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President: Mr. BOSWELL (Australia)

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THE RECORD

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. The PRESIDENT informed the General Conference of the results of the voting at the preceding meeting to elect Members to the Board of Governors. [1]

● 2. The result of the election of three Members from the area of Latin America was as follows:

Invalid votes:	3
Abstentions:	21
Valid votes:	207
Required majority:	35
Votes obtained:	
Costa Rica	71
Peru	70
Chile	52
Cuba	13
Bolivia	1

● 3. Having obtained the required majority, Costa Rica, Peru and Chile were elected to the Board.

● 4. The result of the election of four Members from the area of Western Europe was as follows:

Invalid votes:	5
Abstentions:	25
Valid votes:	278
Required majority:	35
Votes obtained:	
Switzerland	71
Denmark	70
Ireland	68
Sweden	68
Iceland	1

● 5. Having obtained the required majority, Switzerland, Denmark, Ireland and Sweden were elected to the Board.

● 6. The result of the election of three Members from the area of Eastern Europe was as follows:

Invalid votes:	1
Abstentions:	40
Valid votes:	190
Required majority:	32
Votes obtained:	
Hungary	64
Bulgaria	62
Czechoslovakia	62
Poland	1
Yugoslavia	1

● 7. Having obtained the required majority, Hungary, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia were elected to the Board.

● 8. The result of the election of four Members from the area of Africa was as follows:

Invalid votes:	1
Abstentions:	29
Valid votes:	278
Required majority:	35
Votes obtained:	
Gabon	69
Sudan	69
Algeria	68
Ghana	67
Cameroon	1
Ethiopia	1
Madagascar	1
Nigeria	1
Senegal	1

● 9. Having obtained the required majority, Gabon, Sudan, Algeria and Ghana were elected to the Board.

● 10. The result of the election of one Member from the area of the Middle East and South Asia was as follows:

Invalid votes:	0
Abstentions:	3
Valid votes:	74
Required majority:	38
Votes obtained:	
Pakistan	70
Lebanon	2
Israel	2
Jordan	1

● 11. Having obtained the required majority, Pakistan was elected to the Board.

● 12. The result of the election of one Member from the area of the Far East was as follows:

Invalid votes:	2
Abstentions:	6
Valid votes:	69
Required majority:	35
Votes obtained:	
Korea, Republic of	56
Mongolia	11
Khmer Republic	1
Viet-Nam	1

● 13. Having obtained the required majority, the Republic of Korea was elected to the Board.

● 14. The result of the election of one Member from the area of the Middle East and South Asia, South East Asia and the Pacific, or the Far East was as follows:

Invalid votes:	1
Abstentions:	6
Valid votes:	70
Required majority:	36
Votes obtained:	
Philippines	69
Pakistan	1

● 15. Having obtained the required majority, the Philippines was elected to the Board.

[1] See document GC(XVII)/OR.166, paras 7-10.

● 16. The result of the election of one Member from the area of Africa, the Middle East and South Asia, or South East Asia and the Pacific was as follows:

Invalid votes:	2
Abstentions:	7
Valid votes:	68
Required majority:	35
Votes obtained:	
Lebanon	66
New Zealand	1
Zaire, Republic of	1

● 17. Having obtained the required majority, Lebanon was elected to the Board.

18. The PRESIDENT, after congratulating the 18 Members just elected, recalled that under Article VI.D of the Statute they had been elected to hold office from the end of the current session until the end of the second regular annual session of the General Conference thereafter, in other words for a period of two years. He had, however, an important announcement to make in that connection.

19. The Statute provided that there should always be 22 Members of the Board elected by the General Conference. [2] The General Conference had just elected 18 Members, so that it should elect four Members in 1974 and thereafter continue electing 18 Members one year and four Members the next. During recent months, however, certain Members had expressed misgivings regarding the inherent imbalance in such a pattern of elections, and had tried to find some way of avoiding the difficulties which could arise if the composition of the Board were changed each year according to that pattern. In that context representatives of Algeria, Chile, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, Denmark, Ghana, Ireland and Lebanon had authorized the President to inform the Conference, on behalf of their respective Governments, that those seven Members had decided to contribute to a solution of the problem by serving on the Board for one year only. Consequently, the Conference would be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board at each regular session henceforth.

20. He was confident that the Conference would deeply appreciate the high ideals and the unselfishness which had led to that decision, which would make it possible to achieve the desired balance in the annual election of Members to the Board and contribute towards an equitable and regular rotation on the Board of the Members in the various areas mentioned in Article VI of the Statute.

21. The PRESIDENT thanked the delegations of the Netherlands and Yugoslavia, which had provided the two tellers, and also thanked the tellers themselves and their Secretariat assistants.

[2] Article VI.A.2.

THE AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1974 (GC(XVII)/518)

22. Mr. HAMMOND (Canada), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, introduced the Committee's report on the Agency's budget for 1974 (GC(XVII)/518).

● 23. Draft resolution A (Regular Budget appropriations for 1974) annexed to that report, draft resolution B (Operational Budget allocations for 1974), draft resolution C (The Working Capital Fund in 1974) and draft resolution D (The financing of technical assistance) were adopted in turn.

SCALE OF ASSESSMENT OF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1974 (GC(XVII)/519)

24. Mr. HAMMOND (Canada), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, presented the Committee's report on the scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 1974 (GC(XVII)/519).

● 25. The draft resolution in the document was adopted.

CLOSING OF THE SESSION

26. Mr. MEDINA (Philippines) paid tribute, on behalf of the delegations from South East Asia and the Pacific, to the great experience of the President, under whose expert direction the deliberations of the seventeenth regular session of the Conference had been brought to a successful conclusion. He wished to express his gratitude to the members of the Secretariat for their spirit of co-operation, which had made it possible to discuss even the most delicate questions. Finally, he warmly thanked the delegates to the Conference for electing his country to the Board.

27. Mr. TAPE (United States of America) expressed the gratitude of the Canadian delegation and of his own for the manner in which the President had guided the session's discussions. He desired also particularly to thank the seven Member States which, in a spirit of great generosity and understanding, had announced their intention to serve on the Board for one year only.

28. Mr. ERRERA (Belgium), acting as spokesman for the delegations of Western Europe, thanked the President, and congratulated the members of the Secretariat on the excellent work they had carried out under the guidance of the Director General.

29. Mr. MARULANDA (Colombia), speaking on behalf of the group of Latin American countries, thanked the Austrian authorities for their hospitality, and the President, Director General and entire Secretariat for the welcome they had accorded the delegates to the seventeenth regular session of the Agency's General Conference in Vienna. He was gratified at the results achieved by the Conference and hoped that the Agency would continue to support the interests of the less

favoured countries so as to bring about a better understanding between men.

30. Mr. KHAN (Pakistan), on behalf of the Members in the area of the Middle East and South Asia, wished to associate himself with the expressions of gratitude addressed to the President for the courtesy and firmness with which he had directed the work of the session. He also thanked the delegates to the Conference for the honour they had bestowed upon his country by electing it to the Board.

31. Mr. ANDRZEJEWSKI (Poland) congratulated the President on behalf of the Eastern European and socialist countries on the brilliant way in which he had discharged his task during the session. He also wished to thank all members of the Secretariat for their assistance during the session.

32. Mr. MALU wa KALENGA (Zaire) said that, on behalf of the African Members, he also wished to thank the President. He hoped that the Director General, during his new term of office, would defend the interests of the developing Members as assiduously as he had in the past.

33. Mr. DENEŠ (Yugoslavia) expressed his delegation's appreciation of the tact with which the President had directed the work of the session and the spirit of co-operation and understanding shown by the delegates, which augured well for the future.

34. Mr. KIT (Singapore) said that he was pleased to express his gratitude to the President, thanks to whom it had been possible to solve many difficulties during the session and to reach a harmonious understanding.

35. The PRESIDENT warmly thanked the delegates who had spoken on behalf of their countries or their regions for the flattering words they had addressed to him.

36. He was particularly pleased to welcome two new Members of the Agency, the German Democratic Republic and the Mongolian People's Republic. He wished to thank the Chairmen of the two Main Committees for the hard work they had accomplished in providing the Conference with the resolutions it had adopted that day. He also expressed his gratitude to the Vice-Presidents and the members of the General and Credentials Committees, as well as to the Director General and all his staff, whose efficiency, patience and

understanding had made everyone's task so much easier.

37. He also welcomed the many expressions of confidence in the Director General, which applied likewise to the Agency as a whole.

38. In conclusion, he wished to comment briefly on problems of energy, as distinct from nuclear energy. It was becoming increasingly apparent in many countries that the provision of an adequate supply of energy was not only a matter of science and technological development, but that the technical decisions involved also had an important sociological and political impact. Although he was not one of those who was prepared to predict the evolution of demand and reach depressing conclusions, he was bound to admit that the world's known hydrocarbon fuel resources were limited and would need to be supplemented or replaced by other resources. He was sure that such resources would be found, but Governments must understand the need to seek advice from men or organizations which were truly interdisciplinary. Workers in nuclear energy had developed that interdisciplinary approach in greater depth than many of their colleagues working in the more conventional forms of energy, and some countries had already begun to exploit the talents of such people and organizations. The Agency had already moved to diversify its activities, particularly with regard to the impact of nuclear energy on the environment, but protection of the environment was only one of the many sociological questions that might be expected to be raised in world forums in the coming years. Of all the United Nations organs, the Agency was best placed to make a major contribution to the solution of those problems.

39. He reiterated his thanks to the delegates for their spirit of comprehension and their sustained attention during the discussions.

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

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

41. The PRESIDENT declared the seventeenth regular session of the General Conference closed.

● The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.