

General Conference

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

THE AGENCY'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Covering the period from 1 November 1957 - 30 June 1958

Note by Director General

1. It will be recalled that in paragraph 2 of resolution GC(II)/RES/19, which was adopted on 1 October 1958, the General Conference authorized the Board of Governors to expand the preface of the Agency's report to the United Nations General Assembly covering the period 1 November 1957 - 30 June 1958^{1/} to include reference to developments in the Agency's work which had occurred since 30 June 1958.
2. On 3 October 1958 the Board made arrangements for this work to be done, and the text of the expanded preface is reproduced in the annex to the present document for the information of Members of the Agency.

^{1/} GC(II)/40.

ANNEX

Text of the expanded preface to the Agency's report to the
General Assembly of the United Nations

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PREFACE

1. This second report by the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly of the United Nations is submitted in accordance with Article III. B. 4 of the Statute and Article III of the Relationship Agreement between the two organizations. The report covers important developments in the work of the Agency from 1 November 1957 to the end of June 1958, a period of eight months. The first report^{1/} covered the history of the Agency from the first proposal for its establishment on 8 December 1953 until 31 October 1957; the work of the first regular and special sessions of the General Conference and the establishment of the first Board of Governors^{2/}, which continued to hold office during the period covered by the present report.

2. Since the end of June further progress has been made in the implementation of the initial programme of the Agency and this will be described in detail in the third report of the Agency to the General Assembly. The following developments are, however, of particular interest:

(a) Developments in the Agency's Programme

Applications for 251 fellowships had been received from 25 Member States and 132 had been awarded by mid-September. The study of the need for nuclear training centres in Latin America mentioned in paragraphs 82 - 84 of the report has been completed and the report of the survey team submitted to the Board and the General Conference. The manual of safe practice for the guidance of isotope users referred to in paragraph 101 has been approved by the special panel of experts and submitted to the Board. Consultations are in progress between the Director General and certain Member States concerning approximately twenty technical assistance projects, covering a broad range of activities. The first request by a Member State for the supply of source materials has been formally communicated to the Agency by the Government of Japan. As a means of maintaining the highest standards of scientific competence in the planning and review of the Agency's work, the Board has approved the establishment of a scientific advisory committee to provide advice to the Director General and through him to the Board.

(b) Second regular session of the General Conference
(22 September - 4 October 1958)

During its second regular session the General Conference, after consideration of resolution 694 E (XXVI) of the Economic and Social Council, decided, on the recommendation of the Board, that a report should be submitted each year to the Council at its second session on matters within the competence of the Council and authorized the Board to submit the report in 1959. It further approved the recommendation of the Board, referred to in paragraph 16 of the report, that the Agency should become a participating organization of the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. This will give the Agency access to the resources of the Programme and at the same time will enable its technical assistance activities to be further integrated with

^{1/} GC(II)/INF/11.

^{2/} For the composition of the first Board of Governors see Annex 3.

those of the United Nations and the specialized agencies. The General Conference also gave unanimous approval to the relationship agreements between the Agency and the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization. These agreements will enable the Agency to develop further the close working relations which it has already established with the specialized agencies concerned. During the session, the Governments of Japan and the United States announced that they contemplated placing under the Agency's safeguards a bilateral agreement for the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

(c) Second United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy

The Agency participated actively in the proceedings of the Second International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy convened by the United Nations in Geneva in September. In approving the programme and budget for 1959, which is referred to in various parts of the report, the General Conference recommended, inter alia, that the results of the Geneva Conference should be taken into account in implementing the programme for 1959.