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POWER DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

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1. At its fifty-seventh meeting held on 28 September 1963, the Committee considered item 16 of the Agenda -- Power development. Under sub-item (a) -- Co-ordination -- the Committee had before it a joint progress report by the Board of Governors and the Director General (GC(VII)/229) including a draft resolution on co-operation with the United Nations in matters of energy and power. Under sub-item (b) -- Nuclear power -- there was a progress report by the Director General (GC(VII)/240).
2. The following additional documents were before the Committee:

Joint draft resolution by the Philippines and Spain (GC(VII)/COM.1/79) on civil liability for nuclear damage;

Amendment by Yugoslavia (GC(VII)/COM.1/84) to the draft resolution contained in document GC(VII)/229.
3. After a general debate on the item as a whole and consideration of the two reports, the Committee took up the draft resolutions.
4. The first operative paragraph of the draft resolution proposed by the Board and the Director General in document GC(VII)/229 read as follows:

"1. Strongly recommends a closer co-ordination of the Agency's activities in matters of energy and power, and its studies of the comparative economics of conventional power and nuclear power in particular, with those of the United Nations including its regional economic commissions and of interested intergovernmental organizations having relationship agreements with the United Nations or the Agency;"

5. Yugoslavia proposed (GC(VII)/COM.1/84) that this paragraph be re-worded to read:

"1. Strongly recommends a closer co-ordination of the Agency's activities in matters of energy and power, in particular its studies of the comparative economics of conventional and nuclear power and the complex economic analyses which it makes, with those of the United Nations including its regional economic commissions and of interested intergovernmental organizations having relationship agreements with the United Nations or the Agency;"

6. This amendment was accepted by the Committee and the draft resolution, as amended, was approved unanimously.

7. The joint draft resolution by the Philippines and Spain (GC(VII)/COM.1/79) on civil liability for nuclear damage was then approved unanimously.

8. The Committee accordingly recommends the General Conference to adopt the draft resolutions contained in Annexes I and II to the present report.

ANNEX I

Draft resolution

CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS
IN MATTERS OF ENERGY AND POWER

The General Conference,

(a) Having received from the Board of Governors and the Director General the progress report on co-ordination in power questions^{1/} which it requested in Resolution GC(VI)/RES/128,

(b) Noting that the General Assembly of the United Nations has been concerned with this matter in the context of industrial development, and has asked the Advisory Committee established by the Economic and Social Council under Resolution 873 (XXXIII) to take into account the recommendations it has made in Resolution 1821 (XVII), and

(c) Recalling that the Agreement Governing the Relationship Between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency provides that the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director General of the Agency may enter into such arrangements for the implementation of the Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two organizations,^{2/}

1. Strongly recommends a closer co-ordination of the Agency's activities in matters of energy and power, in particular its studies of the comparative economics of conventional and nuclear power and the complex economic analyses which it makes, with those of the United Nations including its regional economic commissions and of interested intergovernmental organizations having relationship agreements with the United Nations or the Agency;

2. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to take action to this end in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations; and

3. Requests the Director General, as a first step, to transmit to the Secretary-General, for the attention of the appropriate organs of the United Nations, the texts of Resolution GC(VI)/RES/128, of the progress report in document GC(VII)/229 and of the present resolution.

1/ GC(VII)/229.

2/ INFCIRC/11, Article XXII.

ANNEX II

Draft resolution

CIVIL LIABILITY FOR NUCLEAR DAMAGE

The General Conference,

(a) Noting with satisfaction that the International Conference on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage adopted on 19 May 1963 the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage, and

(b) Conscious of the fact that the development of nuclear power for peaceful purposes will be furthered by the universal application of some minimum standards regarding civil liability for nuclear damage as provided for in the Vienna Convention, in particular with regard to the international movement of fuel elements and other nuclear material as well as to the possible international ramifications incidental for the operation of a nuclear installation,

Recommends the Governments of all Members of the Agency to give urgent consideration to the desirability of becoming party to the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage.

