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# General Committee

## Record of the First Meeting

*Held at Headquarters, Vienna, on Monday, 16 September 2013, at 2.10 p.m.*

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<sup>1</sup> GC(57)/24.

## **Attendance**

### Chairman

Mr MABHONGO (South Africa), President of the General Conference

### Members

Mr LABBÉ VILLA (Chile), Vice-President of the General Conference

Ms KALA, representing Ms PENTUS-ROSIMANNUS (Estonia), Vice-President of the General Conference

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

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

Ms YPARRAGUIRE, representing Mr MONTEJO (Philippines), Vice-President of the General Conference

Princess Bajrakitiyabha MAHIDOL (Thailand), Vice-President of the General Conference

Ms MUTANDIRO (Zimbabwe), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr STRATFORD (United States of America), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

Mr DIMITONOV, representing Mr KOSTOV (Bulgaria), Additional Member

Ms CALLESEN, representing Mr BALSLEV (Denmark), Additional Member

Mr BADDOURA, representing Mr EL-KHOURY (Lebanon), Additional Member

Mr RUIZ, representing Mr DE ALBA (Mexico), Additional Member

Mr VAN WULFFTEN PALTHE (Netherlands), Additional Member

Mr POSTNIKOV, representing Mr KIRIENKO (Russian Federation), Additional Member

### Chairman of the Board of Governors

Mr BARRETT (Canada)

### Secretariat

Ms DUNN LEE, Deputy Director General, Department of Management

Ms WIJEWARDANE, Secretary of the Committee

– **Adoption of the agenda for the meeting**  
(GC(57)/GEN/1)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that the proposed agenda for the meeting consisted of 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(57)/1 and Add.1, Add. 2 and Add. 3)

3. The CHAIRMAN reminded the Committee that it was considering only the question of whether or not to recommend the inclusion of given items in the agenda, their allocation for initial discussion and the suggested order of the items. In accordance with Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, members of the Committee should not engage in a discussion of the substance of any item, except in so far as it 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 consist of all the items listed in document GC(57)/1 and the supplementary items contained in documents GC(57)/1/Add.1 and Add.2, and that the allocation of items for initial discussion and the order of the items be as suggested in those documents.

5. It was so decided.

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

6. The CHAIRMAN said that the time taken up by the general debate was one of the main factors influencing the length of General Conference sessions. Well over 100 delegations had registered to speak in the general debate so far and more would almost certainly inscribe their names before the speakers’ list was closed. With the cooperation and goodwill of all delegations, however, it should be possible to conclude the current session on schedule.

7. If there were no objections, he would take it that the General Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference a closing date for the current session of Friday, 20 September 2013.

8. It was so decided.

9. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Conference, as the opening date for the next regular session, Monday, 22 September 2014.

10. It was so decided.

11. The CHAIRMAN said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee agreed to hold its next meeting on Thursday, 19 September at 9.15 a.m. and that at that meeting it would meet as a credentials committee and would, in addition, consider requests for the restoration of voting rights.

12. It was so decided.

**The meeting rose at 2.15 p.m.**