



Fifth regular session

THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Recommendation by the Board

1. At two meetings held on 1 February 1961 the Board of Governors considered resolution GC(IV)/RES/85 on the equitable representation on the Board of the area Africa and the Middle East, which the General Conference adopted at its fourth session.
2. The Board had before it several proposals, both written and oral, and consequently decided that it would be premature to take a decision on the substance of them before the Governments of all Member States had had an opportunity to make their opinions on the matter known. It accordingly decided to communicate the records of its discussions and the relevant working papers to Governments with a request for their views, and to postpone further consideration of the action it would take in response to the resolution in question until a later date.
3. At its resumed discussions on 10 April the Board had the benefit of a considerable number of views communicated by the Governments of Member States, which had in the meantime been circulated to Governors. A further proposal was also before it at that time, which the Board approved as set forth below and recommends to the General Conference for adoption.

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI. A. 3 OF THE STATUTE

The General Conference,

- (a) Having received the report of the Board of Governors submitted pursuant to resolution GC(IV)/RES/85 [1],
- (b) Recognizing the desirability of amending the Statute to provide for more equitable representation on the Board of the area of Africa and the Middle East,
- (c) Believing that any statutory amendment should not be detrimental to the existing pattern of area representation on the Board, and
- (d) Convinced also that provision for more equitable representation for the area of Africa and the Middle East will be an important stimulus to States in the area not now Members of the Agency to apply for membership,

1. Approves the following amendment of the first sentence of Article VI. A. 3 of the Statute:

"The General Conference shall elect twelve members to membership on the Board of Governors, with due regard to equitable representation on the Board as a whole of the members in the areas listed in sub-paragraph A. 1 of this article, so that the Board shall at all times include in this category three representatives of the area of Latin America, three representatives of the area of Africa and the Middle East and a representative of each of the remaining areas except North America";

2. Urges all Members of the Agency to accept this amendment as soon as possible in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures, as provided for in Article XVIII.C. (ii) of the Statute; and
3. Requests the Director General to report to the General Conference at its sixth regular session on the progress made towards entry into force of the amendment.

[1] GC(V)/151.