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Abbreviations used in this record:

Basic Safety Standards	International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources
G8	Group of Eight
GTRI	Global Threat Reduction Initiative
HEU	high-enriched uranium
ICRP	International Commission on Radiological Protection
INPRO	International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles
JPO	Junior Professional Officer
LEU	low-enriched uranium
PCMF	Project Cycle Management Framework
TCF	Technical Cooperation Fund
WNU	World Nuclear University

18. Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications (resumed) (GC(49)/COM.5/L.9)

1. The representative of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION proposed a number of amendments to the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.9 arising from informal consultations which had been held — the insertion, after “where” in preambular paragraph (d), of the phrase “while recognizing ... its international obligations” suggested by the representative of the United States of America during the previous meeting; the retention in preambular paragraph (f) of the phrase “to enhance the position ... economic development” except for the words “environmentally benign”; and the deletion of the word “balanced” in operative paragraph 2, which would then read “ ... while contributing to the development of the global energy system”.
2. The CHAIRMAN said he understood that several delegations would like the word “balanced” to be retained in operative paragraph 2. He also understood that several delegations would like the entire phrase “to enhance the position ... economic development” in preambular paragraph (f) to be deleted.
3. He proposed that further consideration of the draft resolution be postponed pending the conclusion of the informal consultations on the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)COM.5/L.11.
4. It was so agreed.

23. Personnel

(b) Women in the Secretariat (resumed) (GC(49)/COM.5/L.5)

5. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.5.
6. It was so agreed.

(a) Staffing of the Agency's Secretariat (GC(49)/14, GC(49)/COM.5/L.4)

7. The representative of the PHILIPPINES, introducing the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.4 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that the Group had noted the efforts of the Secretariat to recruit staff from unrepresented or under-represented Member States, including the recruitment efforts undertaken by it in parallel with Agency-sponsored meetings in such countries. It would like to see liaison officers designated in all Member States, and particularly in those which were unrepresented or under-represented in the Secretariat, to support the Secretariat's recruitment efforts.
8. In paragraph 22 of the Director General's report contained in document GC(49)/14 it was stated that 60% of the Secretariat posts subject to geographical distribution would become vacant in the next

seven years. That would provide an excellent opportunity to recruit staff from unrepresented and under-represented Member States.

9. The representative of NIGERIA, having welcomed the fact that the Committee had recommended adoption of the draft resolution on “Women in the Secretariat” contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.5, said that the Secretariat should be more imaginative in its recruitment efforts. It might, for instance, designate recruitment officers who were familiar with the educational systems, scientific institutions and public- and private-sector institutions in the developing regions and who could ensure that vacancy notices appeared in the places where they would have most impact in those regions.

10. Also, perhaps the acceptance requirements could be adjusted so as to make them easier for candidates from developing countries to fulfil. For instance, in many developing countries advanced university courses were not offered, so that vacancy notices attaching more importance to advanced university degrees than to practical experience tended to discriminate against people from those countries.

11. In addition, perhaps the Secretariat could accept promising candidates from developing countries who did not quite fulfil the acceptance requirements on the understanding that they would fulfil those requirements at the end of a probationary period during which the necessary training would be provided.

12. There were only three Junior Professional Officer (JPO) posts available for persons from about 100 developing Member States, which was inadequate. Perhaps a programme similar to the JPO programme could be established for developing countries within the Agency technical cooperation framework. Also, perhaps the Secretariat could consider offering bursaries to young science graduates from developing countries, in order that they might pursue higher university studies in developed countries, and contributing to curriculum development in higher education institutions in developing countries.

13. The representative of LEBANON suggested that the phrase “and has registered a decline during the last two years” be added at the end of preambular paragraph (e).

14. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA suggested that the phrase “and outlining clearly the criteria by which candidates are considered to be well qualified for each vacancy” be added in operative paragraph 2 after “projections of expected vacancies in the Secretariat”. He further suggested that the phrase “and requests that future reports identify those geographic regions that are under-represented and the number of positions by which each region is short of achieving the pro forma guidelines” be added at the end of operative paragraph 5.

15. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN questioned the need for the suggested addition to operative paragraph 2.

16. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA said that in many countries the authorities made great efforts to encourage their nationals to apply for Agency posts, and it would help if they were given precise information about such posts well in advance.

17. The representative of CANADA said that details well in advance about the qualifications expected of candidates would be useful. Perhaps the phrase suggested by the representative of the United States of America could be amended to read “and, with respect to the projections, outlining clearly the criteria by which candidates are considered to be qualified or well qualified for each vacancy”.

18. The HEAD OF THE RECRUITMENT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT SECTION said that projections of expected vacancies with such details — for example, profiles of ideal candidates — could be provided by the Secretariat.
19. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN said that he would have less trouble with the additional phrase suggested by the representative of the United States of America if it did not contain the words “well qualified”. Member States should not become involved in the question of which candidates were “qualified” and which were “well qualified” — that would be tantamount to becoming involved in the micromanagement of the Secretariat.
20. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA said that finding nationals to work in international organizations required considerable time and money and it would be useful to know the criteria for being considered well qualified as soon as possible — preferably in the projections of expected vacancies, but otherwise in the vacancy notices.
21. The representative of PERU expressed concern about the words “well qualified” in the suggested additional phrase. Article VII.D of the Statute talked of securing “employees of the highest standards of efficiency, technical competence, and integrity” and made no reference to any further criteria.
22. The DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PERSONNEL, responding to a question put by the representative of the PHILIPPINES about the addition to operative paragraph 5 suggested by the representative of the United States of America, said that regional statistics were included in the Director General’s reports on the staffing of the Secretariat, but no indication of whether particular regions were under-represented. It was up to Member States to decide whether such information would add value to the reports.
23. The representative of MOROCCO said that distinguishing between qualified and well qualified candidates was part of the Secretariat’s internal candidate assessment process. He suggested changing the additional phrase suggested by the representative of the United States of America for operative paragraph 2 to read “... and outlining clearly the required and desired criteria for each vacancy”.
24. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN expressed support for that suggestion.
25. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA said he could go along with the suggestion on the understanding that the Secretariat would regard “the required and desired criteria” as the criteria by which candidates were considered to be qualified and well qualified.
26. The DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PERSONNEL said that the Secretariat would regard “the required and desired criteria” as such.
27. The HEAD OF THE RECRUITMENT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT SECTION, responding to a question put by the CHAIRMAN and referring to the words “within available resources” in operative paragraph 2, said that, of the four activities mentioned in that paragraph, activities (1), (2) and (3) could be carried out within available resources, but that activity (4) was not covered by the Regular Budget proposed for 2006–2007. The envisaged recruitment and information events could be organized only by Agency personnel who were in any case in developing Member States or other unrepresented or under-represented Member States on duty trips or if Member States requested and offered to pay for their organization.
28. The CHAIRMAN, having drawn the Committee’s attention to the fact that the four activities mentioned in operative paragraph 2 were preceded by the phrase “for example”, took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference the adoption of the draft resolution

contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.4 with the phrase “and has registered a decline during the last two years” added at the end of preambular paragraph (e), with the phrase “and outlining clearly the required and desired criteria for each vacancy” inserted after “expected vacancies” in operative paragraph 2 and with the phrase “and requests that future reports identify those geographic regions that are under-represented and the number of positions by which each region is short of achieving the proforma guidelines” added at the end of operative paragraph 5.

29. It was so agreed.

18. Strengthening the Agency’s activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications (resumed) (GC(49)/COM.5/L.9 and L.11)

30. The CHAIRMAN said he understood that informal consultations relating to the draft resolutions contained in documents GC(49)/COM.5/L.9 and L.11 had been concluded and asked whether agreement had been reached.

31. The representative of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, referring to the draft resolution on “Agency Activities in the Development of Innovative Nuclear Technology” contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/9, said that agreement had been reached on the following amendments: the insertion of the phrase “, while recognizing that each State is free to define its national energy policy in accordance with its needs and international obligations” after “where” in preambular paragraph (d); the deletion of the phrase “to enhance ... economic development” in preambular paragraph (f); and the insertion of “and implementation” after “selection” and the retention of “balanced” in operative paragraph 2.

32. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference the adoption of the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.9 with those amendments.

33. It was so agreed.

34. The CHAIRMAN recalled that during the previous meeting it had been agreed that the amended preambular paragraph (d) of the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.9 would replace preambular paragraph (a) of the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.11.

35. The representative of INDIA, recalling the suggestion which he had made during the previous meeting for amending operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.11, suggested that “, including those related to INPRO” be replaced by “regarding nuclear power”.

36. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference the adoption of the draft resolution on “Approaches to supporting nuclear power infrastructure development” contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.11 with the following amendments: the replacement of preambular paragraph (a) by the amended wording of preambular paragraph (d) of the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.9; the insertion of “generic” after “to undertake” and the replacement of “with special regard to the situation in” by “for” in operative paragraph 1; and the replacement of “, including those related to INPRO” by “regarding nuclear power” in operative paragraph 3.

37. The representative of MALAYSIA requested an opportunity to look at a written version of the draft resolution with those amendments incorporated.

38. The CHAIRMAN requested the Secretariat to produce an amended version of the draft resolution.

17. Strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation activities (resumed) (GC(49)/COM.5/L.1)

39. The representative of CANADA, referring to operative paragraph 16, suggested amending it to read "... Member States on the impact of restructuring — inter alia, the impact on the support for ...".

40. With regard to operative paragraph 17, he requested clarification from the Secretariat on the status of the implementation of the Project Cycle Management Framework (PCMF).

41. The DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION, DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION, said the PCMF was already being implemented, so that in his view the word "pilot" before implementation in that paragraph was inappropriate.

42. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, having expressed support for the suggestion made by the representative of Canada regarding operative paragraph 16, suggested amending preambular paragraph (cc) to read "Acknowledging that restructuring efforts and project cycle management concepts are management issues of the Department of Technical Cooperation," — in other words, the replacement of "internal matters decided upon within" by "management issues of".

43. Suggesting the addition of a preambular paragraph (b) bis reading "Recognizing the contribution of the Technical Cooperation Programme to global non-proliferation efforts, through projects such as those in support of the Global Threat Reduction Initiative," he recalled that just before the 2004 session of the General Conference his country and the Russian Federation had cosponsored a Global Threat Reduction Initiative (GTRI) Partners' Conference. After that conference there had been an increase in the number of countries requesting technical assistance for projects concerned with the conversion of research reactors from the use of HEU to that of LEU and with the repatriation of HEU. Countries such as Romania, Portugal, Poland, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Bulgaria, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Serbia and Montenegro were engaged in such projects. To support their efforts, the United States had during the past year provided over US \$4 million in extrabudgetary funding to the Department of Technical Cooperation, whose responsiveness to Member State requests for assistance had been highly commendable. The Department was to be applauded for its contribution to nuclear non-proliferation and for its efforts to help keep dangerous materials out of the hands of terrorists.

44. The representative of MALAYSIA said that, in the light of consultations which had taken place since the presentation of the draft resolution in the Committee, he wished to propose the following amendments, on which he believed there would be a consensus:

- the inclusion of a preambular paragraph (h) bis reading "Recalling previous resolutions favouring innovative educational partnerships like the World Nuclear University involving academia, government, and industry; and confident that such initiatives can, with Agency support, play a valuable role in promoting strong educational standards and building leadership for an expanding global nuclear profession";

- the amendment of preambular paragraph (x) to read “... recalling that they are developed by the Member States and assisted by the Department of Technical Cooperation with the objective of ...”;
- in operative paragraph 1, the replacement of “not to halt, but to continue” by “to resume and to continue”, the insertion of the words “between the Agency and the Member States involved” after “Partnership in Development” and the replacement of “Relevant” by “Realistic”;
- in operative paragraph 5, the replacement of “2005” by “the first year of the biennium”;
- the replacement of operative paragraph 17 by a paragraph reading “Encourages the Secretariat to continue to implement in phases the Programme Cycle Management Framework (PCMF) and to assess its effectiveness and report on the lessons learned during its first year of operation”; and
- the addition of an operative paragraph 17 bis related to the proposed preambular paragraph (h) bis and reading “Requests the Secretariat to play a proactive role in World Nuclear University (WNU) and similar partnership programmes and, within available resources, to support Member State requests for assistance to participate in programmes like the WNU Summer Institute”.

45. He was waiting for clarification from the Department of Budget and Finance regarding the words “suspended funding” in operative paragraph 5. He might then propose an amendment to the last part of that paragraph.

46. The CHAIRMAN said that he had lectured at the first Summer Institute of the WNU, held in Idaho Falls in July 2005, and had been very impressed by the event.

47. The representative of BULGARIA expressed support for the proposed preambular paragraph (b) bis about the GTRI, in which his country was participating, and for the proposals made by the representative of Malaysia regarding a new preambular paragraph (h) bis and an operative paragraph 17 bis. He requested that the text of the draft resolution with all the amendments which had been put forward be distributed in the Committee.

48. The representative of PORTUGAL expressed support for the addition of the proposed preambular paragraphs (b) bis and (h) bis, subject to an examination of the amended draft resolution by her delegation.

49. The representative of POLAND expressed support for the proposed preambular paragraph (b) bis.

50. The representative of AUSTRALIA suggested, in the light of the Chairman’s comment regarding the WNU’s first Summer Institute, the addition of the phrase “Recalling the successful first World Nuclear University Summer Institute in Idaho Falls in July 2005, also” at the beginning of the proposed preambular paragraph (h) bis.

51. Expressing support for the suggestion made by the representative of Canada with regard to operative paragraph 16, he said that the issue was not the restructuring of the Department of Technical Cooperation per se.

52. The representative of GREECE, expressing support for the suggested addition of a preambular paragraph with a reference to the GTRI, said that he would like to see the GTRI referred to also in the operative part of the draft resolution given the importance of the conversion of research reactors to the use of LEU and of the repatriation of HEU.

53. As regards preambular paragraph (cc), in his view the restructuring of the Department of Technical Cooperation was an internal Secretariat matter and did not need to be referred to in a resolution of the General Conference.

54. The representative of BRAZIL recalled, with regard to the suggested preambular paragraph (b) bis, that at the General Conference's 2004 session there had been quite a lot of discussion about references to the GTRI in General Conference resolutions, as not all Member States were involved in the GRTI. His delegation would find it difficult to accept a reference to the GTRI in the draft resolution under discussion.

55. The representative of ALGERIA, referring to the proposed new wording of operative paragraph 17, said that many Member States were concerned about the lack of consultation about the implementation of the PCMF. The Secretariat should be free to implement the PCMF, but feedback should be provided to Member States so that corrective measures might be taken if necessary.

56. The representative of HUNGARY expressed support for the proposed preambular paragraph (b) bis.

57. With regard to operative paragraph 16, he suggested adding the words "or other regional cooperation arrangements" after "regional cooperation agreements", as "agreements" had specific legal connotations which "arrangements" did not have.

58. The representatives of CUBA, PERU and the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN expressed support for the comments made by the representative of Brazil regarding the suggested preambular paragraph (b) bis.

59. The representative of the NETHERLANDS suggested adding an operative paragraph 4 bis reading "Stresses the need to keep the TCF demand-driven and therefore requests the Secretariat to finance all categories of TCF activities within the existing budgetary framework".

60. The representative of JAPAN said that the concept of "SMART" partnerships in operative paragraph 1 was one with which he was not familiar.

61. The representative of the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC expressed the hope that in future more information would be circulated well in advance regarding the WNU's Summer Institutes. She had learned about the 2005 Summer Institute, from the Agency's website, only very late.

62. The representative of the CZECH REPUBLIC, expressing support for the proposed preambular paragraph (b) bis, said he hoped that wording acceptable to all Committee members would be found.

63. The DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION, DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION, recalling the comment made by the representative of Malaysia about the words "suspended funding" in operative paragraph 5, said that he had consulted with the Division of Budget and Finance and was of the view that the phrase "a project in the next biennium would be changed from core to suspended funding" should be replaced by the phrase "funding for a core project in the next biennium would be suspended until full payment is received".

64. The representative of AUSTRALIA suggested, in the light of comments made by some Committee members, replacing the phrase "projects such as those in support of the Global Threat Reduction Initiative" in the suggested preambular paragraph (b) bis by the phrase "projects such as those in support of global threat reduction".

65. The representative of MALAYSIA expressed the view that the GTRI was already covered by the reference in operative paragraph 10 to the "peaceful, safe, secure and regulated applications of

atomic energy and nuclear techniques” and that the proposed preambular paragraph (b) bis was therefore unnecessary.

66. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, responding to comments made about preambular paragraph (b) bis, said that the Agency’s technical cooperation activities had benefited different countries in different ways and that in recent years they had benefited some countries in their non-proliferation efforts. That should be recognized by the General Conference.

67. The representative of GREECE, referring to preambular paragraph (y), suggested replacing the phrase “the effectiveness and efficiency of programmes” by “the effectiveness and efficiency of the projects”.

68. The CHAIRMAN requested the Secretariat to prepare a revised version of the draft resolution incorporating all the amendments put forward so far and proposed that the revised version be discussed in a working group the following day while the Committee considered other matters.

69. It was so agreed.

15. Measures to strengthen international cooperation in nuclear, radiation and transport safety and waste management (GC(49)/INF/5, 7 and 9; GC(49)/COM.5/L.10)

70. The representative of AUSTRALIA, introducing the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.10, thanked other delegations, in particular those of Norway and Morocco, for their contributions to the text.

71. Having drawn attention to some necessary minor corrections (including the insertion of “Incident and” before “Emergency Response System” in operative paragraphs 48 and 49), he proposed that the beginning of operative paragraph 6 be amended to read “Acknowledges the interactions between nuclear safety and related issues including nuclear security, calls upon the Agency to ensure that interrelated nuclear safety and security activities including the development of guidance are mutually supportive ...”. That would bring the paragraph more into line with operative paragraph 15 of resolution GC(48)/RES/10.A adopted in 2004.

72. The representative of GREECE, having welcomed the reference in operative paragraph 35 to the fact that his country had agreed to host an *International Conference on Lessons Learned from the Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities and the Safe Termination of Nuclear Activities* in 2006, said that he would have liked the title of part 6 of the draft resolution to read “The Safe Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities and Other Facilities Using Radioactive Material” or “The Safe Decommissioning of Nuclear Activities”.

73. The representative of FRANCE expressed support for the draft resolution with the amendment to operative paragraph 6 just read out by the representative of Australia.

74. The representative of GERMANY, having expressed support for the draft resolution, suggested that in operative paragraph 28 the phrase “, paying special attention to scientific developments in the field, including methodological approaches which are already developed for the protection of the environment” be inserted after “the Plan of Activities on the Radiation Protection of the Environment”.

75. Explaining the suggestion, she said that in the light of recommendations made recently by ICRP the need for legal provisions relating to the radiation protection of the environment was currently under discussion in Germany and probably in many other countries. It was questionable whether a special action plan for the radiation protection of the environment was necessary. Instead, the environmental data available worldwide should first be evaluated in order to establish whether radiation protection was needed for certain species. The concept of “reference groups” was problematic, since it was based on consideration of the extent to which the environment could bear the burden of radioactive pollution, whereas the close monitoring of individual indicators enabled negative changes in the environment to be detected at a very early stage. Germany had repeatedly emphasized that the individual-indicator system was not only far more effective than the use of reference groups but also better value for money.

76. The representative of ARGENTINA, thanking the delegation of Australia for its work in preparing the draft resolution, said that few Agency functions were as clearly set forth in the Statute as the establishment of international safety standards and the promotion of their application. His country had consistently supported the Agency in its efforts to carry out that function.

77. Regarding operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution, he said that extreme care should be exercised in any review of the Basic Safety Standards. Since ICRP had made no recommendations and the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation had issued no estimates warranting a major revision of the Basic Safety Standards, he questioned the need for the Secretariat to be encouraged to take account of advice and information provided by those two bodies. Minor adjustments should undoubtedly be made to the Basic Safety Standards, but a major revision would give rise to a lot of work for many countries, including Argentina.

78. His country, which was a longstanding supporter of the Agency’s education and training initiatives, stood ready to continue assisting the Agency in the area of education and training — particularly education and training at an advanced level.

79. Regarding the question of nuclear safety and nuclear security, his country — which was at the forefront of international efforts to combat terrorism, as the President of Argentina had recently stated before the United Nations General Assembly — had been the first country to urge the Agency to take up the issue of the security of radioactive sources. A very prominent Argentine scientist had chaired the International Conference on the Safety of Radiation Sources and the Security of Radioactive Materials held in Dijon in 1998, and his country had hosted the International Conference of National Regulatory Authorities with competence in the Safety of Radiation Sources and the Security of Radioactive Materials held in Buenos Aires in December 2000.

80. In the Basic Safety Standards, the security of radioactive sources was regarded as an integral part of safety, and the Secretariat should ensure that the fundamental distinction between safety and security did not become blurred. The security of radioactive sources was not the same thing as the security of nuclear materials that could be used in making an atomic bomb, and the two concepts should be clearly differentiated. Colleagues in the Brazilian delegation had frequently made that point, and the Secretariat should bear it in mind when implementing the resolution.

81. The representative of SOUTH AFRICA suggested the insertion, after operative paragraph 16, of a paragraph with the wording of operative paragraph 16 of resolution GC(48)/RES/10.A: “Acknowledges the benefits of incorporating both deterministic and probabilistic considerations into operational and regulatory decision-making, urges the Agency to continue in its efforts to develop guidance and services that integrate both approaches and encourages Member States to avail themselves of these services”. Both deterministic and probabilistic considerations were very important for operational and regulatory decision-making in his country.

The meeting was suspended at 6 p.m. and resumed at 6.25 p.m.

82. The representative of AUSTRALIA, responding to comments made, said that he preferred the longer title for part 6 of the draft resolution suggested by the representative of Greece: “The Safe Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities and Other Facilities Using Radioactive Material”.

83. Regarding the suggestion made by the representative of Germany for the insertion in operative paragraph 28 of the phrase “, paying special attention ... of the environment”, he had no objection although it would result in a lengthy paragraph.

84. In response to the comments on operative paragraph 11 made by the representative of Argentina, he said that the word “review” — rather than “revision” — had been chosen deliberately.

85. He could go along with the insertion after operative paragraph 16 of the additional paragraph suggested by the representative of South Africa.

86. The representative of AUSTRIA suggested that in preambular paragraphs (g) and (k) “Welcoming” be changed to “Recalling” — the verb used in preambular paragraphs (n) and (w).

87. The representative of CANADA suggested that the word “consistent” be added in operative paragraph 56, so that it would read “... to implement the Guidance in a cooperative, harmonized and consistent fashion ...”.

88. The representative of YEMEN expressed support for the amendment to the beginning of operative paragraph 6 proposed by the representative of Australia.

89. The representative of INDIA, expressing support for the draft resolution, said that in his view the expression in preambular paragraph (q) of concern regarding “the nuclear and radiological incidents and emergencies” that were said to have occurred “in different parts of the world in recent years” was unduly alarmist.

90. The CHAIRMAN proposed reviewing the suggested amendments one by one. He took it that the Committee wished to replace “Welcoming” by “Recalling” in preambular paragraphs (g) and (k).

91. It was so agreed.

92. The representative of MOROCCO, supported by the representative of ARGENTINA, suggested the addition of preambular paragraph (m) of resolution GC(48)/RES/10.A, which read “Taking note of the long-term regional postgraduate courses organized in the appropriate official languages and conducted in Argentina, Belarus, Greece, Malaysia, Morocco and the Syrian Arab Republic”.

93. The CHAIRMAN proposed adding it after preambular paragraph (p), which related to education and training.

94. It was so agreed.

95. The CHAIRMAN, referring to the comment made by the representative of India about preambular paragraph (q), said that no really contentious issue was involved and proposed that the paragraph be left unchanged.

96. It was so agreed.

97. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, referring to preambular paragraph (x), said that, as the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources was not a legally binding instrument, and as many Member States — including the Islamic Republic

of Iran — had not participated in the 2005 Gleneagles G8 Summit, he felt that the word “urged” should be replaced by “encouraged”.

98. The representative of YEMEN called for the retention of “urged”.

99. The CHAIRMAN said that in his view there was not a great deal of difference between urging and encouraging, and he appealed to the representative of Yemen to cede the point.

100. The representative of YEMEN said that he was prepared to cede the point.

101. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee could accept preambular paragraph (x) with “urged” replaced by “encouraged”.

102. The CHAIRMAN proposed adding “on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources” after “the Code of Conduct” in preambular paragraph (y).

103. It was so agreed.

104. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, supported by the representative of ARGENTINA, suggested that operative paragraph 6 — with the suggested amendments — be moved to the beginning of part 3 (“Nuclear Installation Safety”) of the draft resolution.

105. The CHAIRMAN took it that the suggestion was acceptable to the Committee.

106. It was so agreed.

107. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee agreed to the incorporation of operative paragraph 16 of resolution GC(48)/RES/10.A into the draft resolution after operative paragraph 18.

108. It was so agreed.

109. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee agreed: to the addition to operative paragraph 28 suggested by the representative of Germany; to the title of part 6 of the draft resolution being changed to read “The Safe Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities and Other Facilities Using Radioactive Material”; and to the amendment to operative paragraph 56 suggested by the representative of Canada.

110. It was so agreed.

111. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.10 with the agreed amendments.

112. It was so agreed.

18. Strengthening the Agency’s activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications (resumed) (GC(49)/COM.5/L.11)

113. The representative of MALAYSIA, recalling the request which he had made earlier in the meeting, said that he had looked at a written version of the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.11 with the suggested amendments incorporated and, if the words “to contribute to such assessments” in operative paragraph 2 were amended to read “to contribute, as appropriate, to

such assessments”, he could go along with the deletion in operative paragraph 1 of the words “with special regard to the situation in” and their replacement by “for”.

114. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(49)/COM.5/L.11 with the previously suggested amendments and with the insertion of “, as appropriate,” after “to contribute” in operative paragraph 2.

115. It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 7.15 p.m.