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CONFERENCE

Thirty-seventh Session

Rome, 25 June - 2 July 2011

Address by Candidates for the Post of Director-General

1. Agenda Item 6.1, *Address by Candidates for the Post of Director-General*, is scheduled to take place during the afternoon Plenary meeting of Saturday 25 June 2011.
2. The procedure for the presentation of statements, which was proposed by the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters and endorsed by the Council in 2010, is given in annex. It can be summarized as follows:
 - a) the order in which the candidates appear will be determined by lot;
 - b) the time allotted to each candidate to make his statement will be limited to 15 minutes;
 - c) after each statement, the Members of the Conference will have 15 minutes to ask the candidate questions;
 - d) the candidate will then have a quarter of an hour to reply to the questions;
 - e) the statements, questions and replies will not be followed by discussion nor lead to any conclusion.
3. Prior to the 141st Session of Council (April 2011) the Independent Chairperson of Council convened a meeting with representatives of the Regional Groups and of the six candidates and complemented the above mentioned procedure with specifications on practical matters. For the addresses made by candidates at Council it was decided that:
 - a) an office be made available to each candidate for the duration of the agenda item on the address by candidates for the post of Director-General;
 - b) the drawing of lots to determine the speaking order of candidates take place in plenary session when the relevant Agenda item was taken;
 - c) after the first candidate has been decided by lot and has made his statement, the following candidates be determined in succession by lot, after each statement, and invited to the meeting room one after the other;
 - d) the candidates be accompanied to the podium by a Protocol Officer and take their place to the right of the Chairperson;
 - e) the Chairperson invite a Member of the Council representing a particular Regional Group to ask the candidate questions for a maximum of two minutes. It was recommended that each Regional Group limit the number of questions asked to three. The Members representing the Regional Groups were to speak in alphabetical order of the English

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names of the Regional Groups, and the order of Regional Group would move up one place for each candidate, as indicated in the table below:

Candidates	Questions / Regional Groups						
	Africa	Asia	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean	Near East	North America	South West Pacific
Candidate 1	Africa	Asia	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean	Near East	North America	South West Pacific
Candidate 2	Asia	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean	Near East	North America	South West Pacific	Africa
Candidate 3	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean	Near East	North America	South West Pacific	Africa	Asia
Candidate 4	Latin America and the Caribbean	Near East	North America	South West Pacific	Africa	Asia	Europe
Candidate 5	Near East	North America	South West Pacific	Africa	Asia	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean
Candidate 6	North America	South West Pacific	Africa	Asia	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean	Near East

- f) the Secretary-General make sure that time limits are respected and that candidates have the same amount of time, using a traffic light system. The Chairperson will terminate a proceeding when the time has expired, if necessary by having the microphone switched off;
- g) after their appearances, the candidates be accompanied to their office by a Protocol Officer so that no two candidates are ever in the meeting room at the same time.

4. The Green Room (first floor Building A) was used to relay the addresses made at the 141st Session of Council to those unable to enter the Plenary Hall.

Procedure concerning the Address to the Conference by Candidates for the Office of Director-General

Address to the Conference by Candidates for the Office of Director-General

- (i) Each candidate, validly nominated in accordance with Rule XII, paragraph 5 of the General Rules of the Organization, will make a statement to a plenary meeting of the Conference, of up to 15 minutes. The sequential order in which candidates make statements and answer questions is defined by lots drawn by the Chairperson. The statements should include a presentation of the candidate's vision of the future priorities for the Organization.
- (ii) After each statement, up to 15 minutes will be made available to Member Nations of the Organization to ask questions through the Chairperson who will then give the floor to candidates to respond for up to 15 minutes.
- (iii) The Chairperson may adjust the time allotted for questions and answers foreseen in paragraph (ii) above, subject to a requirement of equality of time among all candidates. In determining the time allotted, the Chairperson should bear in mind that, as far as possible, all candidates should address the Conference on the same day.
- (iv) The Chairperson, with the assistance of the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, ensures that the allocated time, both for the statements and for the questions and answers, is strictly enforced.
- (v) A candidate may speak in any language of the Organization.
- (vi) Once all statements and questions and answers have been completed, the Chairperson shall declare this process closed. There shall be no debate, nor any conclusions drawn from the statements, questions or answers.
- (vii) The Conference proceeds to the appointment of the Director-General, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXXVII of the General Rules of the Organization.