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¹ GC(57)/24.

Abbreviations used in this record:

NPT Review Conference

Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the
Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

16. Nuclear Security (resumed) (GC(57)/COM.5/L.10/Rev.4)

1. The CHAIRMAN asked the representative of France to introduce the draft resolution contained in document GC(57)/COM.5/L.10/Rev.4.
2. The representative of FRANCE said that paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) were the result of consultations involving, among others, the delegations of Switzerland, India, Pakistan, Singapore, the Russian Federation, Brazil and South Africa.
3. The representatives of the Russian Federation and Brazil had agreed to the deletion of paragraphs (c) bis and (c) ter in the draft resolution contained in document GC(57)/COM.5/L.10/Rev.3.
4. Consensus had been reached on paragraphs (k) and (l) through consultation with the representatives of Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Egypt.
5. The representative of the Islamic Republic Of Iran had agreed that paragraph (w) in the draft resolution contained in document GC(57)/COM.5/L.10/Rev.3 should be deleted on the understanding that the issue of attacks on nuclear facilities might be raised at the General Conference's 2014 session; the paragraph had therefore been deleted.
6. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference the adoption of the draft resolution contained in document GC(57)/COM.5/L.10/Rev.4.
7. It was so agreed.

The meeting was suspended at 4.55 p.m. and resumed at 5.35 p.m.

19. Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system and application of the Model Additional Protocol (resumed) (GC(57)/COM.5/L.9/ Rev.2)

8. The CHAIRMAN asked the representative of Austria to introduce the draft resolution.
9. The representative of AUSTRIA, summarizing the differences between that draft resolution and the one contained in document GC(57)/COM.5/L.9/ Rev.1, said, regarding paragraph (c), that the proposal that the phrase "and other relevant treaties" be replaced by "and Agency bilateral and multilateral safeguards agreements" had been accepted.
10. The proposal that the words "the existing initiatives for the establishment of new" in paragraph (d) be deleted had been accepted.
11. The words "the safeguards system" and "the Agency's safeguards system" had been replaced by "Agency safeguards".

12. In paragraph (n), the phrase “and noting that the Agency must remain ready, in accordance with its Statute, to apply safeguards at the request of States party to nuclear disarmament or arms control arrangements” had been deleted.

13. After paragraph (n), a paragraph reading as follows had been inserted: “Recalling the IAEA Statute and in particular Article III.B.1, which states that, in carrying out its functions, the Agency shall conduct its activities in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations to promote peace and international cooperation, and in conformity with policies of the United Nations furthering the establishment of safeguarded worldwide disarmament and in conformity with any international agreements entered into pursuant to such policies,”.

14. After that paragraph, a paragraph reading as follows had been inserted: “Recalling that the 2010 NPT Review Conference in Action 30 of the Final Document called for the wider application of safeguards to peaceful nuclear facilities in the nuclear-weapon States, under the relevant voluntary offer safeguards agreements, in the most economic and practical way possible, taking into account the availability of IAEA resources, and stressed that comprehensive safeguards and additional protocols should be universally applied once the complete elimination of nuclear weapons has been achieved,”.

15. After paragraph (o) in the draft resolution contained in document GC(57)/COM.5/L.9/Rev.1, a paragraph with the following wording had been inserted: “Stressing that safeguards should remain non-discriminatory and only objective factors should be used to determine safeguards implementation, while political or other extraneous considerations are not included,”.

16. The phrase “drawing independent objective conclusions using only impartial and technically based evaluation methods” had been added at the end of paragraph 7.

17. Two amendments had been made to paragraph 21: “in September 2013” had been inserted between “the Board of Governors” and “on the Conceptualization ...” and the phrase “the Director General will produce a supplementary document” had been replaced by “the Director General will produce, after consulting with Member States, a supplementary document for consideration and action by the Board of Governors”.

18. Paragraph 22 in the draft resolution contained in document GC(57)/COM.5/L.9/Rev.1 had been deleted.

19. At the end of the final paragraph, the words “under an agenda item entitled ‘Strengthening the Effectiveness and Improving the Efficiency of Agency Safeguards’” had been added.

20. The CHAIRMAN asked whether any representative considered there not to be consensus on the draft resolution contained in document GC(57)/COM.5/L.9/Rev.2.

21. The representative of SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC said that, although her delegation preferred the title “Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system”, it would accept the new title for the sake of consensus.

22. The representative of PAKISTAN said that his delegation was disappointed that paragraph 6 had not been deleted. It could not accept the draft resolution as it stood.

23. The CHAIRMAN said that there appeared not to be consensus on the draft resolution. The sponsors could, if they wished, re-submit it to the General Conference in a plenary meeting.

The meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.