

General Conference

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Provisional agenda

1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference¹, the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Conference will open in Building “M” at the Vienna International Centre on Monday, 17 September 2012, at 10.00 a.m.
2. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference’s session (Saturday, 15 September and Sunday, 16 September 2012), facilities will be made available for group meetings. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities with a view to achieving early agreement on organizational matters by participating in pre-session group meetings and the associated group decision-making. Meeting rooms may be reserved through the Secretariat’s Conference Services Section (tel. no.: +43 1 2600 21320).
3. Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Conference’s Rules of Procedure, the Director General has drawn up the attached provisional agenda for the session in consultation with the Board of Governors. In the annotation to each item a suggestion is made, for consideration by the General Committee, as to whether it should first be discussed in plenary or in a committee.
4. Should the Director General receive by 17 August 2012 any request under Rule 13 for inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda, such an item will, unless Rule 21 applies, be placed on a list which will be circulated not later than 28 August 2012.

¹ GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

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Annotations

1. Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee² *Plenary*

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President. In accordance with Rules 34 and 40, the Conference will also be called upon to elect eight Vice-Presidents, a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and five additional members on the proposal of the President.

2. Applications for membership of the Agency *Plenary*

The General Conference may have before it recommendations by the Board of Governors regarding applications for membership of the Agency.

3. Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations *Plenary*

It is expected that a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations will be delivered.

4. Statement by the Director General *Plenary*

The Director General is expected to make a statement to the Conference.

5. Arrangements for the Conference

(a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion *General Committee*

The General Committee is required to report to the Conference under Rule 42(a) on the provisional agenda set forth in the present document and on any supplementary or additional items (Rules 13 and 15). The Conference will then approve the agenda (Rule 14) and allocate the items for initial discussion.

(b) Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session *General Committee*

The Conference is required, under Rule 8, to set the closing date of the session and, under Rule 1, to set the opening date of the fifty-seventh (2013) regular session after considering recommendations made by the General Committee.

6. Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2013 *Plenary*

Member States will be urged to pledge contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2013 and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

² As stated in paragraph 2 of the cover note, facilities are being made available for area groups to meet during the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session. It is hoped that this measure will help area groups to reach agreement on their nominees for membership of the General Committee **before Monday morning** so that the work of the Conference can proceed without delay.

7. General debate and Annual Report for 2011

Plenary

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the Agency's *Annual Report 2011*, which the Board has approved (GC(56)/2).

As part of the efforts to streamline the work of the General Conference, it is recommended that statements by delegates in the general debate be limited to 15 minutes.

8. Election of Members to the Board of Governors

Plenary

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board³. Under Rule 83, the President will indicate to the Conference 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. Designations made in accordance with Article VI.A.1 of the Statute for membership on the Board in 2012–2013 are set out in document GC(56)/3.

9. The Agency's Financial Statements for 2011

Committee of the Whole

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's Financial Statements for 2011, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and the report of the Board, are being communicated to the Conference.

10. The Agency's Budget Update for 2013

Committee of the Whole

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve *The Agency's Budget Update for 2013* which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(56)/4.

11. Amendment to Article XIV.A of the Statute

Committee of the Whole

By resolution GC(43)/RES/8 the General Conference approved an amendment to Article XIV.A of the Agency's Statute, permitting biennial budgeting. This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to decision GC(55)/DEC/10. As requested in that decision, a report on the progress made towards the entry into force of this amendment is contained in document GC(56)/5.

12. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget

Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to Article XIV.D of the Statute, a proposed scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget for 2013 will be submitted to the Conference.

13. Measures to strengthen international cooperation in nuclear, radiation, transport and waste safety

Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to resolution GC(55)/RES/9 it is expected that the General Conference will have before it reports by the Director General on a number of issues, including:

- developments in items under GC(55)/RES/9;
- the *Nuclear Safety Review for 2012*; and
- implementation of the IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety.

³ The terms of office of Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Jordan, Niger, Portugal, Singapore, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(54)/RES/DEC(2010), decision number GC(54)/DEC/10).

14. Nuclear security *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(55)/RES/10. It is expected that the General Conference will have before it a report on issues related to nuclear security, including the *Nuclear Security Report 2012*.

15. Strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation activities *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(55)/RES/11 to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 35.

16. Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolutions GC(54)/RES/10 and GC(55)/RES/12. It is expected that the General Conference will have before it reports on a number of issues, including:

- developments in items under GC(54)/RES/10.A and C and GC(55)/RES/12.A and B.
- the *Nuclear Technology Review 2012*.

17. Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system and application of the Model Additional Protocol *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to General Conference decision GC(55)/DEC/11, to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of GC(54)/RES/11.

18. Implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 9 of resolution GC(55)/RES/13, in which the General Conference decided last year to remain seized of this matter and to include this item in the agenda for its fifty-sixth regular session.

19. Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(55)/RES/14 adopted by the General Conference last year. The Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 13.

20. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee *Committee of the Whole*

The Conference may be called upon to elect representatives from Member States to serve on the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

21. Examination of delegates' credentials *General Committee*

Under Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure the General Committee, meeting as a credentials committee, will examine the credentials of all delegates and report thereon to the Conference.

22. Report on contributions pledged to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2013

Plenary

It is expected that pledges of contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2013 will be obtained during the Conference and that the President will communicate a report thereon to the Conference.