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Plenary

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Temporary President: Mr CORTESE (Italy) **President:** Mr CORTESE (Italy)

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Opening of the session

- 1. The <u>TEMPORARY PRESIDENT</u> declared the third special session of the General Conference open.
- 2. In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, he invited the delegates to observe one minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

All present rose and stood in silence for one minute.

3. The <u>TEMPORARY PRESIDENT</u> said that the special session had been convened, at the request of the Board of Governors, for the purpose of approving the Agency's draft budget update for 2023 (revised), in accordance with Article XIV.A of the Statute.

1. Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee

- 4. The <u>TEMPORARY PRESIDENT</u> said that, on the basis of past practice, it was envisaged that delegates elected to the office of the President and to the membership of the General Committee for the sixty-sixth regular session of the General Conference would also be elected thereto for the third special session of the General Conference, in accordance with Rules 34 and 40 of the Rules of Procedure. He proposed, for the sake of efficiency, that Rule 34 be waived to allow the Conference to elect all of the officers and appoint the General Committee in one decision.
- 5. He took it that the Conference wished to elect the delegates of the Member States elected at the sixty-sixth regular session of the General Conference to the office of the President and to the membership of the General Committee: Mr Cortese (Italy) as President; Australia, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Ghana, Romania, Sweden and Yemen as Vice-Presidents; Mr Bengu (South Africa) as Chair of the Committee of the Whole; and Albania, Montenegro, Paraguay, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates as the five additional members of the General Committee.
- 6. It was so decided.

2. Arrangements for the Conference

- (a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion
- (b) Closing date of the session
- 7. The <u>PRESIDENT</u> said that the provisional agenda contained in document GC(SPL.3)/1 would be considered by the General Committee, which would also meet as a credentials committee for the relevant item.