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Attendance

Chair

Ms ANGARA COLLINSON (Philippines), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr HAMMER (Australia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr SPASSOV, representing Mr PARVANOV (Bulgaria), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr KYRÖLÄINEN (Finland), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr ANING, representing Mr BOATENG (Ghana), Vice-President of the General Conference

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

Ms BUENROSTRO MASSIEU (Mexico), Vice-President of the General Conference

Ms BATTUNGALAG (Mongolia), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr REED, representing Mr PERRY (United States of America), Vice-President of the General Conference

Mr STALDER (Switzerland), Chair of the Committee of the Whole

Mr PACHECO, representing Ms DOS REIS FERREIRA (Angola), Additional Member

Ms HULAN, representing Ms RUDD (Canada), Additional Member

Mr GALUŠKA, representing Ms DRÁBOVÁ (Czech Republic), Additional Member

Mr MARAFI (Kuwait), Additional Member

Mr PÉREZ ALVÁN, representing Mr ROJAS SAMANEZ (Peru), Additional Member

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

Chair of the Board of Governors

Mr SEOKOLO (South Africa)

Secretariat

Ms HAYWARD, Deputy Director General, Department of Management

Ms WIJewardane, Secretary of the Committee

– **Adoption of the agenda for the meeting**
(GC(61)/GEN/1)

1. The CHAIR said that the proposed agenda for the meeting contained two 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(61)/1 and Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3)

3. The CHAIR reminded the Committee that it was considering only the question of whether or not to recommend the inclusion of 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, she 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(61)/1 and the supplementary items listed in documents GC(61)/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 CHAIR said that the time taken up by the general debate was one of the main factors influencing the length of the General Conference session. Over 130 delegations had registered to speak thus far and more would almost certainly inscribe their names before the speakers’ list was closed.

7. With the cooperation and goodwill of all delegations, however, it should be possible to conclude the current session on schedule.

8. She suggested that the Committee recommend to the General Conference a closing date for the current session of Friday, 22 September 2017.

9. It was so decided.

10. The CHAIR proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Conference an opening date for the next regular session of Monday, 17 September 2018.

11. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 2.30 p.m.