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N.B. The list of delegations attending the third regular session of the General Conference was issued as document GC(III)/INF/25/Rev.2.

THE AGENCY'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR  
1958-59 (GC(III)/74)

1. The PRESIDENT invited the General Conference to examine the Agency's annual report to the United Nations General Assembly for 1958-59 (GC(III)/74).
2. Mr. ZAMYATIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) had no objection to approving the report as a whole. Nevertheless, as several chapters of the report testified, certain Western Powers had tried to use the Agency's work for political ends. For instance, in spite of the objection of several members of the Board, the United States delegation had imposed on the Board the despatch of a mission to Taiwan. That decision was clearly an abuse of the funds allocated to the Agency's technical assistance programme.
3. Furthermore, contrary to the provisions of resolution GC(II)/RES/21, adopted by the General Conference at its second regular session, the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) had been invited to send observers to the third session although, as the members of that organization themselves admitted, it dealt with the use of atomic energy for military as well as for peaceful purposes. That invitation was a flagrant violation of the provisions of the Statute.
4. There was also a regrettable tendency to unjustified expansion of the regular budget and the staff. In the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee that observation by the USSR delegation had been supported by several other delegations, who rightly considered that the Agency should avoid any excessive increase in the administrative expenses which were a heavy charge on countries contributing to the Agency budget.
5. The USSR delegation felt sure that during the coming year the Secretariat and the members of the Board of Governors would do everything in their power to prevent a certain group of Western Powers from using the Agency for political purposes.
6. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution reproduced in paragraph 3 of the proposal by the Board of Governors contained in its covering note to the report.
7. The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY'S STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

8. The PRESIDENT said that Mr. Barton (Canada) and Mr. Rajan (India), members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee, and Mr. Polaszcek (Austria), alternate, whom the General Conference had elected in 1958<sup>1/</sup>, would not be able to continue in office for the full period which would end with the opening of the fourth regular session. Before proceeding to new elections, he would like to express the gratitude of the General Conference for the work which they had accomplished.

9. It had been proposed to elect in their place Mr. Pardo (Argentina) and Mr. von Hirschberg (Union of South Africa) as members of the Committee, and Mr. Pahr (Austria) as alternate.

10. Mr. Pardo (Argentina) and Mr. von Hirschberg (Union of South Africa) were elected members and Mr. Pahr (Austria) alternate member of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

THE AGENCY'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR 1959-60 (GC(III)/78)

11. Mr. SVAB (Czechoslovakia) recalled that, at the second regular session, his delegation had raised, in the Administrative and Legal Committee, the question of the respective competence of the General Conference and the Board of Governors with regard to the presentation of reports to the various organs of the United Nations. It held that the proposal to delegate the General Conference's authority in that matter to another organ, the Board of Governors, was contrary to the provisions of the Statute. That practice might destroy the balance between the powers of the Agency's two principal organs which had been achieved after arduous negotiations and was one of the primary conditions for the Agency's successful functioning,

12. His delegation refrained from opposing the adoption of the draft resolution reproduced in paragraph 3 of the proposal by the Board of Governors (GC(III)/78)- in order to permit the Agency to submit its report to the Economic and Social Council in good time, but only on the understanding that that measure would not constitute a precedent. The General Conference should not take a decision of that kind without careful examination in each case.

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<sup>1/</sup> GC(II)/OR.22, paragraph 30.

13. The PRESIDENT put the draft resolution to the vote.

14. The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

RULES REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF MONEY TO THE AGENCY (GC(III)/96)

15. Mr. TACAR (Turkey), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on item 15 of the agenda (GC(III)/96).

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

17. The draft resolution was adopted by 48 votes to none with 9 abstentions.

THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1957-58 (GC(III)/97)

18. Mr. TACAR (Turkey), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on item 16 of the agenda (GC(III)/97).

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

20. The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

THE RELATIONS OF THE AGENCY WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES (GC(III)/99)

21. Mr. TACAR (Turkey), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on item 18 of the agenda (GC(III)/99).

22. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the recommendation in paragraph 2 of the Committee's Report that the Director General should be authorized to make such purely formal modifications in the text of the relationship agreement between the Agency and the International Civil Aviation Organization as might be necessary to achieve conformity between the texts as approved by the Council of the Organization and the General Conference respectively. He then put to the vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the Committee's report.

23. The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

REPRESENTATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AT THE FOURTH REGULAR SESSION (GC(III)/98)

24. Mr. TACAR (Turkey), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on item 19 of the agenda (GC(III)/98).

25. Mr. SVAB (Czechoslovakia) made the following statement:<sup>2/</sup>  
"The Czechoslovak delegation fully supports the co-operation of the Agency with those intergovernmental organizations whose work is connected with the uses of atomic energy for exclusively peaceful purposes. The Czechoslovak delegation therefore agreed at the second regular session of the General Conference with the draft resolution which authorized the Board of Governors to invite intergovernmental organizations concerned with peaceful uses of atomic energy in accordance with the Agency's objectives laid down in its Statute, to be represented by observers at the third regular session of the General Conference,<sup>3/</sup> The Czechoslovak delegation regrets that the Board of Governors, under pressure from some of its members, decided to invite EURATOM to send observers to this third session of the General Conference. Since EURATOM is an organization whose activities are not devoted exclusively to the peaceful uses of atomic energy, this decision of the Board constitutes an abuse of its powers and a violation of the Statute.

26. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the Committee's report (GC(III)/98).

27. The draft resolution was adopted by 56 votes to none with 1 abstention.

THE PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY THE AGENCY (GC(III)/100)

28. Mr. TACAR (Turkey), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on item 24 of the agenda (GC(III)/100).

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

30. The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

The meeting rose at 5.15 p.m.

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<sup>2/</sup> This statement is reproduced verbatim at the speaker's request under Rule 92(b) of the Rules of Procedure.

<sup>3/</sup> GC(II)/RES/21.

