

**42ND SESSION - UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE
SUMMARY OF DEBATES
DELEGATES INFORMATION BUREAU**

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Date	Tuesday 14 November 2023	Room	IV
N° meeting	Sixth meeting	Hour	From: 10 a.m. To: 12:40 p.m.
Chairperson(s)	Ms Maria Lorena Sol de Pool	Country	EL SALVADOR

SUMMARY OF DEBATE(S)

Items examined	Item 12.1 – Election of Members of the Executive Board Items 12.2 to 12.16 – Elections of members of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference, and appointment of an External Auditor		
Debate no	N/A	Debate status	Items 12.1; 12.2; 12.3; 12.4; 12.5; 12.6; 12.7; 12.8; 12.9; 12.10; 12.11; 12.12; 12.13; 12.14; 12.15; and 12.16 (continuation)
Related documents	42 C/NOM/INF.2 Rev.4 42 C/NOM/2 42 C/NOM/3 42 C/NOM/INF.1 Rev.3 42 C/NOM/INF.3 42 C/NOM/4 42 C/NOM/5 42 C/NOM/6 42 C/NOM/7 and Add 42 C/NOM/7/INF		
DRs examined	N/A		
Countries that took floor	United States of America, Saint Lucia, Lebanon, Panama, Congo, Poland, Canada, France, Costa Rica, Haiti, Slovakia, Benin, Morocco, Belgium, Albania, Togo, Philippines, Chile.		
Summary of debate	<p>1. The Nominations Committee at its sixth session considered item 12.1 Election of Members of the Executive Board. The Chairperson reminded the delegates that the election of Members of the Executive Board would take place on <u>Wednesday, 15 November 2023 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room IV.</u></p> <p>It was noted that document 42 C/NOM/INF.1 Rev.3 contains the updated list of candidates which had been communicated to the Secretariat by Monday 13 November 2023 at 9 a.m. This is the final list of candidatures of the Executive Board Elections. The Nominations Committee examined in detail the practical arrangements for these elections as contained in 42C/NOM/INF.3.</p>		

The tellers for the Executive Board Ballot:

Name	Country	Group
Ms Natalie Britton	Canada	GROUP I
Ms Zanda Grauze	Latvia	GROUP II
Ms Maria Jean Baptiste	Sanit Lucia	GROUP III
Mr Young Viet Anh	Vietnam	GROUP IV
	Guinea	GROUP V(a)
Mr Kevin Kazazian	Lebanon	GROUP V(b)

2. The Nominations Committee examined in detail the practical arrangements for the elections with the assistance of Legal Adviser. Questions and issues raised in room regarding were clarified during the discussions.

3. Concerning agenda **items 12.2 to 12.16** - Elections Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee, and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference, and appointment of an External Auditor. The Committee examined document 42 C/NOM/INF.2 Rev.4, which provides the list of candidatures received as of Thursday 9 November 2023 at 10 a.m. and subsequent withdrawals.

The Chairperson reminded that the ballot will be held on **Thursday 16 November 2023, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room IV**, during the 7th meeting of the Nominations Committee, and the expiration of admissibility of candidatures for this election was at 10 a.m. on Monday 13 November 2023 (according to Appendix 1 of Rule 3(a) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference).

It was recalled that under Rule 93.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, when the number of candidates is the same as the number of seats to be filled, the candidates shall be declared elected without the need to hold a ballot. This means that there will be no vote when the number of candidates of vacant seats of a Commission, Committee or subsidiary organ is equal or inferior to the number of vacant seats.

The Committee will start with the ballot for an **External Auditor**. The Secretariat will distribute in the room ballot papers containing the list of the 5 candidates. The Delegates will dispose of 5 minutes to fill out the ballot after which, in accordance with the rules of procedure for the conduct of elections by secret ballot, they shall be called in turn, in alphabetical order of the names of Member States in French beginning with Lebanon (in accordance with document 42 C/2) to place their ballot papers in the ballot box foreseen for this election, in the presence of the tellers. A second call will be made for all delegations, who were absent during the first call. The delegates should only vote for one candidate.

As to the practical modalities of voting for **Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee, and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference**, it was mentioned that all ballots will be distributed in one batch to all delegates in Room IV immediately after the ballot of the External Auditor. Delegates will have 20 minutes within which to make their choice. Then, the Chairperson will call upon delegations in alphabetical order of the names of Member States in French beginning with Lebanon (in accordance with document 42 C/2) to deposit the duly filled in ballots in the ballot box foreseen for this purpose, in the presence of the tellers. A second call will be made for all delegations, who were absent during the first call.

At the conclusion of the second calling, the Chairperson shall declare the ballot closed and the votes will be counted in Room IV in the presence of tellers.

The tellers for ballot of the Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee, and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference and External Auditor are:

Name	Country	Group
Mr Armand Voirin-Bourgault	France	GROUP I
Ms Zanda Grauze	Croatia	GROUP II
Mr Andrés Pérez Sàenz	Costa Rica	GROUP III
Ms Mélissa Divine Poh	Congo	GROUP V(a)
Ms Wijdane Yahyaoui	Lebanon	GROUP V(b)

DETAILS NEXT MEETING

Date	Thursday 16 November 2023	Room	Room IV
N° meeting	Seventh meeting	Hour	From: 10 a.m. To: 1 p.m.
Items to be examined	Items 12.2 to 12.16 – Elections of members of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference, and appointment of an External Auditor		
Debate no	N/A	Debate status	12.2; 12.3; 12.4; 12.5; 12.6; 12.7; 12.8; 12.9; 12.10; 12.11; 12.12; 12.13; 12.14; 12.15; and 12.16 (voting)
Related documents	42 C/NOM/4 42 C/NOM/5 42 C/NOM/6 42 C/NOM/7 and Add 42 C/NOM/7/INF 42 C/NOM/INF.2.Rev.5		
DRs to be examined	N/A		