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* GC(II)/57.

N.B. The list of delegations attending the second regular session of the General Conference was issued as document GC(II)/INF/17/Rev.3.

SECOND REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (1957-58) (GC(II)/40 and Corr.1 and 2)

1. The PRESIDENT asked the Conference to consider the second report by the Agency to the General Assembly of the United Nations covering the period from 1 November 1957 to 30 June 1958 (GC(II)/40 and Corr.1 and 2).
2. Mr. de ALBA (Mexico) drew the attention of the Conference to paragraph 84 of the report, which mentioned the participation of two representatives of the Organization of American States (OAS) in the working group's survey in Latin America. He said that it was **not two representatives of OAS who were concerned, but two representatives of the Pan American Union**, and the text of the report should be corrected accordingly.
3. With reference to paragraph 94, he wished to stress the great importance that Mexico attached to the Agency's scientific work, especially to the problem of safeguards and the use of radioisotopes. His Government was at present drawing up laws and regulations covering these problems and hoped to make extensive use of the manual which the Agency was preparing. It would be advantageous if the competent bodies of other Member States did likewise and consulted the Agency whenever they had to prepare national legislation on the use of nuclear energy.
4. With regard to the draft resolution on the cover page of the report, he was perfectly willing to vote for the first paragraph. On the other hand, the second paragraph seemed to be contradictory to the provisions of the Statute and the Rules of Procedure. In his opinion the report should deal with the period from 1 July to 30 June of the following year, which would make it **unnecessary** to expand the preface of the report as recommended by the Board of Governors. Consequently his delegation was not in a position to support that paragraph and he therefore asked that the two paragraphs of the draft resolution be put to the vote separately.
5. The PRESIDENT, in replying to the Mexican delegate, said that his request would be granted. He pointed out that the second paragraph of the draft resolution also allowed the Board of Governors to make such editorial changes in the text as might be necessary.

6. He put the draft resolution to the vote paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraph 1 was adopted unanimously.

Paragraph 2 was adopted by 36 votes to 3, with 7 abstentions.

The draft resolution was adopted by 54 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

RULES ON THE CONSULTATIVE STATUS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE AGENCY (GC(II)/61)

7. Mr. ZAMPETTI (Italy) Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on item 20 of the agenda (GC(II)/61).

8. The PRESIDENT put the draft resolution in paragraph 2 of the Committee's report to the vote.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

RELATIONS WITH REGIONAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (GC(II)/62)

9. Mr. ZAMPETTI (Italy), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on item 19 of the agenda (GC(II)/62).

10. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution in paragraph 3 of the Committee's report.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously

RELATIONS WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES (GC(II)/63)

11. Mr. ZAMPETTI (Italy), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on item 18 of the agenda (GC(II)/63).

12. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution in paragraph 3 of the Committee's report.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

13. Mr. SOLLI (Norway), explaining his delegation's vote, said that the competent Norwegian authorities had not had time to present their comments on the draft agreements in the short period which had elapsed since they were communicated to Member States. The Norwegian delegation's vote in favour of the resolution did not therefore commit it to vote in the same way when the agreements came before the competent organs of the specialized agencies for their approval.

14. Mr. HAMILTON (New Zealand) welcomed the rapid conclusion of the agreements which had just been approved, and thanked all representatives of the organizations concerned who had contributed to that end.

15. The New Zealand delegation had voted in favour of the resolution because it considered that the agreements provided a framework in which practical measures should be worked out, allowing the interested organizations to maintain very close co-operation. As far as possible they should avoid overlaps and take concerted action in matters of common interest.

16. Naturally it had been a difficult task from the very beginning to establish fields of competence, but he recalled that the Economic and Social Council in resolution 694 E (XXVI)^{1/} had drawn the attention of the specialized agencies and the Agency to the fact that effective co-ordination required not only formal bilateral arrangements, but also the practical development of day-to-day working relationships.

17. It was to be hoped that the secretariats would succeed in establishing such day-to-day working relationships, and that in accordance with the same Economic and Social Council resolution the Agency would bear in mind the special responsibilities of the specialized agencies in relation to the peaceful uses of atomic energy in their respective fields of competence.

18. In conclusion, he expressed his conviction that an era of close day-to-day co-operation had begun for the greatest benefit of the whole of humanity.

19. The PRESIDENT drew the attention of the Conference to the Committee's recommendation in paragraph 2 of its report that the Director General, in agreement with the Directors General of the specialized agencies, should be authorized to make whatever purely formal modifications might prove necessary to the texts of the agreements.

The recommendation of the Committee was approved.

^{1/} Reproduced in document GC(II)/51, Appendix.

20. The DIRECTOR GENERAL stressed that the negotiations between the representatives of the specialized agencies concerned and the Agency had taken place in an atmosphere of cordiality and co-operation, unmarred by rivalry. It was obvious, however, that those agreements provided only a foundation - on which in time, with experience and co-operation, a whole system could be built. The Secretariat of the Agency would work unreservedly for the realization of that common objective. The field of atomics was so big that it offered many possibilities for practical activity; the most important thing was to avoid unnecessary duplication and expenditure.
21. Mr. SILCOV (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)), on behalf of the Director General of FAO, expressed his satisfaction that it had been possible to draw up in such a short period a draft agreement governing relations between the Agency and FAO^{2/}. He was convinced that close collaboration between the Agency and FAO would yield good results.
22. Mr. DOBSON (World Health Organization (WHO)) expressed his pleasure that the General Conference had unanimously approved the draft agreement governing relations between the Agency and WHO^{3/}. That agreement, which was to be examined by the World Health Assembly during its next session, merely confirmed officially the close collaboration which already existed between the two organizations.
23. Mr. SEIERSEN (International Labour Organisation (ILO)) welcomed the fact that the General Conference had unanimously approved the draft agreement governing relations between the Agency and ILO^{4/}. The agreement would be submitted for approval to the Governing Body of the International Labour Office at its meeting in November.
24. The PRESIDENT thanked the representatives of FAO, WHO, and ILO for their statements.

^{2/} GC(II)/47.

^{3/} GC(II)/48.

^{4/} GC(II)/46 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

RULES REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND
(GC(II)/64)

25. Mr. ZAMPETTI (Italy), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on item 16 of the agenda (GC(II)/64).

26. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 2 of the Committee's report.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR A POSSIBLE REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS BEFORE THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
(GC(II)/65)

27. Mr. ZAMPETTI (Italy), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on item 22 of the agenda (GC(II)/65).

28. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 2 of the Committee's report.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY'S STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE (GC(II)/60)

29. The PRESIDENT recalled that an agreement had been made for the entry of the Agency into the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, with effect from 1 October 1958. In his memorandum (GC(II)/60), the Director General proposed that the General Conference should elect two members and one alternate member of the Staff Pension Committee which the Agency would have to set up under the Fund's Regulations. He accordingly invited nominations.

30. Mr. SOLE (Union of South Africa) proposed Mr. Barton (Canada) and Mr. Rajan (India) as members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee and Mr. Polaczek (Austria) as alternate member.

Mr. Barton (Canada) and Mr. Rajan (India) were elected members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee and Mr. Polaczek (Austria) was elected alternate member.

MONTH IN WHICH REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SHALL BE CONVENED

31. The PRESIDENT pointed out that Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure for the General Conference was not yet complete because the month in which the regular session of the Conference should normally take place each year had not yet been fixed. In resolution GC.1(S)/RES/15, adopted at the previous session, the General Conference had noted that a decision would have to be taken at a subsequent session to fix the month in which the regular annual session of the General Conference should normally be convened, thus completing the text of Rule 1. At its fifth meeting^{5/} the General Committee had considered it desirable that the General Conference should adopt, at the present session, a decision which would make it possible to complete Rule 1. Having examined various suggestions, the General Committee had decided to propose convening the regular annual session of the General Conference in September. Before putting the proposal to the vote, he wished to point out that a member of the Austrian delegation who had been present at that General Committee's meeting had stated that if the regular annual session of the General Conference took place during the second half of September, accommodation of delegates would present no problem.

The proposal of the General Committee was adopted.

OPENING DATE OF THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION

32. The PRESIDENT placed before the General Conference the General Committee's proposal that the morning of Tuesday, 22 September 1959, should be fixed as the opening date of the third regular session of the General Conference^{6/}.

The proposal of the General Committee was adopted.

The meeting rose at 4.35 p.m.

5/ GC(II)/GA/OR.5.

6/ Ibid., paragraph 19.

