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# Inscription in the List of Speakers in the General Debate

1. In 1989, the General Conference adopted a procedure for determining the order of speakers in the general debate as follows<sup>1</sup>:

- 1.1. At a previously announced date and time, the Secretary of the Policy-making Organs shall be available for a period of one hour to receive applications from Member States wishing to speak early during the general debate. All those who apply during this period shall be eligible for inclusion in a ballot, which shall be held shortly after the closure of the application period. The ballot shall be organized by representatives of the Secretariat and held in the presence of any representatives of Member States who indicate a wish to attend. The ballot shall determine an order of priority among all the participating Member States.
- 1.2. The names of any Member States applying for inclusion in the speakers' list after the end of the period designated for application for inclusion in the ballot shall be added to the list in the order in which they apply.
- 1.3. By mutual agreement, Member States shall be permitted to exchange places on the speakers' list.
- 1.4. The practice of giving special priority to **Ministers** shall continue, the Secretariat being guided entirely by information provided by Member States.

2. In 1998, the General Conference decided<sup>2</sup> to confer upon Palestine additional rights and privileges of participation in the work of the Agency, including the right to participate in the general debate. Palestine is therefore entitled to be included in the speakers' list of the general debate in accordance with this decision and the practice of the United Nations.

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<sup>1</sup> See documents GC(XXXIII)/GEN/77 and GC(XXXIII)/OR.320, paras 12–15.

<sup>2</sup> See resolution GC(42)/RES/20.

3. In light of the exceptional circumstances imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the following arrangements will be put in place for conducting the ballot for the speakers' list in the general debate at the forthcoming 64th regular session of the General Conference:

- The Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs will be available to receive applications for inclusion in the list of speakers in the general debate at the forthcoming 64th General Conference via email (to the email: GC-Speakers-List@iaea.org) from Monday, 13 July 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to Tuesday, 14 July 2020, at 6.00 p.m. This procedure is set to avoid any possible congestion resulting from the physical presence during the application period.
- A ballot to determine the order among those who have applied will be held on Thursday, 16 July, at 11.00 a.m. in Board Room A, in the M Building, 2nd floor, of the Vienna International Centre (VIC). Member States' representatives wishing to be present during the ballot may do so according to the guidance described below.
- The following preventive measures will apply:
  - The number of Member States' representatives attending the ballot is limited to one (1) per Member State. The name of the representative attending the ballot should be communicated to the Secretariat, by Tuesday, 14 July 2020, at 6.00 p.m., using the email address indicated above.
  - Physical distancing and "No handshake" measures apply.
  - A seating plan will be provided. Participants will be seated maintaining a distance of at least one meter from each other at all times.
  - Participants are advised to wear masks while entering and exiting Board Room A.
- No participation in the ballot shall be accepted after the period designated for application has expired, i.e. Tuesday, 14 July 2020, at 6.00 p.m. The names of any Member States applying for inclusion in the list of speakers after this period shall be added to the list derived from the ballot in the order in which they apply.
- The result of the ballot, as per past practice, will be shared by the Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs shortly after the ballot with all Permanent Missions via email.