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AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Memorandum by the Director General

1. Last year, the General Conference decided to revert this year, as a matter of priority to the subject of the amendment of its Rules of Procedure.[1]
2. Within the framework of that decision, the Director General is presenting, in the Annex hereto, revised proposals for a number of amendments to the Rules, which are based on the comments submitted by Governments and the advice received from the Working Group provided for in the decision [2].
3. The Working Group met in March and April 1974 and communicated its advice to the Director General by a letter of 11 April. The Working Group formulated suggestions for amendments, the main points of which were:
 - (a) That there should be one Main Committee of the General Conference instead of two;
 - (b) That the General Committee should be replaced by a "Bureau" that would perform the same functions as the General Committee; and
 - (c) That credentials should be examined by a committee having the same composition as the "Bureau".

In formulating those suggestions the Working Group deliberately retained as far as possible the language of the existing Rules.

4. The Director General agrees with the approach suggested by the Working Group and the amendments he is proposing are, therefore, generally consistent with the Working Group's advice. He considers, however, that since the suggested "Bureau" would retain the functions of the present General Committee, it would seem desirable to retain the title of that Committee. The principles on which the size and composition, and geographical distribution in the General Committee are based should also continue to apply in future. On the other hand, the examination of the credentials of delegates should be carried out by the General Committee, meeting for this purpose as a Credentials Committee.

[1] See Resolutions and Other Decisions of the General Conference, seventeenth regular session, Decision number GC(XVII)/DEC/7. The Rules themselves are contained in the booklet GC(XVIII)/INF/146.

[2] The comments and advice can be made available to any delegate who wishes to consult them.

5. With regard to the comments that Member States have submitted, the Director General wishes to observe that a large proportion expressed the view that the amendments to the existing Rules should be kept to a minimum. It will be seen from the Annex that this has been done.

6. The Director General, accordingly, recommends the General Conference to adopt the following resolution:

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The General Conference

Decides to make the following changes in its Rules of Procedure:

[Here will be inserted the material set forth in the Annex]

ANNEX

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- (a) Replace Rule 28 by the following:

Rule 28. Examination of credentials

The credentials of all delegates shall be examined by the General Committee, meeting for this purpose as a credentials committee, which shall report on the credentials without delay to the General Conference.

- (b) In Rule 29, replace the words "Credentials Committee" by the words "General Committee, meeting as a credentials committee,".

- (c) Replace the heading to Chapter VI by the following:

"VI. PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE".

- (d) Replace Rule 34 by the following:

Rule 34. Election of President, Vice-Presidents and Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

The General Conference shall elect a President. The President shall, having due regard to equitable geographical representation, propose to the General Conference for election, the names of eight Vice-Presidents and the name of a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole. The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole shall hold office until the close of the session at which they are elected.

- (e) Replace the first sentence of Rule 40 by the following:

"At each session the General Conference shall appoint a General Committee which shall consist of the President of the General Conference, who shall serve as chairman, the eight Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and five additional members elected by the General Conference on the proposal of the President."

- (f) In the heading to, and in the first sentence of, Rule 41, replace the words "Main Committees" by the words "Committee of the Whole".

- (g) Add the following after the first sentence of Rule 42(b):

"It shall examine the credentials of all delegates and report thereon to the General Conference."

- (h) Replace Rule 45 by the following:

Rule 45. Main committee

The main committee of the General Conference shall be the Committee of the Whole, which shall consider and report on any item referred to it by the General Conference under these Rules.

- (i) Replace the first sentence of Rule 46 by the following:

"Except as provided for in Rules 34 and 40, each committee of the General Conference shall elect its own Chairman and other officers."

- (j) In the first sentence of Rule 55, replace the words "the Rapporteur" by the words "other officer".

- (k) Amend the opening phrase of Rule 72 to read as follows:

"Except in elections to the Board of Governors,".