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THE AGENCY'S PROGRAMME, BUDGET AND WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR 1961

Report of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

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1. At its twenty-sixth to thirtieth meetings held between 24 and 27 September 1960 and its thirty-second meeting held on 29 September 1960 the Committee considered item 11 of the agenda - The Agency's Programme, Budget and Working Capital Fund for 1961.
2. The following documents were before the Committee:
 - Programme and Budget for 1961 submitted by the Board of Governors (GC(IV)/116);
 - Joint draft resolution by Poland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (GC(IV)/COM.1/40), concerning the transport of radioactive materials;
 - Draft resolution by Poland (GC(IV)/COM.1/41) concerning international seminars, symposia and conferences organized by the Agency;
 - Draft resolution by Poland (GC(IV)/COM.1/42) concerning the sale of Agency scientific publications in the local currencies of Member States;
 - Joint draft resolution by Afghanistan, Federal Republic of Germany, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Thailand and Turkey (GC(IV)/COM.1/43) concerning the establishment of an international institute for theoretical physics;
 - Draft resolution by Poland (GC(IV)/COM.1/44) concerning a long term operational plan of assistance to Members in the less-developed areas;
 - Draft resolution by the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (GC(IV)/COM.1/45) concerning consultation of the Scientific Advisory Committee by the Board of Governors; and a revised issue thereof (GC(IV)/COM.1/45/Rev.1);

Amendment by Bulgaria (GC(IV)/COM.1/48) to the draft resolution submitted by the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (GC(IV)/COM.1/45) concerning consultation of the Scientific Advisory Committee by the Board of Governors;

Joint draft resolution by Brazil and Poland (GC(IV)/COM.1/46) concerning the exchange of scientific abstracts; and two revised issues thereof (GC(IV)/COM.1/46/Rev.1 and GC(IV)/COM.1/46/Rev.2);

Joint draft resolution by France, Iraq, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Thailand (GC(IV)/COM.1/47) concerning the establishment of an international medical isotope training center;

Draft resolution by Spain (GC(IV)/COM.1/50) concerning the preparation and distribution of radiation and neutron standards; and a revised issue thereof in English and Russian only (GC(IV)/COM.1/50/Rev.1).

3. At its twenty-sixth to twenty-eighth meetings the Committee considered the Programme and Budget for 1961 submitted by the Board of Governors (GC(IV)/116). At the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed to discuss the document in the following manner: as the program described in Chapters I and II furnished background information and explanations which would be useful in considering the budget set out in Chapter III and the draft resolutions contained in Annex III, a general debate was held on Chapters I and II together, followed by detailed consideration of Chapter III and Annexes I and II. The draft resolutions contained in Annex III were then put to the vote with the following results:

4. Draft resolution A.I relating to administrative expenses was approved by 36 votes in favor, 8 against, with no abstentions.

5. Draft resolution A.II relating to the operational program was approved by 43 votes in favor, none against, with no abstentions.

6. Draft resolution A, as a whole, concerning the budgetary appropriations for the financial year 1961, was approved by 37 votes in favor, none against, with 8 abstentions.

7. Draft resolution B concerning the use of the Working Capital Fund in 1961 was approved by 42 votes in favor, none against, with no abstentions.

20. The Committee then considered the draft resolution by Spain concerning the preparation and distribution of radiation and neutron standards (GC(IV)/COM.1/50 and GC(IV)/COM.1/50/Rev.1 - English and Russian only). In the course of the debate a number of oral amendments and suggestions were made by the delegates from France, Hungary, Indonesia, South Africa and the United States. After a brief adjournment of the meeting, the sponsor proposed a revised text which took into account the different suggestions made. This was presented orally to the Committee and approved by 40 votes in favor, none against, with no abstentions.

21. In the light of the decisions taken, the Committee recommends for adoption by the General Conference the draft resolutions contained in Annexes I - VII to the present report.

8. At its twenty-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-second meetings the Committee considered the other resolutions proposed under this item in the order in which they were submitted.

9. The Committee first discussed the joint draft resolution by Poland and the United Kingdom on the transport of radioactive materials (GC(IV)/COM.1/40). The draft resolution was approved by 48 votes in favor, none against, with no abstentions.

10. The Committee then considered the draft resolution proposed by Poland concerning international seminars, symposia and conferences organized by the Agency (GC(IV)/COM.1/41), the operative paragraph of which read as follows:

"Recommends that scientific organizations, scientists and specialists designated by any Government, should be enabled to participate in the scientific seminars, symposia and conferences organized by the Agency."

11. In view of some of the opinions expressed in the course of the discussion, the sponsor made an oral amendment to the operative paragraph whereby the words "designated by any Government" were replaced by "from all countries" and the phrase "at the invitation of the Agency" was added at the end of the paragraph. The draft resolution, as amended, was rejected - 18 votes in favor, 28 against, with 5 abstentions.

12. The Committee then considered the draft resolution submitted by Poland (GC(IV)/COM.1/42) concerning the sale of Agency scientific publications in the local currencies of Member States. The draft resolution was approved by 48 votes in favor, none against, with no abstentions.

13. The Committee then considered the joint draft resolution by Afghanistan, Federal Republic of Germany, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Thailand and Turkey (GC(IV)/COM.1/43) concerning the establishment of an international institute for theoretical physics. The operative paragraph of the draft resolution read as follows:

"Requests the Director General to study, in consultation with appropriate international organizations, the various aspects of the question of establishing an international institute for theoretical physics, and to transmit the result of his study to the Board of Governors for its earnest and early consideration."

14. In the course of the discussion the delegate from India proposed that the word "institute" in the operative paragraph should be replaced by "center". This amendment, with a consequential change in the title, was accepted by the sponsors and the draft resolution, as amended, was approved by 35 votes in favor, none against, with 11 abstentions.

15. The Committee then considered the draft resolution by Poland concerning a long term operational plan of assistance to Members in the less-developed areas (GC(IV)/COM.1/44). After discussion the sponsor withdrew the draft resolution on the understanding that the discussion of his proposal would be brought to the attention of the Board of Governors in an appropriate manner.

16. The Committee considered the revised draft resolution by Czechoslovakia (GC(IV)/COM.1/45/Rev.1) concerning consultation of the Scientific Advisory Committee by the Board of Governors. The delegate from Bulgaria withdrew his amendment (GC(IV)/COM.1/48) to the original Czechoslovak draft resolution in view of the terms of the revised text. The revised draft resolution was then approved by 42 votes in favor, none against, with no abstentions.

17. At its thirty-second meeting the Committee considered the revised joint draft resolution by Brazil and Poland concerning the exchange of scientific abstracts (GC(IV)/COM.1/46/Rev.2) of which the second operative paragraph read as follows:

"2. Further requests the Director General, in consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to prepare a study on the organization and operation of scientific abstracting services dealing with the peaceful applications of atomic science which would serve as a basis for further action and to submit that study to the Board of Governors, so enabling the Board to submit recommendations to the sixth regular session of the General Conference."

18. In the course of discussion, the delegate from Australia made an oral amendment to delete the final phrase "so enabling the Board to submit recommendations to the sixth regular session of the General Conference". The delegate from India proposed alternatively that the final phrase should be replaced by the words "for suitable and early action". The delegate from Australia withdrew his amendment in favor of the Indian amendment which was accepted by the sponsors. The joint draft resolution, as amended, was approved by 44 votes in favor, none against, with no abstentions.

19. On behalf of the sponsors, the delegate from Poland withdrew the joint draft resolution by France, Iraq, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Thailand, concerning the establishment of an international medical isotope training center (GC(IV)/COM.1/47), as it was considered that this was a proposal which could more suitably be introduced in the Board of Governors.

ANNEX I

Draft resolutions

A. BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1961

I

The General Conference,

Accepting the recommendation of the Board of Governors,

1. Appropriates for the administrative expenses of the Agency in 1961, including the administrative expenses arising out of its participation in the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, an amount of US \$6 168 000 as follows:

<u>Part</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>United States dollars</u>
I.		General Conference and Board of Governors	
	1.	General Conference	254 000
	2.	Board of Governors	570 000
			<u>824 000</u>
II.		Functional Program Activities	
	3.	Panels and committees	154 000
	4.	Special missions	130 000
	5.	Seminars, symposia and conferences	170 000
	6.	Distribution of information	255 000
	7.	Scientific and technical services and laboratory charges	703 000
			<u>1 412 000</u>
III.		The Secretariat	
	8.	Salaries and wages	2 396 000
	9.	Common staff costs	949 000
	10.	Duty travel of staff	132 500
	11.	Hospitality	7 500
			<u>3 485 000</u>
IV.		Common Services, Supplies and Equipment	
	12.	Common services	240 000
	13.	Non-technical supplies	90 000
	14.	Non-technical permanent equipment	117 000
			<u>447 000</u>
			<u>6 168 000</u>

2. Decides that the foregoing appropriations shall be financed by contributions from Member States on the basis of a scale of assessments to be determined by the General Conference, and that the contributions due from Member States shall be adjusted in terms of the Agency's Financial Regulations to take into account the cash surplus for 1958; and
3. Authorizes the Director General, with the prior approval of the Board of Governors, to make transfers between any sections in paragraph 1 above.

II

The General Conference,

Accepting the recommendation of the Board of Governors,

1. Decides that the target for voluntary contributions to the General Fund in 1961 shall be US \$1 800 000;
2. Decides that the Agency's operational program for 1961 shall be as follows:

	<u>United States dollars</u>	
<u>Operating Fund I</u>		
Laboratory facilities		349 000
<u>Operating Fund II</u>		
Fellowships and training program	800 000	
Technical and research assistance program	600 000	
Mobile radioisotope laboratories	51 000	1 451 000
		<u>1 800 000</u>

3. Urges Member States to make voluntary contributions to the General Fund in 1961 in accordance with Article XIV.F of the Statute so as to enable the Agency fully to implement the program set out in paragraph 2 above; and
4. Authorizes the Director General to employ staff for the Agency's laboratory facilities in addition to that for which provision is made in the budget for 1961^{1/} provided that the salaries and other costs of such staff are met from revenues arising out of work performed in the laboratory facilities for Member

^{1/} GC(IV)/116, Table 50.

States, research grants, special contributions which may be made for such purpose and other sources extraneous to the regular and operational budgets for 1961.

B. USE OF THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND IN 1961

The General Conference,

Accepting the recommendation of the Board of Governors,

1. Decides

- (a) That the Working Capital Fund of the Agency shall remain at US \$2 000 000 in 1961; and
- (b) That the Fund shall be financed, administered and used in 1961 in accordance with the relevant provisions of articles VI and VII of the Financial Regulations,^{2/}

2. Authorizes the Director General to make advances from the Working Capital Fund, not exceeding US \$25 000 at any time, to provide temporary financing for projects and activities of a strictly self-liquidating character which will not necessitate an increase in the Working Capital Fund in future years;

3. Authorizes the Director General, with the prior approval of the Board, unless in the opinion of the Director General the situation requires immediate action in advance of such approval, to advance from the Working Capital Fund to meet the costs incurred by the Agency in organizing and rendering emergency assistance to Member States in connection with radiation accidents, up to US \$50 000 in each case;

4. Requests the Director General to submit to the Board of Governors periodical statements of advances made under the authority given in paragraphs 2 and 3 above; and

5. Urges Member States that have not yet done so to pay their advances to the Working Capital Fund as soon as possible.

^{2/} INFCIRC/8/Add.1.

ANNEX II

Draft resolution

TRANSPORT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

The General Conference,

- (a) Reaffirming its belief in the importance of effective health and safety measures in the peaceful application of nuclear energy and the use of radioactive materials,
 - (b) Recognizing the desirability of facilitating the international transport of these materials by the adoption of harmonized safety measures on as wide a basis as possible, and
 - (c) Believing that the Agency can play a leading role in promoting the adoption of such measures throughout the world,
1. Welcomes the establishment of the Agency's provisional regulations for the transport of radioactive materials;
 2. Recommends to Member States and to the organizations concerned that those provisional regulations be taken as a basis in relevant national regulations and be applied to international transport;
 3. Requests the Director General to review the said provisional regulations at appropriate intervals in consultation with Member States and the organizations concerned; and
 4. Further requests the Director General to pursue, in consultation with Member States and the organizations concerned, the preparation of regulations, manuals and codes of practice relating to health and safety in the peaceful application of nuclear energy and the use of radioactive materials, and to continue his efforts to promote research to that end.

ANNEX III

Draft resolution

THE SALE OF THE AGENCY'S SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS IN THE LOCAL
CURRENCIES OF MEMBER STATES

The General Conference,

- (a) Recognizing that the Agency has successfully engaged in issuing a number of scientific publications, including proceedings of conferences, symposia, and seminars, and
- (b) Considering:
 - (i) That one of the main tasks of the Agency is to disseminate scientific and technical information on the peaceful uses of atomic energy,
 - (ii) That the Agency's publications should be made available as widely as possible to scientists and scientific institutions all over the world, and
 - (iii) That some scientists and scientific institutions may have difficulties in obtaining these publications due to a lack of foreign currency,

Recommends the Director General to study the possibility of selling Agency publications in Member States for local currency, and to submit his findings to the Board of Governors for appropriate action.

ANNEX IV

Draft resolution

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS

The General Conference,

(a) Considering:

- (i) That the promotion of knowledge of theoretical physics, which has played a basic role in the development of atomic energy, is an essential condition for enlarging the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world,
 - (ii) That the promotion of such knowledge takes place mainly through the stimulation provided by continuing contacts between qualified scientists without involving capital investments for laboratories and expensive apparatus,
 - (iii) That in many States Members of the Agency and in particular those that are less developed, theoretical physicists are few and widely scattered, so that the conditions for such continuing contacts do not exist or exist only to a limited extent, and
 - (iv) That the Agency is authorized by its Statute to encourage and assist research on atomic energy for peaceful uses throughout the world, to foster the exchange of scientific and technical information, and to encourage the exchange of scientists,^{1/} and
- (b) Recognizing that it is desirable for nuclear scientists from different parts of the world to have an international center where they may work together for limited periods on such subjects as nuclear theory, reactor theory, theoretical high energy physics, the theory of plasma physics and thermonuclear fusion,

^{1/} Article III.A.

Requests the Director General to study, in consultation with appropriate international organizations, the various aspects of the question of establishing an international center for theoretical physics, and to transmit the result of his study to the Board of Governors for its earnest and early consideration.

ANNEX V

Draft resolution

CONSULTATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling the decision of the Board of Governors establishing the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Board and the Director General^{1/},
and
- (b) Bearing in mind the importance of this, the highest scientific advisory body of the Agency,

1. Recommends the Board of Governors to continue to avail itself of the opportunity to consult the Scientific Advisory Committee for advice on important matters of scientific and technical policy arising out of the Agency's program and considered by the Board; and
2. Requests the Director General to review the procedure for keeping the Board informed of the decisions of the Scientific Advisory Committee on all questions submitted to it by the Board under the terms of paragraph 1 of this resolution, and on all other questions submitted to it by the Director General on his own behalf.

^{1/} Reported in document GC(III)/73, paragraph 48.

ANNEX VI

Draft resolution

EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS

The General Conference,

- (a) Bearing in mind resolution 804(XXX) adopted by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) on 3 August 1960, Article VIII.C of the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency, paragraph 67(a) of the Report of the Preparatory Commission^{1/} and paragraph 81 of the Programme and Budget for 1959^{2/},
- (b) Taking note of the recommendations with regard to scientific documentation made on a number of occasions by the United Nations General Assembly, ECOSOC, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Agency itself, and of the appeal for international collaboration made by the International Conference on Scientific Information^{3/},
- (c) Considering the many gaps and duplications which exist in the documentation on the peaceful applications of nuclear science and the fact that the situation can only be effectively improved by international action,
- (d) Bearing in mind that an exchange of such documentation is of the greatest importance to the international community,
- (e) Considering that, to ensure greater returns from the work and funds devoted to scientific abstracting services throughout the world, the organization and operation of these services in regard to the peaceful applications of nuclear science must be better known, and

^{1/} GC(I)/1.

^{2/} GC(II)/36.

^{3/} Held in Washington from 16 to 21 November 1958 by the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America.

(f) Believing that a study of these services should be made to serve as a basis for further action,

1. Requests the Director General, if necessary in collaboration with appropriate organizations, to examine the possibility of arranging within the Agency for an international exchange of the abstracts which are already published on the subject of the peaceful applications of nuclear science and to submit a report on the matter to the Board of Governors during 1961; and
2. Further requests the Director General, in consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to prepare a study on the organization and operation of scientific abstracting services dealing with the peaceful applications of nuclear science, to serve as a basis for further action, and to submit the study to the Board of Governors for suitable and early action.

ANNEX VII

Draft resolution

PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF RADIATION AND NEUTRON STANDARDS

The General Conference,

Considering

- (a) The Agency's obligations in the light of the Statute and its programs relating to metrology and standards of radiation,
- (b) The increasing importance of promoting internationally the adoption of uniform standards of radiation with a view to extending the peaceful uses of atomic energy,
- (c) The present development of the Agency's facilities, and
- (d) The interest and activity of other international organizations, including the International Bureau of Weights and Measures, the International Commission on Radiological Units and Measurements, and the International Organization for Standardization, in regard to standards and standardization,

Requests the Director General to explore the possibilities for cooperation between the Agency and the organizations mentioned in paragraph (d) of the consideranda, and to report to the Board of Governors for further action.

