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STRENGTHENING THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES RELATED TO NUCLEAR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS (resumed)

(d) NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY REVIEW: AN UP-DATE
(GC(45)/INF/5)

1. The CHAIRPERSON invited comments on the "Nuclear Technology Review - Update 2001" contained in document GC(45)/INF/5.
2. The representative of CANADA said it was his delegation's understanding that the document under consideration had not been approved by the Board of Governors for publication. His delegation had a number of concerns regarding the document which it would pursue in the Board.
3. The representative of POLAND, welcoming the fact that - for the first time - the Nuclear Technology Review had a separate agenda sub-item devoted to it, said that the document under consideration was both concise and comprehensive, highlighting trends rather than dwelling on details.
4. His delegation would nevertheless have liked to see, as in the case of previous editions, the Nuclear Technology Review dealing with the power and non-power applications of nuclear technology in two separate parts. Since only 31 Member States had nuclear power plants in operation or under construction, the main interest of some 100 Member States was in the non-power applications, which should have received considerably greater attention. Some five years previously, the American Nuclear Society had concluded that the non-power applications of nuclear technology accounted for a far greater percentage of the United States of America's GNP than the 103 nuclear power plants in operation in the United States at that time. Information about the economic attractiveness of different non-power applications would be particularly useful to developing Member States.
5. The representative of INDIA, welcoming the fact that the Nuclear Technology Review was finally being discussed in the Committee of the Whole, said that the document under consideration was very useful.
6. In operative paragraph 9 of resolution GC(44)/RES/21, the General Conference had recommended that the Secretariat report every two years on progress made in the areas of nuclear science, technology and applications. His delegation would like to see the Secretariat reporting to the Board and the General Conference every year.
7. The representative of CHINA said that the "Nuclear Technology Review - Update 2001" was a useful document and expressed the hope that the Secretariat would continue to issue such documents.
8. The representative of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION said that the "Nuclear Technology Review - Update 2001" was a high-quality document which took into account comments

made by his delegation at the March 2001 session of the Board of Governors. His delegation hoped that the Nuclear Technology Review would be issued regularly in the future.

9. His delegation would like the Annexes to document GC(45)/INF/5 to be translated from English into the other official and working languages of the Board and the General Conference.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF THE STATUTE
(GC(45)/INF/7)

10. The representative of UKRAINE said that document GC(45)/INF/7 would have been more useful if Annex 2 had shown the status of acceptance of the amendment to Article VI of the Statute at a date later than 16 July.

11. The CHAIRPERSON assumed that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it take note of the information contained in document GC(45)/INF/7.

12. It was so agreed.

MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN NUCLEAR,
RADIATION, TRANSPORT AND WASTE SAFETY (resumed)

(e) OTHER SAFETY MATTERS (resumed)
(GC(45)/INF/6 and GC(45)/COM.5/L.2)

13. The representative of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, referring to the title of the draft resolution in document GC(45)/COM.5/L.2, said that the title of resolution GC(44)/RES/13 - "Education and training in radiation protection and nuclear safety and waste management" - would have been more suitable than just "Education and training". Moreover, education and training were important not only in nuclear, radiation, transport and waste safety, but also in other areas of nuclear science and technology.

14. The representative of AUSTRALIA suggested the phrase "as well as in other areas of nuclear science and technology" be added at the end of operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution.

15. The representative of BULGARIA suggested that in operative paragraph 3 "and collaborating institutions" be added after "national training centres".

16. The representative of INDIA endorsed the suggestion made by the representative of Bulgaria.

17. The representative of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION welcomed the suggestion made by the representative of Australia.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.45 p.m. and resumed at 5.00 p.m.

18. The CHAIRPERSON said that, following informal consultations, it was proposed that preambular paragraph (c) be amended to read “Aware of the importance of the regional and sub-regional approach in the field of training and education in nuclear, radiation, transport and waste safety, available to the interested participants”.
19. It was also proposed that in operative paragraph 3 “within available financial resources” be replaced by “subject to the availability of resources”.
20. The representative of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, accepting the amendment proposals, said that his delegation looked forward to seeing at the General Conference’s 2002 session a draft resolution on education and training in a large number of fields where the Agency engaged in programme activities.
21. The representative of EGYPT proposed, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, that in the proposed version of preambular paragraph (c) just read out by the Chairperson “available to the interested participants” be replaced by “open to interested participants”.
22. The representative of ISRAEL enquired why the words “available to the interested participants” were not acceptable to Egypt.
23. The representative of EGYPT said that the proposal which he had made reflected the views of the Group of 77 and China, not just those of Egypt.
24. The representative of ISRAEL proposed changing “open to interested participants” to “open to all interested participants”.
25. The representative of MOROCCO said that, in a spirit of compromise, he would go along with the formulation “open to all interested participants”.
26. The representative of ECUADOR said that he could accept the formulation “open to all interested participants”.
27. The CHAIRPERSON took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference the adoption of the draft resolution in document GC(45)/COM.5/L.2 with the amendments accepted at the Committee’s second meeting, with the words “open to all interested participants” added at the end of preambular paragraph (c), with the words “as well as in other areas of nuclear science and technology” added at the end of operative paragraph 1, and with “within available financial resources” replaced by “subject to the availability of resources” and the words “and collaborating institutions” inserted after “national training centres” in operative paragraph 3.
28. It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 5.20 p.m.