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President: Mr. BOSWELL (Australia)

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THE RECORD

THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1972
(GC(XVII)/515)

1. Mr. MÜLLER (Finland), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, introduced the Committee's report on the Agency's accounts for 1972 (GC(XVII)/515).

- 2. The draft resolution in document GC(XVII)/515 was adopted.

AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
(GC(XVII)/517)

3. Mr. MÜLLER (Finland), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, introducing the Committee's report in document GC(XVII)/517 on the amendment of the Rules of Procedure, said the Committee recommended that the Conference take two actions under that agenda item. The first was to adopt the draft resolution annexed to its report, so that in electing Members to the Board of Governors the General Conference could give effect to the provisions of Article VI, A, 2 of the Statute which had come into force in June 1973 [1]. The second was to take the steps outlined in paragraph 4 of the report as the Committee had not had time to consider in detail the remainder of the draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure which were annexed to document GC(XVII)/503, and had therefore concluded that a revised set of draft rules would have to be presented to the Conference at its next session.

- 4. The draft resolution annexed to document GC(XVII)/517 was adopted.

5. The PRESIDENT said that he assumed the Conference wished to take the steps outlined in paragraph 4 of the Committee's report.

- 6. It was so decided.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (GC(XVII)/502, 513)

7. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the General Committee's memorandum in document GC(XVII)/513 on elections of Members to the Board, in paragraph 2 of which the Committee notified the Conference that 18 Members had to be elected to the Board, specifying the geographical areas in respect of which elections were required and the number of Members to be elected from each area. The elections would be conducted under the current Rules of Procedure (GC(VII)/INF/60) as amended by the resolution just adopted (GC(XVII)/517, Annex).

- 8. At the invitation of the President, a member of the Netherlands delegation and a member of the Yugoslav delegation acted as tellers.

[1] See document INFCIRC/159/Rev. 3.

- 9. A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect 18 Members to the Board.

10. The PRESIDENT suggested that, while the tellers were counting the votes, the Conference pass on to other business.

APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

11. 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 Agency's accounts for the years 1972 and 1973. [2] It was accordingly necessary for the Conference to appoint an External Auditor to audit the Agency's accounts for subsequent years.

12. 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 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 be appointed to audit the Agency's accounts for the years 1974 and 1975.

- 13. The President's proposal was accepted.

14. The PRESIDENT said he was sure the Conference would wish him to convey its gratitude to the External Auditor for the sound 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 likewise due to the Czechoslovak Government for continuing to place its Auditor General at the Agency's disposal.

OPENING DATE OF THE EIGHTEENTH (1974) REGULAR SESSION

15. The PRESIDENT informed the Conference that the General Committee had asked him to put forward its recommendation that the opening date of the eighteenth regular session be Monday, 16 September 1974.

- 16. The recommendation of the General Committee was accepted.

THE AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1973 (GC(XVII)/516)

17. Mr. HAMMOND (Canada), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, introduced the Committee's report on the Agency's budget for 1973 (GC(XVII)/516).

- 18. The draft resolution in document GC(XVII)/516 was adopted.

[2] See document GC(XV)/Resolutions (1971), Other Decisions, decision number GC(XV)/DEC/10.

MARKET SURVEY FOR NUCLEAR POWER
(GC(XVII)/520)

19. Mr. HAMMOND (Canada), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, introduced the Committee's report in document GC(XVII)/520 on the market survey for nuclear power.

● 20. The draft resolution in document GC(XVII)/520 was adopted.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR 1974 (GC(XVII)/511/Rev. 4)

21. The PRESIDENT referred the Conference to document GC(XVII)/511/Rev. 4, in which the Director General had stated that, by 6 p. m. on 21 September, pledges by Members of voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1974 had amounted to \$1 774 947. One Member had in the meantime increased its pledge by nearly \$5000, so that the total now stood at \$1 779 747.

22. Forty-nine Members were therefore pledged to contribute a little more than half the proposed target of \$3 million [3]. Nevertheless, it emerged from the table in the document that several Members that had made generous contributions to the General Fund in previous years were not yet in a position to make known their contribution for next year, so there was good reason to believe that, for the first time in the Agency's history, the

target for voluntary contributions to the General Fund would be reached.

23. It was also of some importance to note that 26 Members had pledged sums representing percentages of the target that were considerably above the base rates of assessment expected to be set for their respective contributions to the Regular Budget for 1974; indeed, those percentages were on the average nearly 30% higher. That was a most heartening development, and he appealed to other delegations to do their utmost to convince their Governments to follow suit. The total in the General Fund would then in fact exceed the target and the Agency would be able to do considerably more for Members in the developing areas of the world in 1974 than had been thought possible.

ELECTIONS TO THE AGENCY'S STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

24. The PRESIDENT explained that an item had been included in the agenda in case it had become necessary to replace one or more of the members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee who were chosen by the Conference. Since, however, all the members in question expected to be able to serve throughout the following year, there was no business for the Conference to transact under that item.

● The meeting rose at 11.40 a. m.

[3] See document GC(XVII)/505, Annex V, draft resolution B, para. 1.

