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President: Mr. OTERO NAVASCUES (Spain)

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\*\* GC(XV)/469.

## THE RECORD

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (GC(XV)/470)

1. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the report of the General Committee in document GC(XV)/470, 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. At the end of that paragraph the Committee had appended, for the Conference's guidance, a list of Members that had already been elected by the Conference or designated by the Board to serve on the Board after the end of the current session. He reminded the Conference that Rule 79 of the Rules of Procedure provided that the elections to the Board should be by secret ballot and that there should be no nominations.

● 2. At the invitation of the President, a member of the Iraqi delegation and a member of the Italian 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:

Ballot papers returned:	75
Invalid votes:	5
Abstentions:	5
Valid votes:	65
Required majority:	33
Votes obtained:	
Colombia	63
Mexico	1
Panama	1

● 5. Having obtained the required majority, Colombia 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:

Ballot papers returned:	77
Abstentions:	4
Valid votes:	73
Required majority:	37
Votes obtained:	
Romania	73

● 8. Having obtained the required majority, Romania 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:

Members to be elected:	2
Ballot papers returned:	78
Abstentions:	9
Valid votes:	147
Required majority:	37
Votes obtained:	
Arab Republic of Egypt	72
Democratic Republic of the Congo	69
Gabon	5
Israel	1

● 11. Having obtained the required majority, the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Democratic Republic of the Congo 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:

Ballot papers returned:	78
Invalid votes:	5
Abstentions:	9
Valid votes:	64
Required majority:	33
Votes obtained:	
Ceylon	63
Burma	1

● 14. Having obtained the required majority, Ceylon 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:

Ballot papers returned:	78
Invalid votes:	1
Abstentions:	30
Valid votes:	47
Required majority:	24
Votes obtained:	
China	37
The Philippines	10

● 17. Having obtained the required majority, China 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:

Ballot papers returned:	79
Invalid votes:	1
Abstentions:	1
Valid votes:	77
Required majority:	39
Votes obtained:	
Greece	74
Mexico	2
Bulgaria	1

● 20. Having obtained the required majority, Greece 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 fifteenth regular session of the General Conference until the end of the seventeenth regular session. He congratulated the Arab Republic of Egypt, Ceylon, China, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Greece and Romania on their election and thanked the tellers for their work.

#### THE AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1971

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#### ASSESSMENT OF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE AGENCY'S ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

#### FINANCING OF NUCLEAR POWER IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

22. Mr. SIAZON (Philippines), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, said that, after comprehensive discussion of the matters at issue in the four items of the agenda that were referred to it [1], the Committee had decided without voting to recommend the Conference to adopt the draft resolutions contained in its reports on the Agency's budget for 1971 (GC(XV)/474), on the Agency's budget for 1972 (GC(XV)/475), on the assessment of Members' contributions towards the Agency's administrative expenses (GC(XV)/476) and on the financing of nuclear power in developing countries (GC(XV)/477). In thus introducing the Committee's reports, however, he wished to draw attention to the fact that, to meet the wishes of some delegations, their objections or reservations concerning draft resolution B in document GC(XV)/474, draft resolution A in document GC(XV)/475 and the two draft resolutions in document GC(XV)/476 were mentioned in the reports covering those draft resolutions.

The Agency's budget for 1971 (GC(XV)/474)

23. The PRESIDENT directed the Conference's attention to the two draft resolutions in the report of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee on the Agency's budget for 1971 (GC(XV)/474) - draft resolution A on a reduction in the level of the Working Capital Fund and draft resolution B providing for a supplementary budgetary appropriation for 1971.

● 24. The draft resolutions were adopted in turn.

The Agency's budget for 1972 (GC(XV)/475)

25. The PRESIDENT asked the Conference to take up the three draft resolutions attached by the Committee to its report on the Agency's budget for 1972 (GC(XV)/475).

● 26. Draft resolution A (Regular Budget appropriations for 1972), draft resolution B (Operational Budget allocations for 1972) and draft resolution C (Use of the Working Capital Fund in 1972) were adopted in turn.

Assessment of Members' contributions towards the Agency's administrative expenses (GC(XV)/476)

27. The PRESIDENT requested the Conference to consider the two draft resolutions in the Committee's report on the assessment of Members' contributions towards the Agency's administrative expenses (GC(XV)/476).

● 28. The two draft resolutions, dealing respectively with further principles for the assessment of Members' contributions towards the Agency's administrative expenses and the scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 1972 were adopted in turn.

Financing of nuclear power in developing countries (GC(XV)/477)

29. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to adopt the draft resolution on the introduction, use and financing of nuclear power in developing countries which the Committee had recommended in its report on the financing of nuclear power in developing countries (GC(XV)/477).

● 30. The draft resolution was adopted.

#### APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

31. The PRESIDENT reminded the Conference that the Agency's External Auditor, who was Auditor General of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, had been appointed by the Conference to audit the accounts for the years 1970 and 1971 [2]. It was accordingly necessary for the Conference to appoint an External Auditor to audit the Agency's accounts for subsequent years.

32. He had been informed that the Auditor General of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic was willing to continue to serve as the Agency's External Auditor, and also that the Czechoslovak Government was willing to make him available for that task. He proposed, therefore, that the Auditor General of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic should be appointed to audit the Agency's accounts for the years 1972 and 1973.

● 33. The President's proposal was accepted.

34. The PRESIDENT said he was sure the Conference would wish him to convey its gratitude to the External Auditor for the capable and thorough work which he and his staff had done in the past, and its appreciation of his willingness to continue to serve the Agency. Thanks were

[1] See document GC(XV)/COM.1/114.

[2] See document GC(XIII)/Resolutions (1969), Other Decisions, decision number GC(XIII)/DEC/8.

likewise due to the Czechoslovak Government for continuing to place its Auditor General at the Agency's disposal.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND (GC(XV)/464 and GC(XV)/465/Rev. 4)

35. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the suggestion in relation to voluntary contributions to the General Fund made by the Director General in document GC(XV)/464, in which he pointed out that application of the further principles just established for the assessment of Members' contributions towards the Agency's administrative expenses [3] would require that certain steps be taken if the existing basis on which Members contributed to the Fund each year were to be preserved. That basis had been provided by Resolution GC(V)/RES/100, paragraph 2, adopted in 1961. The Director General was accordingly recommending a small amendment to that paragraph, which was set out in the draft resolution in document GC(XV)/464.

● 36. The draft resolution was adopted.

37. The PRESIDENT pointed out that the voluntary contributions pledged to the General Fund for 1972 by 5 p. m. on 24 September had been tabulated by the Director General in document GC(XV)/465/Rev. 4. Since then, three more Members - Iran, Madagascar and Turkey - had pledged contributions of \$5000, \$1000 and \$8000 respectively. Thus, 55 Member States had so far pledged a total of \$1 256 045. That sum was only about 41% of the \$3 million target. However, there was some comfort to be drawn from the fact that several Members that had usually made large contributions were not yet in a position to announce their pledges. There accordingly appeared to be reasonable grounds for confidence that by the end of 1971 the situation would have improved. Nevertheless, the prospects of reaching the target were not bright, and he accordingly thought it proper to address a plea to each Member State to reconsider the situation and see whether it could not make some additional contribution, however small, towards the funds that were so badly needed if the Agency was to respond adequately to the appeals of the developing world.

CLOSING OF THE SESSION

38. Mr. UNGERER (Federal Republic of Germany) thanked the President on behalf of the delegations of the Western European Members for the fine way in which he had conducted the business of the session. He (Mr. Ungerer) was

particularly glad to have been asked to convey those thanks in view of the traditional friendly relations existing between the peoples of Spain and Germany and their close co-operation in science and technology. The harmonious spirit that had prevailed throughout the session, leading to important decisions without disputes or confrontations, had been largely due to the President's wisdom, friendly attitude and able guidance of the deliberations.

39. Mr. GAONA (Chile), speaking on behalf of the Latin American and North American delegations, congratulated the President and thanked him for his able and effective leadership of the Conference. The high expectations placed in the President's qualifications and experience in science and the work of the Agency had been more than exceeded.

40. Mr. ANDRZEJEWSKI (Poland) said it was a great honour for him to express, on behalf of the Eastern European Members, their gratitude to the President for his wise and able guidance. He also thanked the Director General and the Secretariat for their excellent support and organization.

41. Mr. MENDOUGA (Cameroon), on behalf of the African States, expressed wholehearted appreciation to the President for his contribution in guiding the Conference to important decisions in an atmosphere of harmony and serious-minded application. He also thanked the Director General and his staff for their admirable work and support. Delegates were leaving the session in the growing hope that nuclear energy would soon be making an even greater contribution to progress throughout the world.

42. Ide ANAK AGUNG Gde AGUNG (Indonesia) said that delegates could leave the session with the satisfying knowledge that fruitful decisions had been made in record time. That accomplishment was due not only to the co-operative spirit displayed among the participants but also, perhaps primarily, to the President's wisdom and ability in leading the deliberations. On behalf of the Asian countries, he thanked him sincerely.

43. The PRESIDENT said that the session now ending had given rise to fewer problems than any other in his experience to the person responsible for guiding its deliberations. The community spirit displayed by the participants, which had been instrumental in the speedy taking of decisions on many complicated matters, was exemplary of the close co-operation that existed throughout the world in science, a co-operation that was deepening from day to day. His task had been further eased by the support received from the Chairmen of the Main Committees and from the Director General and his staff. He sincerely thanked all the participants for their co-operation.

44. In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure, he invited delegates to observe one

[3] See para. 28 above.

minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

- All present rose and stood in silence for one minute.

45. The PRESIDENT then declared the fifteenth regular session of the General Conference closed.

- The meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.

