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¹ GC(54)/COM.5/1.

Abbreviations used in this record:

FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
INIR	Integrated Nuclear Infrastructure Review
NPT Review Conference	Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

– Election of Vice-Chairmen and organization of work

1. The CHAIRMAN, having expressed appreciation for the confidence which the General Conference had placed in him, said that, as provided for in Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure and following group consultations, it had been proposed that Mr Petersen of Norway and Mr Feruță of Romania serve as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee. He took it that the Committee wished to accept the proposal.

2. It was so agreed.

3. Having drawn attention to document GC(54)/COM.5/1, which listed the agenda items referred to the Committee by the General Conference, he proposed that, in line with past practice, he report orally on the Committee's deliberations at a plenary meeting of the Conference. Also, he took it that the Committee wished to continue, to the extent practicable, the practice of clustering the draft resolutions recommended to the Conference by the Committee for adoption.

4. It was so agreed.

9. The Agency's Accounts for 2009 (GC(54)/3)

5. The CHAIRMAN, noting that no Committee members wished to take the floor, assumed that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution on page "i" of document GC(54)/3.

6. It was so agreed.

10. The Agency's Budget Update for 2011 (GC(54)/2)

7. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to draft resolutions "A. Regular Budget Appropriations for 2011", "B. Technical Cooperation Fund Allocation for 2011" and "C. The Working Capital Fund in 2011" contained in document GC(54)/2.

8. With regard to the draft resolution on Regular Budget appropriations for 2011, the Agency's programme for the biennium 2010-2011 had been adopted by the Board and presented to the General Conference in 2009; the Conference had approved the 2010 portion of the biennial budget. The document now before the Conference (GC(54)/2) contained the adjustments for the second year of the biennium.

9. The draft Budget Update for 2011 had been issued on 25 February 2010. As decided by the Board of Governors in 2009, a Working Group on Financing the Agency's Activities had considered

the proposals contained in that document. The proposals had then been considered in May 2010 by the Programme and Budget Committee, but no consensus had been reached. Subsequently, consultations had continued in the Working Group, chaired by Ambassador Rasi of Finland, and in June the Board had agreed on a package proposal from Ambassador Rasi on the Regular Budget for 2011. The figures contained in that proposal were now before the Committee.

10. With regard to the draft resolution on the Technical Cooperation Fund allocation for 2011, following lengthy negotiations in 2008 the Board had agreed that the Technical Cooperation Fund target for 2011 should be US \$86 million. As subsequently agreed, the Board had recommended that the target figure be split equally between US dollars and euros.

11. Regarding the draft resolution on the Agency's Working Capital Fund in 2011, the Board had recommended that the Fund be kept at the level of the euro equivalent of \$18 million — i.e. €15 210 000.

12. Noting that no Committee members wished to take the floor, he assumed that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it approve a total Regular Budget figure for 2011 of €331 516 685 on the basis of an exchange rate of €1.00 to \$1.00 and, accordingly, that it adopt draft resolution "A. Regular Budget Appropriations for 2011".

13. It was so agreed.

14. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it approve a target for voluntary contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2011 of \$86 million, split into \$43 million and the euro equivalent of \$43 million, and, accordingly, that it adopt draft resolution "B. Technical Cooperation Fund Allocation for 2011".

15. It was so agreed.

16. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the Conference that it approve the level of the Working Capital Fund in 2011 at €15 210 000 and, accordingly, that it adopt draft resolution "C. The Working Capital Fund in 2011".

17. It was so agreed.

11. Amendment of Article XIV.A of the Statute

(GC(54)/INF/8, GC(54)/18)

18. The CHAIRMAN, having drawn attention to document GC(54)/INF/8, said that document GC(54)/18 continued the text of the decision adopted by the Conference on the subject in 2009, updated for the current year. The Committee might wish to recommend that text as a decision to be adopted by the General Conference at its fifty-fourth regular session.

19. Noting that no Committee members wished to take the floor, he assumed that the Committee wished to recommend to the Conference that it adopt the draft decision set out in document GC(54)/18.

20. It was so agreed.

12. Scale of assessment of members' contributions towards the Regular Budget (GC(54)/7)

21. The CHAIRMAN, noting that no Committee members wished to take the floor, assumed that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution on page 3 of document GC(54)/7.
22. It was so agreed.

17. Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system and application of the Model Additional Protocol (GC(54)/11, GC(54)/COM.5/L.9)

23. The representative of AUSTRIA, introducing the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.9, said that it reflected changes made to resolution GC(53)/RES/14 in order to shorten the text and to take account of recent developments, especially the outcome of the 2010 NPT Review Conference.
24. The CHAIRMAN proposed, in the light of the experience of previous years, that the Committee establish a working group under the chairmanship of Mr Casterton of the delegation of Canada to conduct negotiations on the draft resolution. He assumed that the proposal was acceptable to the Committee.
25. It was so agreed.

16. Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications (GC(54)/10; GC(54)/INF/3 and Corr.1; GC(54)/INF/5 and Corr.1; GC(54)/COM.5/L.1-L.6)

26. The representative of MALAYSIA, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China at the request of the representative of the PHILIPPINES and introducing the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.3, said that it contained a number of changes relative to resolution GC(53)/RES/13.A.1 adopted in 2009.
27. For example, "nuclear safety and security" in paragraph (g) of resolution GC(53)/RES/13.A.1 had been changed to "nuclear and radiation safety and security"; paragraph (i) drew attention to the forthcoming IAEA Fusion Energy Conference, scheduled for October 2010; paragraph (k) referred to "industrial waste waters" as an example of a pollutant arising from industrial activities; in paragraph (l), the word "techniques" had been replaced by "technology", and "sanitization and sterilization" had

been included as additional applications of radiation technology; paragraphs (p) to (u) had been added in order to address issues relating to the disruption of molybdenum-99 supplies; in paragraph (v), cancer had been singled out as a disease requiring attention; paragraph (w) had been added in order to reflect the Agency's work in — inter alia — compiling and disseminating data on aquifers and rivers worldwide; paragraphs 7, 8 and 10 had also been added in order to address issues relating to the disruption of molybdenum-99 supplies; and paragraph 13 had been added in the light of FAO's renewed commitment to the arrangements for the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture.

28. The representative of FRANCE said, with regard to paragraph (u), that the reason why the company with the licence to produce TRIGA reactor fuel planned to stop producing it was that the demand for it was declining rapidly as more and more TRIGA reactors were taken out of service. He proposed the addition of the words "if necessary" at the end of paragraph 10.

29. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, having supported that proposal, proposed the insertion, after paragraph 5, of a paragraph reading "Welcomes the Peaceful Uses Initiative designed to raise \$100 million over the next five years as extrabudgetary contributions to IAEA activities, as well as the contributions already announced, and encourages all States in a position to do so to make additional contributions;".

30. The representative of CANADA proposed that the words "continue to" be inserted between "to" and "implement" in paragraph 7.

31. The representative of the UNITED KINGDOM sought clarification as to why paragraph (v) referred to acknowledgement of "the need for increasing the capacity of Member States" for using advanced nuclear techniques in disease management, whereas the corresponding paragraphs in previous General Conference resolutions had referred simply to acknowledgement of "the increased capacity of Member States".

32. The representative of MALAYSIA said that the tone of the paragraph had been changed in the light of the insertion in that paragraph of a reference to cancer, made in recognition of the fact that cancer was becoming a more frequent cause of death in developing countries.

33. The representative of JAPAN expressed support for the proposal made by the representative of the United States of America and for the reference to cancer in paragraph (v), which was very appropriate given the high priority being assigned by the Director General to the Agency's work relating to cancer therapy.

34. The representative of AUSTRALIA proposed that in paragraph 7 the words "continue to" be inserted before "work cooperatively" and the phrase "to continue cooperating with international initiatives" be deleted.

35. The representative of the BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA said that his delegation needed more time in which to consider the proposed additional paragraph.

36. The CHAIRMAN accordingly drew attention to document GC(54)/COM.5/L.1, containing a draft resolution entitled "Development of the sterile insect technique for the control or eradication of malaria-transmitting mosquitoes".

37. The representative of BURKINA FASO, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China at the request of the representative of the PHILIPPINES and introducing the draft resolution, said that it was almost identical to the previous General Conference resolutions on the subject in question, with the exception of the updated paragraphs (b) and (l).

38. The representative of the UNITED KINGDOM said that paragraph (l), relating to internal climate control equipment for the Insect Green House at Seibersdorf, should, in her delegation's view, be deleted as it smacked of micro-management.

39. The representative of the PHILIPPINES said that paragraph (l) and the related operative paragraph had been prompted by a reference to the issue in a recent report by the Director General on nuclear applications.

40. The CHAIRMAN said that, in the absence of any further comments, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.1 as it stood.

41. It was so agreed.

42. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to document GC(54)/COM.5/L.2, containing a draft resolution entitled "Support to the African Union's Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomosis Eradication Campaign (AU-PATTEC)".

43. The representative of BURKINA FASO, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China at the request of the representative of the PHILIPPINES and introducing the draft resolution, said that it was very similar to the previous General Conference resolutions on the subject in question. Only paragraph 6, referring to the designation of the Centre International de Recherche-Développement sur l'Élevage en Zone Sub-Humide in Burkina Faso as an IAEA Collaborating Centre, was completely new.

44. The CHAIRMAN said that, in the absence of any comments, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.2.

45. It was so agreed.

46. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to document GC(54)/COM.5/L.4, containing a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the support to Member States in food and agriculture".

47. The representative of CHINA, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China at the request of the representative of the PHILIPPINES and introducing the draft resolution, said that it was very similar to General Conference resolution GC(52)/RES/12.A.5 adopted in 2008. It contained information reflecting the satisfactory outcomes resulting from the implementation of resolution GC(52)/RES/12.A.5.

48. One aim of the authors of the draft resolution had been to make it readily implementable, with a view to facilitating achievement of the desired outcomes.

49. The DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF BUDGET AND FINANCE suggested the insertion of a paragraph along the lines of "Requests that the actions of the Secretariat called for in this resolution be undertaken subject to the availability of resources".

50. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA recalled that paragraph 15 of the 'general' draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.3 read, "Requests also that the actions of the Secretariat called for in this resolution be undertaken subject to the availability of resources".

51. The representative of CANADA said that his delegation was flexible on whether such a paragraph should appear only in the 'general' draft resolution or also in the draft resolutions with which it would presumably be clustered.

52. The representative of BRAZIL, supported by the representative of the PHILIPPINES, said that his delegation would prefer it if such a paragraph appeared only in the ‘general’ draft resolution.

53. The representative of the UNITED KINGDOM, having endorsed the comment made by the representative of Canada, said that paragraph 12 of the draft resolution under consideration (“Encourages the Secretariat to pursue the consultations with the FAO in order to strengthen this partnership” ...) seemed redundant given the wording of paragraph 13 of the resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.3 (“Welcomes FAO’s renewed commitment to the Arrangements for the Joint FAO/IAEA Division and FAO’s Strategic Framework for 2010-2019, ...”).

54. The representative of the PHILIPPINES said that paragraph 12 of the draft paragraph under consideration was more specific to food and agriculture and, in her delegation’s view, should therefore be retained as it stood.

55. The representative of ITALY — following comments by the representatives of the UNITED KINGDOM, SOUTH AFRICA, the PHILIPPINES and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA — proposed that paragraph 12 be amended to read “Encourages the Secretariat to further strengthen its partnership with the FAO and ... ”.

56. The representative of SPAIN endorsed the proposal made by the representative of Italy.

57. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.4 with the amendment proposed by the representative of Italy.

58. It was so agreed.

59. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to revert to the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.3.

60. The representative of the BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA said that his delegation had reached an agreement with the delegation of the United States of America on amending the additional paragraph proposed by the latter to read “Welcomes all contributions announced by Member States, including the IAEA Peaceful Uses Initiative, which is designed to raise US\$ 100 million over the next five years as extrabudgetary contributions to IAEA activities, and encourages all States in a position to do so to make additional contributions”.

61. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.3 with the proposed additional paragraph as just read out by the representative of Venezuela, with paragraphs 7 reading “Urges the Secretariat to continue to work cooperatively with other international institutions such as ... the NEA, and to continue to implement activities ...” and with the addition of “if necessary” at the end of paragraph 10.

62. It was so agreed.

63. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider document GC(54)/COM.5/L.5, containing a draft resolution entitled “Nuclear power applications”.

64. The representative of FRANCE, introducing the draft resolution, said that in paragraph (l) “15%” should be replaced by “14%”.

65. He pointed out the references to the International Conference on Access to Civil Nuclear Energy held in Paris (in paragraphs (k) and 3), the reference to the relaunching of the Uranium Production Site Appraisal Team (UPSAT) programme (in paragraph 15), the reference to education and training in the

field of nuclear energy (in paragraph 17), the reference to the Peaceful Uses Initiative launched by the United States of America (in paragraph 20) and the reference to mechanisms for assurance of nuclear fuel supply (in paragraph 21).

66. The representative of INDONESIA, referring to paragraph 20, said he assumed that it would be amended to read like the additional paragraph to be inserted after paragraph 5 in the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.3.

67. He proposed that “IAEA” be inserted before “Peaceful Uses Initiative” in the additional paragraph.

68. The CHAIRMAN, following comments made by the representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and INDONESIA, took it that the Committee wished “IAEA” to be inserted before “Peaceful Uses Initiative” in the additional paragraph to be inserted in the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.3.

69. It was so agreed.

70. The representative of the PHILIPPINES sought clarification on paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.5, where it was stated that “63 participating countries agreed that peaceful nuclear energy applications should be shared”. She did not recall that the International Conference on Access to Civil Nuclear Energy had reached an agreement to that effect. In her view, the word “agreed” was inappropriate.

71. The representative of FRANCE proposed that “agreed” be replaced by “were of the view”.

72. The representative of the BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, following comments made by the representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, proposed that the additional paragraph to be inserted in the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.3 and paragraph 20 of the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.5 be amended to read “Welcomes all contributions announced by Member States, including the IAEA Peaceful Uses Initiative, which is designed to raise US\$ 100 million over the next five years as extrabudgetary contributions to IAEA activities, and encourages all States in a position to do so to make additional contributions”.

73. It was so agreed.

74. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.5 with “15%” replaced by “14%” in paragraph (l), with “agreed” replaced by “were of the view” in paragraph 3 and with paragraph 20 reading as just proposed by the representative of Venezuela.

75. It was so agreed.

76. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider document GC(54)/COM.5/L.6, containing a draft resolution entitled “Approaches to supporting nuclear power infrastructure development”.

77. The representative of CANADA, introducing the draft resolution, said that the sponsors wished to insert — after paragraph (e) — a paragraph identical with paragraph (e) of General Conference resolution GC(53)/RES/13.B.2 adopted in 2009: “Recognizing that the issue of infrastructure requirements for innovative nuclear energy technologies is an important topic within the Agency’s International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO)”.

78. The representative of INDONESIA, supported by the representative of JORDAN, said that the three INIR missions mentioned in paragraph (e) of the draft resolution had been to Indonesia, Jordan and Vietnam and proposed that those countries be mentioned in that paragraph.

79. The representative of CANADA said that his delegation would welcome the inclusion of a reference to Indonesia, Jordan and Vietnam.

80. The representative of the LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, referring to paragraph (f), proposed that the words “the worldwide shortage of such resources in both developed and developing countries” be amended to read “the shortage of such resources, especially in developing countries”.

81. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, opposing the proposal, said that there was a shortage of the human resources concerned not only in developing countries.

82. The representative of FRANCE expressed support for the statement made by the representative of the United States of America.

83. The representative of the PHILIPPINES, referring to paragraph 10 (“Requests that the actions of the Secretariat’s called for in this resolution be undertaken subject to the availability of resources”), asked whether a paragraph with that wording should not have been inserted towards the end of the ‘general’ draft resolution on nuclear power applications contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.5.

84. The representative of the UNITED KINGDOM said that her delegation could go along with the insertion of such a paragraph towards the end of the ‘general’ draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.5. With its insertion, there would be no need for paragraph 10 in the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.6, or for paragraph 13 in the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.7 and paragraph 7 in the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.8.

85. The representative of CANADA, responding to a question asked by the representative of NEW ZEALAND about paragraph 5 of the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.5, said that there was a difference between that paragraph and paragraph 10 of the draft contained in document GC(54)COM.5/L.6 — the former referred to actions undertaken “as a priority”. The words “as a priority” reflected a proposal made at the previous session of the General Conference by the Group of 77 and China.

86. The CHAIRMAN, following comments by the representatives of FRANCE and the UNITED KINGDOM, called for informal consultations on the matter before the next meeting of the Committee.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.