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* GC(XIII)/418.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (GC(XIII)/401, 420)

1. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the report of the General Committee in document GC(XIII)/420, in paragraph 1 of which the Committee notified the Conference that seven Members had to be elected to the Board of Governors. In paragraph 2 the Committee specified the geographical areas in respect of which elections were required and in the final paragraph drew attention to the fact that the elections had to be conducted with due regard to equitable representation on the Board as a whole of the Members in the geographical areas specified in Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure. Rule 79 provided that the elections would be by secret ballot and that there could be no nominations.

2. *At the invitation of the President, a member of the Finish delegation and a member of the Iranian delegation acted as tellers.*

3. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to elect a Member from the area of Latin America.

4. *The result of the vote was as follows:*

<i>Ballot papers returned:</i>	67
<i>Invalid votes:</i>	2
<i>Abstentions:</i>	9
<i>Valid votes:</i>	56
<i>Required majority:</i>	29
<i>Votes obtained:</i>	
Uruguay	55
Chile	1

5. *Having obtained the required majority, Uruguay was elected a Member of the Board.*

6. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to elect a Member from the area of Eastern Europe.

7. *The result of the vote was as follows:*

<i>Ballot papers returned:</i>	66
<i>Abstentions:</i>	11
<i>Valid votes:</i>	55
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Votes obtained:</i>	
Hungary	52
Romania	3

8. *Having obtained the required majority, Hungary was elected a Member of the Board.*

9. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to elect two Members from the area of Africa and the Middle East.

10. *The result of the vote was as follows:*

<i>Members to be elected:</i>	2
<i>Ballot papers returned:</i>	136
<i>Invalid votes:</i>	1
<i>Abstentions:</i>	10
<i>Valid votes:</i>	125
<i>Required majority:</i>	32
<i>Votes obtained:</i>	
Nigeria	47
Morocco	37
United Arab Republic	28
Democratic Republic of the Congo	11
Israel	1
Tunisia	1

11. *Having obtained the required majority, Nigeria and Morocco were elected Members of the Board.*

12. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to elect a Member from the area of South Asia.

13. *The result of the vote was as follows:*

<i>Ballot papers returned:</i>	67
<i>Invalid votes:</i>	7
<i>Abstentions:</i>	6
<i>Valid votes:</i>	54
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Votes obtained:</i>	
Pakistan	54

14. *Having obtained the required majority, Pakistan was elected a Member of the Board.*

15. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to elect a Member from the area of the Far East.

16. *The result of the vote was as follows:*

<i>Ballot papers returned:</i>	67
<i>Invalid votes:</i>	1
<i>Abstentions:</i>	19
<i>Valid votes:</i>	47
<i>Required majority:</i>	24
<i>Votes obtained:</i>	
Viet-Nam	37
Cambodia	10

17. *Having obtained the required majority, Viet-Nam was elected a Member of the Board.*

18. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to fill the remaining vacant seat on the Board.

19. *The result of the vote was as follows:*

<i>Ballot papers returned:</i>	65
<i>Invalid votes:</i>	1
<i>Abstentions:</i>	7

<i>Valid votes:</i>	57
<i>Required majority:</i>	29
<i>Votes obtained:</i>	
Spain	57

20. *Having obtained the required majority, Spain was elected a Member of the Board.*

21. The PRESIDENT pointed out that, under Article VI.D of the Statute, the Members just elected to the Board would hold office from the end of the thirteenth regular session of the General Conference until the end of the fifteenth regular session. He congratulated Hungary, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Spain, Uruguay and Viet-Nam on their election, and thanked the tellers for their work.

THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1968 (GC(XIII)/421)

22. Mr. TAÇAR (Turkey), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, introduced the Committee's report on the Agency's accounts for 1968 (GC(XIII)/421).

23. *The draft resolution contained in document GC(XIII)/421 was adopted.*

THE AGENCY'S RELATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (GC(XIII)/422)

24. Mr. TAÇAR (Turkey), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on the Agency's relations with intergovernmental organizations (GC(XIII)/422).

25. *The draft resolution contained in document GC(XIII)/422 was adopted.*

REVIEW OF ARTICLE VI OF THE STATUTE (GC(XIII)/427)

26. Mr. TAÇAR (Turkey), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on the review of Article VI of the Statute (GC(XIII)/427).

27. *The draft resolution annexed to document GC(XIII)/427 was adopted.*

FUND OF SPECIAL FISSIONABLE MATERIALS (GC(XIII)/428)

28. Mr. TAÇAR (Turkey), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on the fund of special fissionable materials (GC(XIII)/428).

29. *The proposal set forth in paragraph 2 of document GC(XIII)/428 was adopted.*

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR 1970 (GC(XIII)/414/ Rev.4)

30. The PRESIDENT said that by 6 p.m. on 26 September the Director General had received pledges of voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1970 from 53 Member States to a total amount of \$828 616, as stated in document GC(XIII)/414/Rev.4. Since then pledges of contributions had been made by Colombia (\$2000), Norway (\$7800), Poland (\$8333), and Uganda (\$1000). Including those four pledged amounts, the total thus reached \$847 749. At the corresponding time the previous year, the total voluntary contributions pledged to the General Fund for 1969 had been a little under \$1 240 000, a figure which had since risen to \$1 421 265. The voluntary contributions for the current year would be closer to the target than in any preceding year. The General Conference had again fixed the target at \$2 million. The total amount so far pledged for 1970 therefore represented only a small fraction of the target but it was to be observed that more than one Member State that had regularly made substantial contributions in the past was not at that stage in a position to announce its pledge for next year. He expressed the hope that every Member would do what it could to pay into the General Fund for 1970 a contribution large enough to enable the target to be reached.

CLOSING OF THE SESSION

31. Mr. TRIVEDI (India) expressed to the President, in the name of delegations in his and other areas of the world, his appreciation of the skill which he had shown in the conduct of the business of the session. Mr. Toriki, apart from his well-known qualities as an eminent scientist, enjoyed an even greater advantage in that he was a national of one of the developing countries and thus had a profound understanding of their needs; it was not surprising therefore that he had been able so rapidly to complete the business of a session which would represent a milestone on the road to attainment of the Agency's objectives.

32. Furthermore, at the conclusion of the thirteenth session of the General Conference it was reassuring for delegations to know that the administration of the Agency would remain in hands as competent as those of Mr. Eklund.

33. Mr. BITTENCOURT (Brazil) speaking in the name of all the delegations from the American continent, associated himself unreservedly with the congratulations expressed by the Indian delegate to the President and the Director General.

34. Mr. McADAM CLARK (United Kingdom) wished to express to the President, on behalf of

the countries of Western Europe, his recognition of the competence, impartiality and firmness with which he had presided over the debates of the session which was now drawing to a close.

35. Mr. STRAUB (Hungary) conveyed to the President the congratulations of the delegations from the socialist countries of Eastern Europe on the manner in which he had directed the business of the session. At the conclusion of the session the delegations of the socialist countries were equally happy to know that the direction of the Agency would remain in the capable hands of Mr. Eklund.

36. Mr. ASANTE (Ghana) declared himself proud, in the name of all delegations from the countries of Africa, that the Presidency of the thirteenth session of the General Conference had been entrusted to an eminent scientist from the African continent. The countries of Africa hoped furthermore that his election would mark a turning point in the efforts being made to bridge the technological gap between the poor and the rich countries.

37. He also thanked the Director General and the Secretariat for the work which they had performed before and during the Conference. Finally he wished to thank the Government and people of Austria for their hospitality and generosity.

38. The PRESIDENT in his turn thanked the delegations for the words of praise which had been addressed to him, but wished to stress that the General Conference had been able to carry out its work successfully and so expeditiously only because of the goodwill, understanding and spirit of collaboration shown by all delegations throughout a particularly fruitful session.

39. He expressed his gratitude to the Director General and the Secretariat for the careful preparations they had made for the session. Finally he wished to thank the Austrian authorities for having been good enough to place at the disposal of the Agency the premises and installations necessary for the smooth conduct of the work of the Conference. He concluded by expressing the hope that the business of the session would have added a new stone to the edifice of world peace, to the erection of which it was the Agency's mission to contribute.

40. In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure, he invited delegates to observe one minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

41. *All present rose and stood in silence for one minute.*

42. The PRESIDENT then declared the thirteenth regular session of the General Conference closed.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.