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View of the plenary session of the Agency's 44th General Conference in September 2000.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Board of Governors oversees the ongoing operations of the Agency. Among its functions it examines and makes recommendations to the General Conference on the Agency's accounts, programme and budget and considers applications for membership; it also approves safeguards agreements and the publication of the Agency's safety standards. The Board of Governors comprises 35 Member States and generally meets five times a year (see Table I).

The General Conference comprises all Member States of the Agency and meets once a year. It considers the report of the Board of Governors on the Agency's activities during the previous year; approves the Agency's accounts and the budget; approves any applications for membership; and elects members to the Board of Governors. It also conducts a wide ranging general debate on the Agency's policies and programme and passes resolutions directing the priorities of the Agency's work (see Table II for a complete list of resolutions in 2000).

The applications of Azerbaijan, the Central African Republic and Tajikistan for membership of the Agency were approved by the General Conference upon the recommendation of the Board of Governors. At the end of 2000 these applications had not taken effect, and the Agency had a total of 130 members.

With regard to the financing of technical co-operation, as agreed by the Board in 1999 the Ambassadors of Finland and Mexico conducted joint consultations. They presented their report to the Board and their work was thereafter continued by the Chairman of the Board, H.E. Sergio de Queiroz Duarte of Brazil, with a view to arriving at a target for contributions for 2001 and 2002, and indicative planning figures for the following biennium. As proposed by the Chairman, the Board made recommendations and subsequently the Conference reached agreement on these matters and set a rate of attainment of the target designed to stimulate the flow of resources into the Technical Co-operation Fund during that period.

With regard to the financing of the safeguards component of the regular budget, as agreed by the Board in 1999, the Ambassador of Spain conducted consultations and presented a report to the Board. As proposed by the Chairman, who had continued the work of the Ambassador, the Board recommended and the Conference agreed on a set of arrangements designed to end the system of 'shielding' of certain Member States within a specified time-frame.

Pursuant to Resolution GC(42)/RES/4, which adopted criteria or guidelines for consideration of requests for the restoration of voting rights made by Member States in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Agency, the Conference undertook a follow-up

Note: This section reports on matters of a procedural nature dealt with by the Board of Governors and the General Conference during the year. Substantive programmatic issues considered by the policy making organs are covered under the relevant chapters of this report.

assessment through the Board of Governors of the usefulness and pertinence of the criteria and guidelines. The Board was of the opinion that experience thus far had been insufficient for a proper assessment and the Conference accordingly requested the Board to review the matter after November 2001 and to report to the Conference in 2002.

On the amendments to Articles VI and XIV.A of the Agency's Statute, which were approved by the Conference in 1999 and circulated to Member States for ratification as required by the Statute, the Agency was informed by the depository Government that eight Member States had ratified the amendment to Article VI and that six Member States had ratified the amendment to Article XIV.A. In accordance with the Statute, each amendment shall come into force only when accepted by two thirds of all members.

The Board agreed to the application of the new results based approach to programme development, as proposed by the Secretariat, in the preparation of the Agency's programme and budget for the years 2002–2003. The new approach emphasized the objectives to be achieved as a result of the Agency's programme and the outcomes to be attained, as opposed to the more traditional focus on inputs and outputs.

As the current term of the Director General is to expire on 30 November 2001, pursuant to the procedures for the appointment of the Director General previously approved by it, the Board began its consideration of the matter, setting the closing date for the receipt of nominations and authorizing the Chairman to send to the Governments of all Member States a circular letter on the matter.

TABLE I. THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, 2000–2001

The composition of the Board of Governors in 2000–2001 at the conclusion of the 44th (2000) regular session of the General Conference was as follows:

- Algeria
- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Belarus
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Cuba
- Egypt
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- Mexico
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Poland
- Russian Federation
- South Africa
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Thailand
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- United States of America

The Chairman of the Board for 2000–2001 was Mr. Ibrahim Halil Umar of Nigeria. The Vice-Chairmen were H.E. Ms Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl of Austria and Mr. Jerzy Niewodniczański of Poland. ■

TABLE II. RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN 2000

Number	Title	Date adopted (2000)
● GC(44)/RES/1	Application by Tajikistan for membership of the Agency	18 September
● GC(44)/RES/2	Application by Azerbaijan for membership of the Agency	18 September
● GC(44)/RES/3	Application by the Central African Republic for membership of the Agency	18 September
● GC(44)/RES/4	The Agency's Accounts for 1999	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/5	Regular Budget appropriations for 2001	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/6	Technical Co-operation Fund Allocation for 2001	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/7	The Working Capital Fund in 2001	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/8	The financing of Technical Co-operation: Contributions to the Agency's Technical Co-operation Fund	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/9	The Financing of Safeguards: Revised arrangements for the assessment of Members' contributions towards the safeguards component of the Agency's Regular Budget	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/10	Scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 2001	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/11	Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear, radiation and waste safety	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/12	The safety of radioactive waste management	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/13	Education and training in radiation protection and nuclear safety and waste management	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/14	The safety of nuclear research reactors	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/15	Radiological criteria for long lived radionuclides in commodities (especially foodstuffs and wood)	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/16	Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/17	Safety of transport of radioactive materials	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/18	Strengthening of the Agency's technical co-operation activities	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/19	Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system and application of the Model Protocol	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/20	Measures against illicit trafficking in nuclear materials and other radioactive sources	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/21	Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/22	Plan for producing potable water economically	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/23	Strengthening co-operation between nuclear research centres in the area of the peaceful applications of nuclear technology	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/24	Servicing immediate human needs	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/25	Outcomes of the NPT Review Conference relevant to the activities of the IAEA	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/26	Implementation of the agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/27	Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/28	Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East	22 September
● GC(44)/RES/29	Examination of delegates' credentials	22 September