General Conference

Forty-eighth regular session

Item 8 of the agenda
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Election of Members to the Board of Governors

Memorandum by the President

1.   Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference[1] provides that before the Conference at each regular session proceeds to elections to the Board of Governors, the presiding officer shall indicate to it those elective places on the Board which must be filled so as to ensure that after the end of the session the Board will be constituted in accordance with Article VI.A. of the Statute.

2.   The President accordingly informs the Conference that at the current session it will be called upon to elect 11 members to the Board[2] as follows:

    (a)   Three members from Latin America;

    (b)   Two members from Western Europe;

    (c)   One member from Eastern Europe;

    (d)   Two members from Africa;

    (e)   One member from the Middle East and South Asia;

    (f)   One member from South East Asia and the Pacific;

    (g)   One member from Africa, the Middle East and South Asia; or South East Asia and the Pacific (the so-called "floating seat").

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[1] GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

[2] To replace Brazil, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Saudi Arabia and Sudan (see document GC(46)/RES/DEC(2002), decision number GC(46)/DEC/10).

3.   The attention of delegates is drawn to the 24 Member States listed below, which will serve as members of the Board until the end of the forty-ninth regular session (2005), as a result either of their previous election by the General Conference in 2003[3] or their designation by the Board of Governors in June 2004[4].

Australia	Mexico
Belgium	Netherlands
Brazil	Nigeria
Canada	Pakistan
China	Peru
France	Poland
Germany	Russian Federation
Hungary	South Africa
India	Tunisia
Italy	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Japan	United States of America
Korea, Republic of	Vietnam

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[3] GC(47)/RES/DEC(2003), decision number GC(47)/DEC/9.

[4] GC(48)/4.