GENERAL CONFERENCE
Twentieth session
Vienna, 27 November – 1 December 2023

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

FRIDAY, 1 December 2023

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  9th plenary meeting
General Debate

Item 6: Elections to organs, including sub-items (a) and (b)

1 p.m.  Main Committee – 7th meeting

Plenary Hall
(M-building, 1st floor)
Interprefy online platform

3.30–6.30 p.m.  10th plenary meeting
Consideration and adoption of decisions
and resolutions
Closure of the session

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS
THURSDAY, 30 November 2023
7th PLENARY MEETING (morning)

Item 5: Credentials of representatives to the Conference

With the President in the Chair, the Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, Ms. Yulia Plokhova of the Russian Federation, presented the report of the Credentials Committee, contained in document GC.20/L.1. Comments were made by the representatives of Tunisia, State of Palestine, Egypt, Syrian Arab Republic, Algeria, Mali, Israel, Islamic Republic of Iran, Mauritania, Jordan, Oman, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, and Sudan.

The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted as presented.

Item 11 (d): Appointment of an External Auditor

Statements were made by the External Auditory candidates from Egypt, Kenya, the Republic of Korea, and Spain.

Since none of the candidates obtained the required majority during the first ballot, a second ballot was held.

Mr. Ali Hassan Rashwan (Undersecretary at the Accountability State Authority of Egypt) was elected as the External Auditor of UNIDO for a period of two years, from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026.

8th PLENARY MEETING (afternoon)

Item 11 (d): Appointment of an External Auditor (continued)

Congratulatory statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, State of Palestine, the Russian Federation, Yemen, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, China, Tunisia, Qatar, the European Union and its Member States, Lebanon, Islamic Republic of Iran, Syrian Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Türkiye, Iraq, India, Jordan, Switzerland, Togo, Belarus, Botswana, Mauritania, Côte d'Ivoire. An additional statement was made by Egypt to express appreciation.

General Debate – Items 7 to 25

With the Vice-President in the Chair (Austria), statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Thailand, Islamic Republic of Iran, Nigeria, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Tunisia, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Slovenia, Israel, Norway, Cyprus, Costa Rica, Oman, Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Egypt, and Armenia.

The following countries exercised their right of reply: State of Palestine, the Russian Federation, Iraq, and Israel.

1 Provided in writing.