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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<sup>1</sup> provides that before the Conference at each regular session proceeds to elections of the Board of Governors, the presiding officers 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<sup>2</sup> as follows:
  - (a) Two members from Latin America;
  - (b) Two members from Western Europe;
  - (c) Two members from Eastern Europe;
  - (d) Two members from Africa;
  - (e) One member from Middle East and South Asia;
  - (f) One member from the Far East; and
  - (g) One member from the Far East, Middle East and South Asia, or South East Asia and the Pacific (the so-called ‘floating seat’).

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<sup>1</sup> GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

<sup>2</sup> To replace Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, Kenya, Peru, Qatar, Slovakia, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela and Viet Nam (see document GC(57)/RES/DEC(2013), decision GC(57)/DEC/8).

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 sixtieth regular session (2016), as a result of either previous election by the General Conference in 2014<sup>3</sup> or designation by the Board of Governors in June 2015<sup>4</sup>.

Argentina	Japan
Australia	Malaysia
Brazil	Mexico
Canada	New Zealand
Chile	Nigeria
China	Russian Federation
Egypt	Saudi Arabia
Finland	South Africa
France	Switzerland
Germany	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
India	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Ireland	United States of America

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<sup>3</sup> GC(58)/RES/DEC(2014), decision GC(58)/DEC/8.

<sup>4</sup> GC(59)/8.