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1 Strengthening of the Agency’s technical cooperation activities *(resumed)*
The composition of delegations attending the session is given in document GC(54)/INF/7.
15. Strengthening of the Agency’s technical cooperation activities (resumed)  
(GC(54)/COM.5/L.11)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited Mr Ortigão de Sampaio, of the delegation of Brazil, to report on the latest discussions in the working group chaired by him.

2. Mr ORTIGÃO de SAMPAIO (Brazil) said that the working group had reached a consensus on several amendments to the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.11.

3. Regarding paragraph (e), he proposed the insertion of “the Statute and” before “the Revised Guiding Principles” and the addition of “and also recalling other directives from the General Conference and the Board of Governors relevant to the formulation of the TC Programme” at the end.

4. He proposed the insertion, after paragraph (y), of a paragraph reading “Noting that interested Member States making their CPFs available to potential partners on a voluntary basis could facilitate cooperation”.

5. Regarding paragraph (z), he proposed that “to continuously enhance” be replaced by “to further enhance” and that the words “as well as the transparency” be inserted after “the effectiveness and efficiency”.

6. Regarding paragraph 8, he proposed that the words “in accordance with the elements of the logical framework methodology” be added at the end.

7. Regarding paragraph 13, he proposed that the words “and policies” be inserted after “the guiding principles” and the phrase “and to relevant directives from the General Conference and the Board of Governors” be added to the end.

8. He proposed the insertion, after paragraph 14, of a paragraph reading “Requests that the Secretariat provide Member States with adequate information on project development according to the logical framework methodology sufficiently in advance of their consideration by the Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee and the Board of Governors”.

9. Regarding paragraph 16, he proposed that it be divided into two paragraphs, the first one reading “Requests the Secretariat to play a more proactive role in seeking resources to implement footnote-a/ projects” and the second one reading “Welcomes all extrabudgetary 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, encourages all States in a position to do so to make additional contributions, and also encourages those States to show flexibility in the use of their contributions in order to enable the implementation of more footnote-a/ projects”.

10. He proposed the insertion, after paragraph 24, of a paragraph reading “Requests that the actions of the Secretariat called for in this resolution that are not directly related to the implementation of TC projects be undertaken subject to the availability of resources”.

11. He thanked all those who had participated in the meetings of the working group for their cooperation and flexibility.
12. The representative of the PHILIPPINES, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, thanked Mr Ortigão de Sampaio for his efforts in bringing about a consensus on the draft resolution as a whole.

13. The representative of the CZECH REPUBLIC, speaking on behalf of the European Union, expressed gratitude to all those who had participated in the deliberations of the working group and said that the European Union looked forward to the follow-up of the resolution, and particularly to a dialogue on further enhancing the transparency of the technical cooperation programme.

14. The CHAIRMAN thanked all those who had worked hard to bring about a consensus on the draft resolution as a whole for the spirit of compromise they had demonstrated, and especially Mr Ortigão de Sampaio.

15. He took it that the Committee wished to recommend approval of the draft resolution contained in document GC(54)/COM.5/L.11 with the amendments proposed by Mr Ortigão de Sampaio during the current meeting and — in the light of earlier reports by Mr Ortigão de Sampaio to the Committee — with: the replacement of “request-based” by “needs-based” in paragraph (b); the insertion, after paragraph (b), of a paragraph reading “Further recalling the Board of Governors’ requirement in GOV/1931 of 12 February 1979 that all Member States receiving technical assistance from the IAEA should have signed the Revised Supplementary Agreement (RSA) concerning the provision of technical assistance by the IAEA”; the replacement of “Agency and Member States’ support” by “the Agency’s support” in paragraph (i); the deletion of “and realistic” between “adequate” and “level” and the replacement of “the growing needs of Member States” by “not only the growing needs of Member States but also funding capabilities” in paragraph (m); the deletion of paragraph (u); the insertion of “and the thematic approach” after “Country Programme Frameworks (CPFs)” in paragraph (x); the insertion, after paragraph (bb), of a paragraph reading “Noting the substantive outcomes of the 2010 NPT Review Conference relating to the Agency’s Technical Cooperation activities”; the insertion of “radiation and radiotracer” between “nuclear” and “technologies in paragraph (cc); the insertion of “education and training” after “nuclear knowledge management”, the insertion of “build and” before “enhance”, the insertion of “and regulatory framework” after “the basic infrastructure” and the deletion of “, including safety aspects,” in paragraph (dd); the division of paragraph 3 into two, the first one reading “Stresses ... (SAP)” and the second one reading “Looks forward to the implementation of the decision of the Board of Governors of 11 June 2010 ‘to convene a meeting of the Working Group on Financing the Agency’s Activities this year after the General Conference to address the issue of TCF resources. Besides a comprehensive review of the nature of TC resources, discussions would include making the TCF sufficient, assured and predictable and the relationship between the levels of the overall Agency budget and the TCF. The Board expects that this would be a meaningful dialogue with substantive outcomes for Board action that would facilitate the budget and TCF discussion on 2012–2013’; the replacement of “Encourages” by “Urges” in paragraph 7; the amendment of “to continue to further refine the Technical Cooperation Strategy 2002 Review (GOV/INF/2002/8)” in paragraph 12 to read “to revise the Technical Cooperation Strategy (GOV/INF/2002/8); the deletion of “requests also that the supply of equipment to Member States” in paragraph 14; and the deletion of “and notes the recommendations of SAGTAC in this regard” in paragraph 23”.

16. It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 9.20 p.m.