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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION

Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda

Proposal by the Board of Governors

1. The Board of Governors desires to inform the General Conference that, in accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference^{1/}, it hereby proposes the inclusion in the agenda of an additional item, relating to the Agency's budget for 1979.
2. The Agency's budget for 1979 is based on an exchange rate of 15.05 Austrian schillings to the United States dollar. After declining steadily during the first nine months of 1979, the schilling value of the dollar dropped sharply to a level of 12.55 schillings in October (12.90 in November). As a result, the Agency is not able to meet its financial commitments under its approved programme despite the stringent economy measures that have been applied throughout the year, unless a supplementary appropriation is approved.
3. Since there is no item on the provisional agenda of the General Conference under which this matter could be considered, the Board recommends that the General Conference include in its agenda, as an additional item of an important and urgent character, an item permitting it to consider a request for a supplementary appropriation. This additional item would be entitled: "The Agency's budget for 1979 - Proposal for a supplementary appropriation".
4. Furthermore, in order to enable the General Conference to consider this matter in a timely fashion, the Board recommends that the General Conference decide, in accordance with the procedure specified in Rule 15, to allow the additional item to be considered before the expiry of the seven-day period referred to in that rule.

^{1/} GC(XIX)/INF/152.

