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THE AGENCY'S RELATIONS WITH INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Representation of inter-governmental organizations at the fifth regular session

Report of the Administrative and Legal Committee

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1. At its eighteenth meeting on 26 September 1960, the Committee considered item 16 of the agenda concerning the representation of inter-governmental organizations at the fifth regular session of the General Conference. The Committee had before it a draft resolution submitted by the Board of Governors (GC(IV)/120).
2. In the course of the debate some delegations expressed the view that by inviting the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) to send observers to a session of the General Conference the Board of Governors was not acting in conformity with the Statute and with certain resolutions of the General Conference because, in their view, EURATOM dealt with questions involving the use of atomic energy not only for peaceful but also for military purposes. It was pointed out on behalf of all the Member Countries of EURATOM that this view was incorrect because, according to the Statute of the organization, its past record and its future plans, it has been established that the activities of the Community were of an exclusively peaceful character.
3. The Committee decided, by 48 votes in favor, none against, with one abstention, to recommend that the General Conference adopt the following resolution.

REPRESENTATION OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AT THE FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

The General Conference,

- (a) Taking into account Rule 32 of its Rules of Procedure providing for the attendance at its sessions of representatives of inter-governmental

organizations with which appropriate relationships have been established under Article XVI of the Statute, and

(b) Considering the fact that before its fifth regular session such relationships will not have been established with all such organizations, the attendance of which may be in the interest of the Agency,

Authorizes the Board of Governors to invite inter-governmental organizations engaged in the peaceful uses of atomic energy in accordance with the objectives of the Agency as stipulated in its Statute, but with which the Agency has not yet established relationships under Article XVI of the Statute, to be represented by observers at the fifth regular session of the General Conference.