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¹ GC(54)/16.

Attendance

Chairman

Mr ENKHSAIKHAN (Mongolia), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr BARRETT (Canada), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr HU Xiaodi, representing Mr CHEN Qiufa (China), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr STACEY MORENO (Ecuador), Vice-President of the General Conference

Ms MANGIN, representing Mr BIGOT (France), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr PUJA, representing Mr SURAPRANATA (Indonesia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr SOLTANIEH, representing Mr SALEHI (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr SMIRNOV, representing Mr KIRIENKO (Russian Federation), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr MABHONGO, representing Mr MINTY (South Africa), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr GARCÍA REVILLA (Peru), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

Ms KOTHBAUER-LIECHTENSTEIN (Liechtenstein), Additional Member

Ms CONZEMIUS (Luxembourg), Additional Member

Mr WALIGORSKI, representing Ms TROJANOWSKA (Poland), Additional Member

Mr PEŠKO, representing Ms ŽIAKOVÁ (Slovakia), Additional Member

Mr RODRIGO, representing Mr RANAWAKA (Sri Lanka), Additional Member

Secretariat

Mr WALLER, Deputy Director General, Department of Management

Mr RAUTENBACH, Director, Office of Legal Affairs

Mr ANING, Secretary of the Committee

– **Adoption of the agenda for the meeting**
(GC(54)/GEN/1)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that the proposed agenda for the meeting contained the two traditional sub-items under the item “Arrangements for the Conference”, namely “Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion” and “Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session”.

2. The agenda was adopted.

5. Arrangements for the Conference

(a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion
(GC(54)/1)

3. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the provisional agenda for the Conference (GC(54)/1). He reminded the Committee that it was considering only the question of whether or not to recommend the inclusion of the items, their allocation for initial discussion and the suggested order of discussion. In accordance with Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, members of the Committee were not to engage in a discussion of the substance of any item, except in so far as that was relevant to the question of whether to recommend that item’s inclusion in the agenda.

4. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that the agenda for the current session should consist of all the items listed in document GC(54)/1 and that the allocation of agenda items for initial discussion and the order of discussion should be as suggested in that document.

5. It was so decided.

(b) Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session

6. The CHAIRMAN said that the number of speakers registering to speak in the general debate was one of the main factors influencing the length of the session. Over 100 delegations had registered to speak so far. The cooperation and goodwill of all delegations would be required if the Conference was to finish its work on schedule. He was sure that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole would do his best to ensure that the Committee finished its work by Friday afternoon at the latest. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference a closing date for the current session of Friday, 24 September 2010.

7. It was so decided.

8. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Conference an opening date for the next regular session of Monday, 19 September 2011.

9. Ms MANGIN (France) said that the proposed date meant that several of her country's senior ministers would be unable to attend, as high-level meetings in New York were scheduled for the same date. She asked whether there was any flexibility regarding the opening date.
10. The SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE said that given the existing availability of space it was almost impossible to schedule the General Conference at a time that did not coincide with the United Nations General Assembly in New York.
11. The CHAIRMAN said he took it that the proposed date was acceptable.
12. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 2.30 p.m.