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ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (GC(XXIV)/636) (continued)

1. The PRESIDENT informed the General Conference of the results of the voting which had taken place at the preceding meeting.

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

<u>Abstentions:</u>	22
<u>Valid votes:</u>	220
<u>Required majority:</u>	37
<u>Votes obtained:</u>	
Peru	75
Argentina	74
Uruguay	71

3. Having obtained the required majority, Peru, Argentina and Uruguay were elected to the Board.

4. The result of the election of two Members from the Area of Western Europe was as follows:

<u>Abstentions:</u>	15
<u>Valid votes:</u>	147
<u>Required majority:</u>	37
<u>Votes obtained:</u>	
Sweden	74
Turkey	73

5. Having obtained the required majority, Sweden and Turkey were elected to the Board.

6. The result of the election of one Member from the area of Eastern Europe was as follows:

<u>Abstentions:</u>	8
<u>Valid votes:</u>	73
<u>Required majority:</u>	37
<u>Votes obtained:</u>	
Poland	73

7. Having obtained the required majority, Poland was elected to the Board.

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

<u>Abstentions:</u>	13
<u>Valid votes:</u>	149
<u>Required majority:</u>	38
<u>Votes obtained:</u>	
Nigeria	76
Sudan	73

9. Having obtained the required majority, Nigeria and Sudan 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:

<u>Abstentions:</u>	9
<u>Valid votes:</u>	72
<u>Required majority:</u>	37
<u>Votes obtained:</u>	
Iraq	72

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

12. The result of the election of one Member from the area of South East Asia and the Pacific was as follows:

<u>Abstentions:</u>	9
<u>Valid votes:</u>	72
<u>Required majority:</u>	37
<u>Votes obtained:</u>	
Malaysia	72

13. Having obtained the required majority, Malaysia was elected to the Board.

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

<u>Abstentions:</u>	7
<u>Valid votes:</u>	74
<u>Required majority:</u>	38

Votes obtained:

Lebanon

74

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

16. The PRESIDENT, after congratulating the 11 Members so elected, recalled that under Article VI.D of the Statute they would hold office from the end of the current session until the end of the twenty-sixth regular session of the General Conference, i.e. for a period of two years.

17. He thanked the delegations of Mexico and Switzerland, which had provided tellers, the two tellers themselves, and their Secretariat assistants.

REPORT ON VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PLEDGED TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUND FOR 1981 (GC(XXIV)/635/Rev.4)

18. The PRESIDENT stated that by 6 p.m. on 25 September 1980, 48 Member States had pledged voluntary contributions amounting to US \$9 469 663, to which had to be added pledges of \$1300 by Mongolia, \$1300 by Niger, \$150 602 by Poland and \$27 300 by Romania, making a total of \$9 650 165. Because of the dates fixed for the adoption of their national budgets, some Member States were not yet able to pledge their contributions but would do so at a later stage.

19. It was encouraging that the pledges so far amounted to 74.23% of the target figure, the highest ever achieved at any session. He hoped that Member States which had not yet pledged their voluntary contributions would do so at their earliest convenience, for which purpose they should get in touch with the Agency Secretariat. Finally, it was to be hoped that developed countries would make voluntary contributions in amounts corresponding at least to their base rates of assessment.

REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

20. Mr. SIAZON (Philippines), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, presented the Committee's report on items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the agenda, which had been referred to it by the General Conference for examination.

21. In connection with the Agency's accounts for 1979 (item 7 of the agenda), the Committee recommended that the Conference should adopt the draft resolution contained in Part I of document GC(XXIV)/629.

22. With regard to item 8, the Agency's programme for 1981-86 and budget for 1981, the Committee recommended that the Conference should adopt the three draft resolutions contained in Annex VI to document GC(XXIV)/630.

23. Many of the representatives who had spoken on the subject had welcomed the fact that the budget for 1981 provided for near-zero real growth in the Agency's activities as compared with 1980, but several had felt that near-zero real growth would in the long run impair certain important promotional activities and had expressed the hope that a balance could be achieved between the Agency's regulatory and promotional activities. The importance of the Agency's technical assistance activities had been emphasized by almost all speakers.

24. Considerable attention had been paid to the preliminary estimates for 1982 and 1983, which many had considered to be too high. However, the Secretariat had pointed out that the projections for 1982 and 1983 provided for an increase to cover inflation only. Some speakers had expressed themselves in favour of continuing efforts to keep real growth at the near-zero level, while others had felt that a resumption of real growth after 1981 would be essential.

25. Concern about the level of administrative costs, especially those connected with the running of the Vienna International Centre (VIC), had been widely expressed, and the Director General had been urged to do all in his power to keep administrative costs to a minimum.

26. The Director General and his staff had been commended on the presentation of the six-year programme and the 1981 budget and on the efforts which had obviously gone into their preparation.

27. Concerning item 9, the financing of technical assistance, the Committee recommended that the Conference should take note of the report by the Board of Governors contained in document GC(XXIV)/631/Rev.1 and of the documentation annexed to document GC(XXIV)/631 and that, recalling General Conference Resolution GC(XXIII)/RES/368, it should request the Board of Governors to continue studying the matter of the financing of technical assistance and to report to the General Conference at its twenty-fifth regular session on all possible effective means to assure the financing of technical assistance.

28. In that connection, the recommendation by the Board of indicative figures for future years had been generally welcomed as a means of providing a sounder

basis for technical assistance planning. However, some Committee members had said that the recommendation of indicative planning figures was in itself not a complete solution to the problem of technical assistance financing. On the question of financing technical assistance from the Regular Budget, opposing views had been expressed in the Committee.

29. Concerning item 10, the financing of safeguards, the Committee recommended that the General Conference should adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(XXIV)/633. The discussion had focused on the question of cost allocation; several representatives had urged in particular that supporting costs of administration and general services and VIC operating costs should be allocated to the Agency's safeguards programme. However, other representatives had stated that they could only agree to the resolution on the understanding that further cost allocation to the safeguards programme would not be considered before 1983.

30. With respect to item 11, the scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 1981, the Committee recommended that the Conference should adopt the draft resolution set forth in document GC(XXIV)/634.

31. Regarding item 12, amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute, the Committee recommended that the Conference should adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(XXIV)/639. The representatives of several African countries had stated that they would maintain the proposal whereby three additional seats on the Board would be created for the area of Africa. In addition, it was made clear in the Committee that adoption of a resolution relating to Article VI.A.2 would not prevent the Board from considering Article VI as a whole.

32. The PRESIDENT thanked the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and suggested that the draft resolutions and proposals relating to the items of the agenda that had been referred to the Committee could now be considered by the General Conference with a view to their adoption.

33. It was so agreed.

The Agency's accounts for 1979

34. The draft resolution contained in Part I of document GC(XXIV)/629 was adopted.

The Agency's programme for 1981-86 and budget for 1981

35. The draft resolutions contained in Annex VI to document GC(XXIV)/630 were adopted.

The financing of technical assistance

36. The PRESIDENT took it that the Conference would agree to endorse the recommendations presented by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole concerning the financing of technical assistance.

37. It was so agreed.

The financing of safeguards

38. The draft resolution contained in document GC(XXIV)/633 was adopted.

Scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 1981

39. The draft resolution contained in document GC(XXIV)/634 was adopted.

Amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute

40. The draft resolution contained in document GC(XXIV)/639 was adopted.

CLOSING OF THE SESSION

41. Mr. DALAL (India), speaking on behalf of the countries belonging to the area of the Middle East and South Asia, thanked the President for his wise leadership and expressed his gratitude to the Austrian Government and people for their hospitality.

42. Mr. COPITHORNE (Canada), speaking for the countries of North America, paid tribute to the President for the efficient and even-handed manner in which he had conducted the discussions. He thanked the host country for helping to make the Conference enjoyable and successful.

43. Mr. KENYERES (Hungary), acting as spokesman for the countries of Eastern Europe, thanked the President for his patient, wise and efficient guidance and commented on the spirit of mutual understanding and co-operation in which the session had been held.

44. Mr. GARCÍA-LÓPEZ SANTAOLALLA (Mexico), on behalf of the countries of Latin America, commended the President for the skill he had shown in guiding the deliberations to a successful conclusion. He congratulated the new Members of the Board of Governors and thanked the Austrian Government for extending such generous hospitality.

45. Mr. XUTO (Thailand) said that the countries of South East Asia and the Pacific were most impressed by the success of the twenty-fourth session, which was due in large measure to the President's able leadership and guidance. He wished to convey his appreciation to the Austrian Government and people for according the delegates such a warm welcome.

46. Mr. MALU wa KALENGA (Zaire) wished to thank the President, on behalf of the countries of Africa, for his effective guidance, and the host country for the hospitality it had shown.

47. Mr. YAMATO (Japan), speaking on behalf of the countries of the Far East, paid tribute to the President for his astute guidance. His Government believed that with such effective leadership the Agency would succeed in strengthening its role and increasing co-operation among its Member States.

48. Mr. GOLDSCHMIDT (France), as spokesman for Western Europe, referred to the spirit of co-operation and mutual understanding in which, thanks largely to the President's calm leadership, the session had taken place. He commented on the fact that it was Hahn and Strassmann, compatriots of the President, who had discovered uranium fission, without which the Agency would not have come into being.

49. The PRESIDENT thanked all the delegates for their kind words and expressed his gratitude to the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, the Chairman of the General Committee, the Director General and the Secretariat, and to all participants, for their help in making the twenty-fourth session a success. Before closing the session, he invited all those present to observe a minute's silence for prayer or meditation.

All present rose and stood in silence for one minute.

50. The PRESIDENT declared the twenty-fourth session of the General Conference closed.

The meeting rose at 4.5 p.m.

