



Sixth regular session

Agenda item 21
(GC(VI)/207)

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XIV OF THE STATUTE

Draft resolution submitted jointly by Burma, the Federal Republic of Germany, Ghana, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America

AMENDMENT OF THE FINANCIAL PROVISIONS OF THE STATUTE

The General Conference,

- (a) Noting the records of the exchange of views in the Board of Governors on the proposal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that Article XIV of the Statute should be amended in such a manner that all the Agency's activities would be financed from a single assessed budget,^{1/}
- (b) Recalling that in Resolution GC(V)/RES/100 the General Conference expressed the hope of raising voluntary contributions to the General Fund each year more nearly to the level of the agreed target than had hitherto been achieved,
- (c) Recognizing that neither this resolution nor other efforts to obtain greater equity, certainty and regularity in voluntary contributions have been successful,
- (d) Noting that the Board reports in document GC(VI)/200 that this uncertainty has added to the difficulty of planning programmes in advance, and results in uneconomical use of staff provided under the Regular Budget to service these programmes^{2/},
- (e) Believing that some appropriate amendment of the financial provisions of the Statute is most important if this situation is to be corrected, and the Agency's annual programmes fully and effectively implemented and the objective of a balanced long-term programme achieved,

^{1/} GC(VI)/205, Annexes I and II.

^{2/} Paragraph 40.

(f) Recognizing the complexity of the financial problem and the need for further study, and

(g) Seeking to secure broad support for any proposed changes,

1. Decides to defer its consideration of the question of amending the financial provisions of the Statute until further study has been made; and

2. Requests the Board of Governors:

(a) To study the question in the light of the amendment to Article XIV of the Statute proposed by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and such other proposals as may be put forward; and

(b) To report the results of this study to the General Conference at its seventh regular session.