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¹ GC(54)/COM.5/1.

Abbreviations used in this record:

NPT Review Conference	Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Trilateral Initiative	Trilateral Initiative launched by the Minister of the Russian Federation for Atomic Energy, the Secretary of Energy of the United States and the Agency's Director General on 17 September 1996 to consider practical measures for the application of IAEA verification to fissile material originating from nuclear weapons

16. Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications (*resumed*) (GC(54)/COM.5/L.13)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider document GC(54)COM.5/L.13, containing a draft resolution submitted by the Group of 77 and China and entitled "Cancer".
2. The representative of ALGERIA, introducing the draft resolution, said that cancer was a problem faced by all Member States. The sponsors had therefore focused on Agency activities that could be of benefit to all Member States, but particularly to those which were developing countries.
3. The representative of CANADA said that the draft resolution was very timely, especially given the topic of the current Scientific Forum.
4. The representatives of INDIA and PERU associated themselves with the comment made by the representative of Canada.
5. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, having welcomed the draft resolution, suggested that in paragraph (a) the phrase "Being aware of" be replaced by "Noting with concern"; in paragraph (b) the words "particularly through the Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy (PACT)" be added; and in paragraph 1 the words "readily deployable" be inserted between "the transfer of" and "technology".
6. He proposed the insertion, after paragraph 2, of a paragraph reading "Notes the value of PACT comprehensive cancer control plans and encourages Member States to consider making use of this Agency advisory service".
7. The representative of JAPAN said that his country welcomed the draft resolution, especially since the Director General was giving high priority to the Agency's activities relating to cancer therapy. He proposed that "Appreciating" be replaced by "Commending" in paragraph (e).
8. The representative of CANADA suggested that the title of the draft resolution be changed to read "Cancer control in developing countries".
9. The representative of MALAYSIA, referring to the suggestion made by the representative of the United States of America with regard to paragraph (b), suggested that the additional wording read "inter alia through the Agency's technical cooperation programme and the Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy (PACT)".
10. The representative of COSTA RICA endorsed the suggestion made by the representative of Malaysia.
11. The representative of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, having welcomed the draft resolution, suggested replacing "Director General" by "Secretariat" in paragraph 1.
12. The representative of ALGERIA said, in response to the suggestion made by the representative of Canada regarding the title of the draft resolution, that — as she had noted when introducing the draft resolution — cancer was a problem faced by all Member States. For that reason, she would like the title to be left unchanged.

13. The representative of CANADA said that he was willing to go along with the title “Cancer” in spite of the fact that the draft resolution dealt entirely with cancer control in developing countries.

14. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA expressed support for the comment made by the representative of Canada.

15. Recalling the suggestion made by the representative of Malaysia with regard to paragraph (b), he asked whether the PACT Office was part of the Division of Human Health. It might be appropriate to refer also to the Division of Human Health in paragraph (b).

16. Mr SAMIEI (Head, PACT Office) said that it would indeed be appropriate to refer also to the Division of Human Health.

17. 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.13 with “Being aware of” replaced by “Noting with concern” in paragraph (a); with the words “inter alia through the Agency’s technical cooperation programme, the Division of Human Health and the Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy (PACT)” added at the end of paragraph (b); with “Appreciating” replaced by “Commending” in paragraph (e); with “Director General” replaced by “Secretariat” and the insertion of “readily deployable” between “the transfer of” and “technology” in paragraph 1; and with the insertion, after paragraph 2, of a paragraph reading “Notes the value of PACT comprehensive cancer control plans and encourages Member States to consider making use of this Agency advisory service”.

18. It was so agreed.

The meeting was suspended at 4.15 p.m. and resumed at 5.05 p.m.

14. Nuclear security, including measures to protect against nuclear and radiological terrorism (resumed)

(GC(54)/COM.5/L.12/Rev.1)

19. The CHAIRMAN invited Mr Hutchings, of the delegation of Australia, to report on the informal consultations that he had been guiding.

20. Mr HUTCHINGS (Australia), introducing the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.12/Rev.1, said that the text was not an agreed text, but one that he hoped would constitute a good basis for work in the Committee.

21. Drawing attention to the major changes made to the original version of the draft resolution (contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.12) in the light of the informal consultations guided by him, he said that the reference to Security Council resolution 1887 had been deleted from paragraph (d) and pointed out that the words “other international efforts” in that paragraph should read “and international efforts in conformity with these instruments”. Paragraphs (i), (j) and (p) had been added, reproducing the text of paragraphs (e), (o) and (t) of resolution GC(53)/RES/11 adopted in 2009. In paragraph 6, “to apply” had been replaced by “to take into account”; in paragraph 12, the words “to take measures” had been replaced by “to consider taking measures”; and the phrase from paragraph 18 of resolution GC(53)/RES/11 reading “and requests the Secretariat to continue its efforts to implement appropriate confidentiality measures in conformity with the Agency’s confidentiality regime and to report as

appropriate to the Board of Governors on the status of the implementation of the confidentiality measures” had been added at the end of paragraph 18.

22. A number of alternatives to paragraph (g) had been put forward, but, in the absence of a consensus, the original text had been retained.

23. There had been strong demands by some Member State representatives for the introduction, after paragraph 2, of a paragraph concerning the elimination of nuclear weapons and the contribution that their elimination might make to the work of the Agency.

24. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN thanked Mr Hutchings for his efforts. Significant progress had been made in the informal consultations, and he was hopeful that an agreed text would be arrived at in the Committee.

25. The representative of CUBA said that, as there was a clear link between nuclear disarmament and nuclear security, the paragraph concerning the elimination of nuclear weapons, which her delegation had proposed, should be introduced into the text now before the Committee. Her delegation continued to believe that paragraph (g) should be deleted.

26. The representative of ALGERIA suggested that paragraph (g) might refer to events besides the 2010 Nuclear Security Summit — along the following lines: “Noting international efforts to enhance nuclear security, inter alia the December 2009 International Conference on Effective Nuclear Regulatory Systems, the April 2010 Nuclear Security Summit, the April 2010 Tehran International Conference on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, and the March 2010 Paris Conference on Access to Civil Nuclear Energy”.

27. The representative of GERMANY said, with regard to the suggestion made by the representative of Algeria, that it would be important to check whether all the conferences mentioned were directly relevant to nuclear security.

28. As regards the proposed paragraph concerning the elimination of nuclear weapons, it should be borne in mind that paragraph (j) referred to “disarmament and non-proliferation” and “nuclear disarmament”.

29. The representative of the REPUBLIC OF KOREA called for the retention of paragraph (g) as it stood.

30. The representative of the BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA welcomed the suggestion made by the representative of Algeria and expressed support for the insertion of the proposed paragraph concerning the elimination of nuclear weapons.

31. The representative of CUBA suggested that paragraph (g) either be replaced by paragraph (i) of resolution GC(53)/RES/11, which read “Noting the various international efforts to enhance nuclear security”, or expanded in the manner suggested by the representative of Algeria — provided that an exhaustive list of conferences was included.

32. In reply to a question from the representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, she said that the text of the operative paragraph proposed by her delegation read as follows: “Calls upon Member States to adhere to their commitment to the total elimination of nuclear weapons as a fundamental contribution to the work of the Agency within the framework of nuclear security”.

33. The representative of BRAZIL expressed support for the proposed paragraph and for the expanded version of paragraph (g) suggested by the representative of Algeria.

34. The representative of ECUADOR said that further efforts were necessary in order to achieve an acceptable formulation for paragraph (g).

35. The representatives of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, SOUTH AFRICA and COSTA RICA expressed support for the wording suggested by the representative of Algeria.

36. The representative of the UNITED KINGDOM said that the sponsors of the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.12 had made several concessions in order to arrive at the text now before the Committee and that her delegation could not go along with the wording suggested by Algeria or with the inclusion of the paragraph proposed by the delegation of Cuba.

37. The representative of ALGERIA expressed support for the inclusion of that paragraph.

38. Mr. HUTCHINGS (Australia) said that his country had demonstrated its strong commitment to nuclear disarmament in many ways, including its cooperation with Japan in the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament. However, he did not think that there was a need for operative language on nuclear disarmament in a resolution on nuclear security.

39. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA said that his country had demonstrated its strong commitment to the total elimination of nuclear weapons most notably by action taken by it in cooperation with the Russian Federation.

40. However, the statement of such a commitment did not belong in an operative paragraph of the draft resolution on nuclear security under consideration, the purpose of which was to give nuclear security programme management guidance to the Secretariat.

41. Regarding preambular paragraph (g), the United States would prefer that it be kept unchanged, but it could accept amending it to include also a reference to the December 2009 International Conference on Effective Nuclear Regulatory Systems and the 2010 NPT Review Conference, both of which were mentioned in paragraph 4 of the report by the Director General contained in document GC(54)/9.

42. Alternatively, it could accept wording along the following lines: “Noting that the 2010 Nuclear Security Summit reaffirmed the essential role of the Agency within in the international nuclear security framework and the commitment of the participants to work to ensure that the Agency continued to have the appropriate structure, resources and expertise needed to carry out its mandated nuclear security activities in accordance with its Statute, relevant General Conference resolutions and its nuclear security plans”.

43. The representatives of SOUTH AFRICA and NICARAGUA expressed support for the suggestion made by the representative of Algeria regarding paragraph (g).

44. The representative of the BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, rejecting both suggestions regarding paragraph (g) made by the representative of the United States of America, said that Venezuela could not accept any version of that paragraph in which mention was made of the 2010 Nuclear Security Summit, to which it had not been invited.

45. The representative of CUBA said that in her view the suggestion made by the representative of Algeria could be a basis for consensus.

46. Concerning the operative paragraph proposed by her delegation, perhaps one could insert “non-proliferation and” between “the work of the Agency within the framework of” and “nuclear security”.

47. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee end its discussion under agenda item 16.

48. It was so decided.

17. Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system and application of the Model Additional Protocol

(GC(54)/COM.5/L.9/Rev.1)

49. The CHAIRMAN invited Mr Casterton, of the delegation of Canada, to report on the deliberations of the working group that had, under his chairmanship, been examining the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.9.

50. Mr CASTERTON (Canada), presenting the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.9/Rev.1, said that it had commanded broad support in the working group but consensus had not been reached on paragraphs 3 and 31.

51. Regarding future sessions of the General Conference, he suggested that an early start be made in the consultations on any draft resolutions about the Agency's safeguards system.

52. The representative of INDIA proposed amending paragraph 3 to read "... urges all States concerned ...".

53. His delegation was disappointed that the suggestions regarding paragraph 3 made by it in the working group had not been heeded.

54. The representative of PAKISTAN, expressing support for the proposal made by the representative of India, said that paragraph 3 as it stood took no account of States' legal obligations.

55. The suggestions made in the working group by his delegation regarding paragraph 3 had also not been heeded.

56. The representative of EGYPT said that in the working group his delegation had proposed amending paragraph 31 by adding at the end "... under an agenda item entitled "Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of nuclear verification".

57. It had made that proposal because, in its view, the Agency had an important role to play in verifying nuclear disarmament as well as nuclear non-proliferation, and there were precedents for discussing the Agency's role in verifying nuclear disarmament — for example, within the framework of the Trilateral Initiative.

58. The proposal had been opposed in the working group by a few Member State representatives who clearly feared that discussing "nuclear verification" would mean dealing with country-specific issues. However, Egypt believed that it would be possible — and was important — to discuss "nuclear verification" at a thematic, rather than a country-specific, level and so cover the entire range of activities which the Agency was carrying out, had carried out and might be invited to carry out in the near future.

59. The Director General was interested in the Agency's role regarding nuclear disarmament, and the General Conference should at least recognize his interest.

60. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee end its discussion under agenda item 17.
61. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 6.30 p.m.