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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 Conference¹ 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 Board² as follows:
 - (a) Two members from Latin America;
 - (b) Two members from Western Europe;
 - (c) Two member from Eastern Europe;
 - (d) Two members from Africa;
 - (e) One member from Middle East and South Asia;
 - (f) One member from Far East; and
 - (g) One member from Far East, Middle East and South Asia, or South East Asia and the Pacific (the so-called ‘floating seat’).

¹ GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

² To replace Belarus, Ghana, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Namibia, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Spain, Turkey and Uruguay (see document GC(59)/RES/DEC(2015), decision GC(59)/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 sixty-second regular session (2018), as a result of either previous election by the General Conference in 2016³ or designation by the Board of Governors in June 2017⁴.

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| Algeria | Italy |
| Argentina | Japan |
| Australia | Netherlands |
| Brazil | Peru |
| Canada | Qatar |
| China | Russian Federation |
| Costa Rica | Singapore |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Slovenia |
| Denmark | South Africa |
| France | United Arab Emirates |
| Germany | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| India | United States of America |

³ GC(60)/RES/DEC(2016), decision GC(60)/DEC/9.

⁴ GC(61)/6.