General Conference

Sixty-fifth regular session

Item 9 of the agenda
(GC(65)/25)

Election of Members to the Board of Governors

Memorandum by the President

1.   Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference[1] provides that before the Conference at each regular session proceeds to elections of the Board of Governors, the presiding officer 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[2] 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 Far East;

(f)   One member from Middle East and South Asia; and

(g)   One member from Far East, Middle East and South Asia, or South East Asia and the Pacific (the so-called 'floating seat').

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[1] GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

[2] To replace Estonia, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Kuwait, Mongolia, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia (see document GC(63)/RES/DEC(2019), decision GC(63)/DEC/9).

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-sixth regular session (2022), as a result of either previous election by the General Conference in 2020[3] or designation by the Board of Governors in June 2021[4].

Argentina	Mexico
Australia	New Zealand
Austria	Peru
Brazil	Poland
Canada	Russian Federation
China	Senegal
Egypt	Switzerland
France	South Africa
Germany	Spain
India	United Arab Emirates
Japan	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Malaysia	United States of America

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[3] GC(64)/RES/DEC(2020), decision GC(64)/DEC/8.

[4] GC(65)/20.