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*A view of the plenary session at the 45th regular session of the General Conference, which was held in the Austria Center Vienna from 17 to 21 September 2001.*



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*As a mark of respect for the victims of the tragic events of 11 September 2001 in the USA, the Vienna Boys Choir gave a performance at the opening of the General Conference on 17 September.*

# 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 and its 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 Box 1).

The General Conference comprises all Member States of the Agency and meets once a year. It considers the annual 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 Box 2 for a complete list of resolutions in 2001).

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The applications of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Botswana for membership of the Agency were approved by the General Conference upon the recommendation of the Board of Governors. At the end of 2001 the application by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia had taken effect, and the Agency had a total of 133 members.

The Board of Governors decided to appoint Mohamed ElBaradei as Director General of the Agency by acclamation for a further term of office of four years, until 30 November 2005. His appointment was approved by the General Conference in accordance with Article VII.A of the Statute.

The Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management entered into force on 18 June 2001, the required number of States having deposited their instruments of ratification. In December 2001, a meeting was held for the purpose of preparing for the first review meeting of the Contracting Parties, which is to take place in 2003.

The General Conference reappointed the Comptroller and Auditor General of the United Kingdom as the External Auditor to audit the Agency's accounts for 2002 and 2003.

The General Conference took note of a report by the Secretariat, made pursuant to General Conference Resolution GC(43)/RES/19, on progress made towards the entry into force of the amendment to Article VI of the Statute (concerning the size and distribution of seats on the Board of Governors, by which membership of the Board was expanded from 35 to 43 seats). The report stated that, as of 16 July 2001, the Director General had been informed by the depositary Government that 26 Member States had accepted the amendment in accordance with their respective constitutional processes. In accordance with the Statute, entry into force of the amendment requires acceptance by two thirds of all members (see Table A22 in the Annex for the status as of 31 December 2001).

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**Note:** This chapter 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.

During the General Conference the President of the Conference made the following statement on terrorism:

“During the Conference, widespread condolences were expressed to the victims and their families as well as to the Government of the United States of America for the terrorist acts that took place on 11 September 2001 in New York, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania. The Delegates were unequivocal in their condemnation of these terrorist acts. As called for in UNGA RES 56/1 (2001) and UNSC RES 1368 (2001), the urgent need of working together to bring to justice the per-petrators, organizers, and sponsors of these terrorist attacks and to hold accountable those responsible for aiding, supporting, or harbouring the perpetrators, organizers, and sponsors of these

acts was supported. With particular regard to the Agency’s mandate, the Conference expressed its concern about the possible impact of terrorism on the security of nuclear material and other radioactive materials. In this regard, the Conference requested the Director General to review thoroughly the activities and programmes of the Agency with a view to strengthening the Agency work relevant to preventing acts of terrorism involving nuclear materials and other radioactive materials. It further urged all Member States to co-operate fully with the Director General and to support the Agency’s efforts in this regard.”

In December, the Board considered the Director General’s initial response to the statement and to the request of the General Conference in Resolution GC(45)/RES/14B.

**BOX 1. THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, 2001–2002**

<b>Chairman of the Board:</b>	H.E. Mr. Max Hughes Ambassador	Australia
<b>Vice-Chairmen:</b>	H.E. Mr. Sameh Hassan Shoukry Selim Ambassador	Egypt
	Mr. Vadym V. Gryshchenko Head, State Nuclear Regulatory Committee	Ukraine

**Composition of the Board of Governors  
at the conclusion of the 45th (2001) regular session of the General Conference**

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- Burkina Faso
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Egypt
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- India
- Iran, Islamic Republic of
- Ireland
- Japan
- Kuwait
- Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- Mexico
- Morocco
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Philippines
- Romania
- Russian Federation
- South Africa
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- United States of America

**BOX 2. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE DURING ITS 45th REGULAR SESSION (17–21 SEPTEMBER 2001)**

Title of resolution	Resolution number
● Applications for membership of the Agency — Application by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	GC(45)/RES/1
— Application by the Republic of Botswana	GC(45)/RES/2
● Approval of the appointment of the Director General	GC(45)/RES/3
● The Agency's accounts for 2000	GC(45)/RES/4
— Regular budget appropriations for 2002	GC(45)/RES/5
— Technical Co-operation Fund Allocation for 2002	GC(45)/RES/6
— The Working Capital Fund in 2002	GC(45)/RES/7
● Scale of assessment of members' contributions towards the regular budget	GC(45)/RES/8
● Rules regarding the acceptance of voluntary contributions	GC(45)/RES/9
● Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear, radiation, transport and waste safety	GC(45)/RES/10
● Strengthening of the Agency's technical co-operation activities	GC(45)/RES/11
● Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications	GC(45)/RES/12
● Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system and application of the Model Additional Protocol	GC(45)/RES/13
● Measures to improve the security of nuclear materials and other radioactive materials	GC(45)/RES/14
● Implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	GC(45)/RES/16
● Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq	GC(45)/RES/17
● Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East	GC(45)/RES/18
● Personnel	GC(45)/RES/15
● Examination of delegates' credentials	GC(45)/RES/19