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Chairman: Mr. AJIT SINGH (Malaysia)

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The composition of delegations attending the session is given in document
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PROCEDURAL REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had to conclude its deliberations on agenda items 14, 15 and 10. There were two draft resolutions under item 14 and one under item 10. The small working group which had been set up earlier was still discussing the draft resolution submitted by France under item 14 and was trying to reconcile the various views expressed in the discussion under item 15. Pending the working group's report, he invited the Committee to take up the draft resolutions on which substantial agreement already existed.

STAFFING OF THE AGENCY'S SECRETARIAT (GC(XXVII)/COM.5/30) (resumed)

2. The CHAIRMAN said he understood there was general agreement on the draft resolution contained in document GC(XXVII)/COM.5/30, submitted by Brazil, Egypt and Mexico, and that Canada and Spain, while willing to accept it, had expressed certain reservations. He would therefore assume, if there were no objections, that the Committee wished to recommend the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(XXVII)/COM.5/30.

3. It was so decided.

THE AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1984 (GC(XXVII)/686; GC(XXVII)/COM.5/26 and Add.1) (resumed)

4. The CHAIRMAN recalled that the draft resolution contained in document GC(XXVII)/COM.5/26, concerning the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, had been introduced at the first meeting of the Committee and had since then elicited much interest and discussion.

5. Mr. ARZUBIAGA ROSPIGLIOSI (Peru) said that his delegation was prepared to approve the draft resolution on the understanding that such approval did not prejudice Peru's final position on the Convention, which it would be taking in conformity with its constitutional procedures.

6. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend the General Conference to adopt the resolution contained in document GC(XXVII)/COM.5/26 and said that the views expressed by various delegations would be reflected in his report to the Conference.

7. It was so decided.

8. Mr. GABBERT (United States of America) said that his delegation had intended to submit a draft resolution on the Agency's radioactive waste management programme. However, certain differences of view had come to light during informal discussions, and since there was no time to consult Governments on some of the complex technical details, the United States delegation had decided, after all, not to introduce that resolution.

The meeting was suspended at 4.20 p.m. and resumed at 6 p.m.

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI.A.2 OF THE STATUTE (GC(XXVII)/689) (resumed)

9. Mr. de CASTRO NEVES (Vice-Chairman of the Committee of the Whole) reported that the informal working group which had been meeting under his chairmanship had agreed on the text of a draft resolution which read as follows:

"The General Conference,

- (a) Taking note of the report of the Board of Governors, and
- (b) Reiterating the urgent need to implement General Conference resolution GC(XXVII)/RES/389,

Requests the Board of Governors to consider and submit its observations and recommendations on proposed amendments regarding this matter for approval by the General Conference at its twenty-eighth regular session."

10. The delegations of Egypt and the United Republic of Tanzania had expressed the wish that the General Conference should recommend that the Board of Governors establish a working group to deal with the implementation of that resolution.

11. Mr. KHAN (Pakistan) said he could support the resolution as drafted. As far as the setting up of a working group was concerned, however, he would prefer that a summary of the Committee's deliberations on the subject be sent to the Board of Governors, and that it be left to the Board to decide on what would be the most appropriate machinery for implementation.

12. Mr. AL-KITAL (Iraq) supported that view.

13. Mr. RYZHOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) also thought it better to submit to the Board not merely the views of Egypt and the United Republic of Tanzania, but also the views of other countries, on how the resolution could best be implemented.

14. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee's report to the General Conference would reflect the views expressed. On that understanding, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend that the Conference adopt the draft resolution which the Vice-Chairman had read out. Also, he took it that the Committee agreed that the summary records of its deliberations on that item should be submitted to the Board of Governors for its information.

15. It was so decided.

STAFFING OF THE AGENCY'S SECRETARIAT (GC(XXVII)/COM.5/29) (resumed)

16. Mr. de CASTRO NEVES (Vice-Chairman of the Committee of the Whole) reported that in the informal working group it had been agreed that France's draft resolution (GC(XXVII)/COM.5/29), which was co-sponsored by Canada, Ivory Coast and Zaire, should not be formally tabled in the Committee of the Whole, but that the matters dealt with in it should be referred to the Board of Governors at its next series of meetings, to be held in February 1984.

17. Mr. HAWAS (Egypt) said that, as far as he understood the position, it would now be for the French representative to make a statement concerning his delegation's draft resolution to the Committee; that statement would then be referred to the Board of Governors.

18. Mr. KHAN (Pakistan) thought it would be preferable to leave it to France's representatives to raise the matter in the Board at its next series of meetings, as it was in any case entitled to do. He would not be prepared to support any recommendation on the part of the Committee that the draft resolution be referred to the Board of Governors.

19. Mr. ADNAN bin Haji KHALID (Malaysia) and Mr. SILANGWA (Zambia) supported that view.

20. The CHAIRMAN said that he would accordingly indicate in his report to the Conference that the French delegation might raise the question before the Board when it next met.

21. It was so decided.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHAIRMAN

22. Mr. HAWAS (Egypt) paid tribute to the Chairman's excellent conduct of the Committee's work.

The meeting rose at 6.30 p.m.

