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### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

#### FRIDAY, 1 December 2023

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**     **9<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting**

General Debate

**Plenary Hall**  
*(M-building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)*

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

**1 p.m.**     **Main Committee – 7<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**Board Room A**  
*(M-building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)*

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**3.30–6.30 p.m.**     **10<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting**

*Consideration and adoption of decisions  
and resolutions*

*Closure of the session*

**Plenary Hall**  
*(M-building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)*

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## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

**THURSDAY, 30 November 2023**

**7<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>1</sup>.

The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted as presented.

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

Statements were made by the External Auditor 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.

## **8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Provided in writing.