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**ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS  
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND OF THE CHAIRPERSONS,  
VICE-CHAIRPERSONS AND RAPPORTEURS  
OF THE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

1. In accordance with Rules 29, 35 and 48 of its Rules of Procedure and with the recommendations made by the Executive Board regarding the organization of the work of the 31st session (31 C/2) and in pursuance of the recommendations of the Executive Board concerning the election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the chairpersons of the commissions and committees, respectively, the General Conference will be required to fill the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and rapporteurs of the various commissions and committees.<sup>1</sup>
2. The General Committee of the General Conference consists of the President, the Vice-Presidents and the chairpersons of the committees and commissions of the General Conference (Rule 42.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference).
3. The Headquarters Committee, whose members were elected by the General Conference at its 30th session to serve until the end of the 31st session, has already elected its Bureau.<sup>2</sup> Its Chairperson will also be a member of the General Committee of the General Conference. At its 31st session, the General Conference will be required to elect the Member States which will be members of the Headquarters Committee until the end of the 32nd session.

<sup>1</sup> Rule 48.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference stipulates that the committees or commissions set up by the General Conference and in which all the Member States are represented shall elect a Chairman, four Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur; this applies to the programme commissions (I to V), the Administrative Commission and the Nominations Committee. Rule 48.2 stipulates that any other committee or subsidiary organ set up by the General Conference and in which only a limited number of Member States is represented shall elect a Chairman and, if necessary, one or two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur; this applies to the Legal Committee and the Credentials Committee.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Rule 39.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference.

4. By 29 C/Resolution 87 (1.22), the General Conference decided that candidates for the offices of chairpersons of commissions should be proposed by the Executive Board at the first session of the second year of the biennium. Thus the candidates for the offices of chairpersons of commissions at the 30th session of the General Conference were proposed at the 156th session of the Board. The Executive Board at its 160th session decided that the same timetable should be applied for proposing candidates for the posts of chairpersons of committees at the 31st session (160 EX/Decision 6.1.2, para. 5).

5. In implementation of that resolution, the Executive Board at its 161st session recommended the following nominations for the offices of chairpersons of the commissions:

Commission I	Ms A. Cummins (Barbados)
Commission II	Mr M. A. Omolewa (Nigeria)
Commission III	Mr W. Zagorski-Ostoja (Poland)
Commission IV	Ms R. Manalo (Philippines)
Commission V	Mr A. Al-Mashat (Iraq)
Administrative Commission	Mr D. Stanton (United Kingdom)
Credentials Committee	Mr T. Mamajonov (Uzbekistan)
Nominations Committee	Mr A. Galan Sarmiento (Colombia)
Legal Committee	Ms S. Fernandez Illanes (Chile)

6. Regarding the nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference, the Executive Board's recommendations to the General Conference will be made at its 162nd session. Those recommendations will appear in document 31 C/NOM/1 Add.

7. Having regard to the recommendations made by the Executive Board concerning the organization of the work of the 31st session (31 C/2), the procedure to be followed by the General Conference should be as follows:

- (a) The Credentials Committee, which meets on the first day of the session, will be informed by the Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Board's suggestion regarding its Chairperson, and will then elect its Chairperson and, if necessary, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur.
- (b) Similarly, when the Nominations Committee meets, on the first day of the session, it will be informed of the Executive Board's suggestion regarding its Chairperson, and will then elect its Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and, if necessary, Rapporteur.
- (c) The Nominations Committee will then be informed of the Executive Board's recommendations concerning the posts of President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and its suggestions regarding the other posts. The Committee will then make its own recommendations.
- (d) On the same day, the General Conference will elect in plenary meeting, on the report of the Nominations Committee, its President and Vice-Presidents and the chairpersons of the five programme commissions and of the Administrative Commission.
- (e) The Legal Committee will meet the next day to elect its Chairperson on the report of the Nominations Committee, thus completing the constitution of the General Committee.

- (f) The various commissions and committees will elect their vice-chairpersons and rapporteurs at their first meeting.
- (g) If in any election there are more candidates than seats to be filled, the election may be held by secret ballot as provided for in Rule 97 of the Rules of Procedure.

**ANNEX**

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

<b>States</b>	<b>Date of entry</b>	<b>Number of times member of General Committee</b>
Afghanistan	4 May 1948	2
Albania	16 October 1958	-
Algeria	15 October 1962	6
Andorra	20 October 1993	-
Angola	11 March 1977	3
Antigua and Barbuda	15 July 1982	-
Argentina	15 September 1948	13
Armenia	9 June 1992	-
Australia	4 November 1946	12
Austria	13 August 1948	6
Azerbaijan	3 June 1992	-
Bahamas	23 April 1981	-
Bahrain	18 January 1972	-
Bangladesh	27 October 1972	2
Barbados	24 October 1968	3
Belarus	12 May 1954	-
Belgium	29 November 1946	9
Belize	10 May 1982	-
Benin	18 October 1960	3
Bhutan	13 April 1982	-
Bolivia	13 November 1946	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2 June 1993	1
Botswana	16 January 1980	1
Brazil	4 November 1946	18
Bulgaria	17 May 1956	5
Burkina Faso	14 November 1960	2
Burundi	16 November 1962	4
Cambodia <sup>1</sup>	3 July 1951	-
Cameroon	11 November 1960	6
Canada	4 November 1946	12
Cape Verde	15 February 1978	1
Central African Republic	11 November 1960	3
Chad	19 December 1960	1
Chile	7 July 1953	8
China	4 November 1946	15

<sup>1</sup> Up to 3 February 1990 the name of this State was "Democratic Kampuchea".

<b>States</b>	<b>Date of entry</b>	<b>Number of times member of General Committee</b>
Colombia	31 October 1947	4
Comoros	22 March 1977	-
Congo	24 October 1960	1
Cook Islands	25 October 1989	-
Costa Rica	19 May 1950	6
Côte d'Ivoire	27 October 1960	5
Croatia	1 June 1992	1
Cuba	29 August 1947	12
Cyprus	6 February 1961	-
Czech Republic <sup>2</sup>	22 February 1993	4
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	18 October 1974	5
Democratic Republic of the Congo <sup>3</sup>	25 November 1960	2
Denmark	4 November 1946	8
Djibouti	31 August 1989	-
Dominica	9 January 1979	-
Dominican Republic	4 November 1946	2
Ecuador	22 January 1947	10
Egypt	4 November 1946	14
El Salvador	28 April 1948	2
Equatorial Guinea	29 November 1979	1
Eritrea	2 September 1993	-
Estonia	14 October 1991	-
Ethiopia	1 July 1955	5
Fiji	14 July 1983	-
Finland	10 October 1956	7
France	4 November 1946	30
Gabon	16 November 1960	6
Gambia	1 August 1973	1
Georgia	7 October 1992	-
Germany <sup>4</sup>	11 July 1951	16
Ghana	11 April 1958	8
Greece	4 November 1946	6
Grenada	17 February 1975	-
Guatemala	2 January 1950	7
Guinea	2 February 1960	4
Guinea-Bissau	1 November 1974	-
Guyana	21 March 1967	2
Haiti	18 November 1946	1

<sup>2</sup> Before Czechoslovakia divided into the Czech Republic and Slovakia it had been a member of the General Committee of the General Conference ten times, between 1946 and 1991.

<sup>3</sup> Until 17 May 1997 the name of this State was "Zaire".

<sup>4</sup> Since 3 October 1990 the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany have formed a single State named "Federal Republic of Germany".

<b>States</b>	<b>Date of entry</b>	<b>Number of times member of General Committee</b>
Honduras	16 December 1947	6
Hungary	14 September 1948	5
Iceland	8 June 1964	1
India	4 November 1946	26
Indonesia	27 May 1950	2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	6 September 1948	9
Iraq	21 October 1948	8
Ireland	3 October 1961	-
Israel	16 September 1949	1
Italy	27 January 1948	18
Jamaica	7 November 1962	6
Japan	2 July 1951	24
Jordan	14 June 1950	9
Kazakhstan	22 May 1992	-
Kenya	7 April 1964	8
Kiribati	24 October 1989	-
Kuwait	18 November 1960	3
Kyrgyzstan	2 June 1992	-
Lao People's Democratic Republic	9 July 1951	1
Latvia	14 October 1991	-
Lebanon	4 November 1946	12
Lesotho	29 September 1967	1
Liberia	6 March 1947	4
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	27 June 1953	4
Lithuania	7 October 1991	3
Luxembourg	27 October 1947	-
Madagascar	10 November 1960	4
Malawi	27 October 1964	-
Malaysia	16 June 1958	3
Maldives	18 July 1980	-
Mali	7 November 1960	3
Marshall Islands	30 June 1995	-
Malta	10 February 1965	-
Mauritania	10 January 1962	2
Mauritius	25 October 1968	1
Mexico	4 November 1946	11
Monaco	6 July 1949	1
Mongolia	1 November 1962	2
Morocco	7 November 1956	9
Mozambique	11 October 1976	3
Myanmar <sup>5</sup>	27 June 1949	-

<sup>5</sup> Up to 18 June 1989 the name of this State was "Union of Burma".

<b>States</b>	<b>Date of entry</b>	<b>Number of times member of General Committee</b>
Namibia	2 November 1978	1
Nauru	17 October 1996	-
Nepal	1 May 1953	5
Netherlands	1 January 1947	13
New Zealand	4 November 1946	10
Nicaragua	22 February 1952	1
Niger	10 November 1960	3
Nigeria	14 November 1960	9
Niue	26 October 1993	-
Norway	4 November 1946	4
Oman	10 February 1972	5
Pakistan	14 September 1949	13
Panama	10 January 1950	3
Papua New Guinea	4 October 1976	-
Paraguay	20 June 1955	3
Peru	21 November 1946	7
Philippines	21 November 1946	10
Poland	6 November 1946	10
Portugal <sup>6</sup>	11 March 1965	3
Qatar	27 January 1972	-
Republic of Korea	14 June 1950	4
Republic of Moldova	27 May 1992	-
Romania	27 July 1956	8
Russian Federation	21 April 1954	23
Rwanda	7 November 1962	-
Saint Kitts and Nevis	26 October 1983	-
Saint Lucia	6 March 1980	2
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	14 January 1983	-
Samoa	3 April 1981	-
San Marino	12 November 1974	-
Sao Tome and Principe	22 January 1980	2
Saudi Arabia	4 November 1946	4
Senegal	10 November 1960	5
Seychelles	18 October 1976	-
Sierra Leone	28 March 1962	2
Singapore <sup>7</sup>	28 October 1965	-
Slovakia <sup>8</sup>	9 February 1993	2
Slovenia	27 May 1992	-
Solomon Islands	7 September 1993	-
Somalia	15 November 1960	1

<sup>6</sup> Portugal withdrew from UNESCO on 31 December 1972 and rejoined it on 11 September 1974.

<sup>7</sup> Singapore withdrew from UNESCO on 31 December 1985.

<sup>8</sup> See note 2 above.

<b>States</b>	<b>Date of entry</b>	<b>Number of times member of General Committee</b>
South Africa <sup>9</sup>	4 November 1946	1
Spain	30 January 1953	7
Sri Lanka	14 November 1949	5
Sudan	26 November 1956	5
Suriname	16 July 1976	-
Swaziland	25 January 1978	-
Sweden	23 January 1950	6
Switzerland	28 January 1949	11
Syrian Arab Republic	16 November 1946	5
Tajikistan	6 April 1993	-
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	28 June 1993	-
Thailand	1 January 1949	5
Togo	17 November 1960	8
Tonga	29 September 1980	1
Trinidad and Tobago	2 November 1962	2
Tunisia	8 November 1956	6
Turkey	4 November 1946	15
Turkmenistan	17 August 1993	-
Tuvalu	21 October 1991	-
Uganda	9 November 1962	3
Ukraine	12 May 1954	5
United Arab Emirates	20 April 1972	1
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>10</sup>	4 November 1946	18
United Republic of Tanzania	6 March 1962	5
United States of America <sup>11</sup>	4 November 1946	22
Uruguay	8 November 1947	9
Uzbekistan	26 October 1993	-
Vanuatu	10 February 1994	-
Venezuela	25 November 1946	15
Viet Nam	6 July 1951	8
Yemen <sup>12</sup>	2 April 1962	9
Yugoslavia	20 December 2000	-
Zambia	9 November 1964	5
Zimbabwe	22 September 1980	4

<sup>9</sup> South Africa withdrew from UNESCO on 31 December 1956 and rejoined it on 12 December 1994.

<sup>10</sup> The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland withdrew from UNESCO on 31 December 1985 and rejoined it on 1 July 1997.

<sup>11</sup> The United States of America withdrew from UNESCO on 31 December 1984.

<sup>12</sup> Since 22 May 1990 Yemen and Democratic Yemen have formed a single State named “Republic of Yemen”.

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**ADDENDUM**

1. The Executive Board at its 161st session recommended to the General Conference the following nominations for the offices of chairpersons of commissions and committees of the 31st session (161 EX/Decision 6.5):

Commission I	Ms A. Cummins (Barbados)
Commission II	Mr M.A. Omolewa (Nigeria)
Commission III	Mr W. Zagorski-Ostojka (Poland)
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By the same decision, the Executive Board had recommended to the General Conference the nomination of Ms R. Manalo (Philippines) to the office of Chairperson of Commission IV of the 31st session of the General Conference.

Following a proposal by the Government of the Philippines, the Executive Board decided, at its 162nd session, to recommend to the General Conference the nomination of Mr H. Villarroel (Philippines) in replacement of Ms R. Manalo as Chairperson of Commission IV of the 31st session of the General Conference.

2. Regarding the nominations for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference, the Executive Board decided, at its 162nd session (162 EX/Decision 6.4), to make the following recommendations:

President of the General Conference: Mr Ahmad Jalali (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Presidents (36). The heads of delegations of the following Member States:

Argentina	Ghana	Romania
Australia	Honduras	Russian Federation
Cameroon	Iraq	Saint Lucia
Canada	Jamaica	Slovakia
China	Kazakhstan	South Africa
Comoros	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Sweden
Côte d'Ivoire	Lithuania	Syrian Arab Republic
Croatia	Malawi	Turkey
Czech Republic	Mexico	United Arab Emirates
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Nepal	Uruguay
France	Netherlands	Viet Nam
Germany	Oman	Yemen

3. As mentioned in paragraph 4 of document 31 C/NOM/4, the Headquarters Committee, whose members were elected by the General Conference at its 30th session to serve until the end of the 31st session, has already elected its Bureau. Its Chairperson, Mr Musa Hassan (Oman), will also be a member of the General Committee of the 31st session of the General Conference.