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AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI.A.2 OF THE STATUTE

Note by the Director General

Pursuant to the decision the Board took last June^{1/}, the summary of the Board's discussion on "Amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute" at its meeting held on 24 September is hereby transmitted to the General Conference.

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Mr. ADENIJI (Nigeria) said that the co-sponsors of the draft resolution^{2/} were ready to take up item 5 of the agenda to the extent that the discussions would make it possible to arrive at a consensus regarding the recommendation to be made to the General Conference. He recalled that all the arguments involved were well known to everybody and stated that the co-sponsors of the draft resolution were greatly disappointed at the outcome of their initiative. At the beginning everyone had agreed in recognizing that the two regions "Africa" and "Middle East and South Asia" were substantially under-represented on the Board. During the consultations that had taken place, however, no one had been able to put forward the least positive proposal to remedy the situation.

It was to be hoped that a specific and satisfactory proposal would be put forward before the end of the present series of meetings.

^{1/} See document GC(XXI)/584, para. 3.

^{2/} Reproduced in Annex II to document GC(XXI)/584.

Mr. KHAN (Pakistan) said that his country, as a co-sponsor of the draft resolution, regretted that it had not been possible to obtain a consensus in order to permit action on the important amendment in question. It had been generally recognized that the regions of Africa and the Middle East and South Asia were not adequately and equitably represented on the Board. That imbalance, which was contrary to the provisions of the Statute, had to be rectified. The Board had already decided that the matter be transmitted to the General Conference. The co-sponsors would continue their efforts to achieve a consensus and hoped that Members would co-operate in doing so.

The CHAIRMAN emphasized that he had found a great fund of goodwill among all the participants in the consultations, which had, however, not yet produced an agreed formula satisfactory to everybody. He proposed that the Board should transmit to the General Conference the records of the discussions which it had held on the matter at its meetings in February, June and September 1977.

It was so agreed.