Committee of the Whole

Record of the Second Meeting

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Chairman: Mr GARCÍA REVILLA (Peru)

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Strengthening the Agency’s activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications *(continued)*

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1 GC(54)/COM.5/1.
The composition of delegations attending the session is given in document GC(54)/INF/7.
16. Strengthening the Agency’s activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications (continued)
(GC(54)/COM.5/L.5, L.6, L.7 and L.8)

1. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, recalling the amendment to paragraph (f) of the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.6 proposed by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, proposed that the paragraph be amended to read “... the worldwide shortage of trained personnel in developed and, especially, developing countries”.

2. The representative of MALAYSIA expressed support for the amendment proposed by the representative of the United States of America.

3. 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.6 with that amendment, with the insertion of “, to Indonesia, Jordan and Vietnam,” after “in 2009” in paragraph (e) and with the addition, after paragraph (e), of the paragraph read out during the Committee’s previous meeting by the representative of Canada.

4. It was so agreed.

5. The representative of BRAZIL said that the draft resolutions contained in documents GC(54)/COM.5/L.5, L.6 and L.8 all included a paragraph referring to Secretariat actions being undertaken “subject to the availability of resources”. In his delegation’s view, it was sufficient if such a paragraph appeared only in the ‘general’ draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.5.

6. The representative of CANADA recalled that, as he had said during the previous meeting, paragraph 5 of the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.5 included the word’s “as a priority”. Rather than amending paragraph 5 of that draft resolution, it seemed preferable to leave paragraph 10 of the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.6 (and the corresponding paragraphs of the draft resolutions contained in documents GC(54)/COM.5/L.7 and L.8) unchanged.

7. The representative of BRAZIL said that his delegation needed more time in which to consider the matter.

8. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider document GC(54)/COM.5/L.7, containing a draft resolution entitled “Agency activities in the development of innovative nuclear technology”.

9. The representative of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, introducing the draft resolution, said that the most significant change relative to resolution GC(53)/RES/13.B.4 adopted in 2009 was the non-inclusion of paragraphs (g) and (h) of that resolution, which were no longer relevant.

10. The representative of MALAYSIA expressed support for the draft resolution.

11. 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.7.

12. It was so agreed.

13. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider document GC(54)/COM.5/L.8, containing a draft resolution entitled “Nuclear knowledge, education and training”.

14. The representative of CANADA, introducing the draft resolution, said that its scope was wider than that of resolution GC(52)/RES/12.C adopted in 2008, in that it included education and training.

15. The representative of the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, expressing support for the draft resolution, said that her country, which attached great importance to nuclear knowledge, education and training, had a masters-level programme for providing education in radiological protection and radiation safety. The programme, which had been supported by the Agency for a decade, was now being supported through governmental funding.

16. The representatives of the PHILIPPINES and MALAYSIA expressed support for the draft resolution.

17. The representative of ITALY, having expressed support for the draft resolution, wondered whether it was necessary to refer specifically to the World Nuclear University in paragraph 3(a).

18. The representative of PERU, having expressed support for the draft resolution, endorsed the comment made by the representative of Italy.

19. The representative of CANADA said that the sponsors of the draft resolution would prefer to retain the reference to the World Nuclear University in view of the significant amount of cooperation taking place within the framework of that institution.

20. 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.8.

21. It was so agreed.

22. The representative of BRAZIL, referring to paragraph 5 of the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.5, said that his delegation accepted the comment made by the representative of Canada relating to that paragraph and to paragraphs 10, 13 and 7 of the draft resolutions contained in documents GC(54)/COM.5/L.6, L.7 and L.8 respectively.

23. The CHAIRMAN recalled that the Committee had agreed 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 the insertion of an additional paragraph after paragraph 19.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.