conference met each year on a date which it fixed at the preceding regular session. He suggested that the Committee recommend the Conference to fix Tuesday, 20 September, as the date on which the tenth regular session should open in Vienna.

17. It was so agreed.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (GC(IX)/GEN/27)

18. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to the Director General's memorandum on the election of Members to the Board (GC(IX)/GEN/27). The annex to that document contained a draft of the report which the Committee could make to the Conference.

19. Mr. TOHAIY (United Arab Republic) maintained the reservations he had expressed with regard to South Africa and Portugal.

20. Mr. MALU (Democratic Republic of the Congo) expressed the same reservations and felt that South Africa was not suited to represent the region of Africa and the Middle East.

21. Subject to those reservations, the draft report was approved.

The meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.

