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NUCLEAR SECURITY - PROGRESS ON MEASURES TO PROTECT AGAINST
NUCLEAR TERRORISM (resumed)
(GC(46)/COM.5/L.11)

1. The representative of FRANCE said that, in the light of the suggestions made during the previous meeting for amending the draft resolution contained in document GC(46)/COM.5/L.11, the sponsors proposed that:

- preambular paragraph (f) of the draft resolution be amended to read “... to avoid their use in acts of terrorism, and concerned by risks to human lives and the environment from orphan sources and the increase ...”;
- “but” be replaced by “and” in preambular paragraph (g);
- the phrase “and of associated international co-operation” be deleted at the end of preambular paragraph (j);
- the phrase “in accordance with the relevant decision taken by the Board of Governors in March 2002” be added at the end of operative paragraph 3;
- the phrase “including in-kind contributions” be added after “political, financial and technical support” in operative paragraph 4;
- the phrase “as part of the programme” be deleted in operative paragraph 5;
- the phrase “and commends the Secretariat for the action it has taken in number of countries, in co-operation with Member States, to locate, secure and remove orphan sources” be added to operative paragraph 6;
- “propose” be replaced by “suggest” in operative paragraph 9; and
- the words “relevant to nuclear security” be added after “information” in operative paragraph 12.

2. The representative of UKRAINE, having stated that in his view the addition of the words “including in-kind contributions” in operative paragraph 4 was unnecessary, said that his country was preparing to ratify the additional protocol concluded by it with the Agency.

3. The representative of MEXICO recalled that during the previous meeting it had been suggested that in preambular paragraph (h) “every Member State faces” be replaced by “every Member State might face”. Also, he suggested that in operative paragraph 13 “within available resources” be replaced by “subject to the availability of resources”.

4. The representative of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION recalled that during the previous meeting his delegation had suggested the insertion of the word “agreed” between “a well-defined” and “amendment” in operative paragraph 11.

5. The representative of BRAZIL, recalling the doubts which she and the representative of Canada had expressed during the previous meeting about the inclusion of “safeguards agreements and addition protocols” in preambular paragraph (k), suggested that those words be deleted from that paragraph and incorporated into an additional preambular paragraph reading “Noting also the contribution of Agency comprehensive safeguards agreements to preventing illicit trafficking, deterring and detecting diversion of nuclear materials”.

6. The representative of the LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA recalled that at the previous meeting he had suggested an additional paragraph on the lines of “Calls upon all States to refrain from using nuclear weapons and from threatening to use such weapons against other States”. He wondered why the sponsors of the draft resolution had not gone along with his suggestion.

7. The representative of FRANCE said that in his view the sponsors of the draft resolution would have no problems with the replacement of “every Member State faces” by “every Member State might face” in preambular paragraph (h), with the replacement of “within available resources” by “subject to the availability of resources” in operative paragraph 13, or with the insertion of the word “agreed” in operative paragraph 11.

8. As to the suggestion made by the representative of Brazil regarding preambular paragraph (k), he said that in his view the best thing to do would be simply to delete the words “and additional protocols”.

9. As to the suggestion made by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, he said that in his opinion the suggested additional paragraph related to an issue which did not come within the purview of the Agency.

10. The representative of GERMANY, commenting on the suggestion made by the representative of the Russian Federation in respect of operative paragraph 11, said that he would prefer a formulation such as “a generally agreeable well-defined amendment” to “an agreed well-defined amendment”.

11. The representative of PERU suggested that in preambular paragraph (d) the words “the transport of nuclear materials” be inserted after “the security of nuclear materials, nuclear facilities”.

The meeting rose at 12.05 p.m.