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President: Mr. SUDJARWO (Indonesia)

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N.B. The list of delegations attending the second regular session of the General Conference was issued as document GC(II)/INF/17/Rev.3.

PROGRAMME, BUDGET AND WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR 1959 (GC(II)/66, GC(II)/67)

1. Mr. CVRLJE (Yugoslavia), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, submitted the Committee's report on item 12 (GC(II)/66), and drew attention to the two draft resolutions in the Annex.

2. The PRESIDENT said that draft resolution A on budgetary appropriations for the expenses of the Agency in 1959 was divided into two parts, part I dealing with the Agency's administrative expenses for 1959, and part II with other expenses.

On request, separate votes were taken on draft resolution A, part I, paragraph 1, items 3 (Special missions - \$200,000) and 13 (Scientific supplies and equipment - \$50,000).

Item 3 was approved by 36 votes to 13, with 5 abstentions.

Item 13 was approved by 44 votes to 10, with 2 abstentions.

Draft resolution A part I, was adopted by 59 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

3. The PRESIDENT said that, in the light of the voting on part I, paragraph 1, item 3 of draft resolution A, the Czechoslovak delegation had withdrawn its amendment (GC(II)/67) to part II of the draft resolution.

On request, a separate vote was taken on the figure of \$400,000 (The operating Fund, Part I (For Agency projects)) in draft resolution A, part II, paragraph 1.

The figure of \$400,000 was adopted by 40 votes to 11, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution A, part II, was adopted by 58 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

4. Mr. MIKHAILOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said in explanation of his vote that his delegation had already clearly defined its position. The Soviet Government attached the greatest importance to the Agency's scientific activities, and considered that the appropriation for setting up laboratories was much too low; the Soviet delegation had therefore voted against the figure proposed for the Operating Fund, Part I, to show that, in its opinion, the Agency had been given insufficient funds.

5. Mr. SIMANE (Czechoslovakia) said that his delegation was not against the Agency's setting up its own laboratories but had already pointed out that the necessary conditions, which were laid down in Article III of the Statute and in the Agency's initial programme,^{1/} were not fulfilled. He had therefore voted against the figure proposed for the Operating Fund, Part I. In the opinion of the Czechoslovak Government, the Agency's most important function was to help Member States. That explained his Government's great interest in special missions, on which, in his opinion, most of the budget should be spent.

6. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the whole of draft resolution A (Budgetary Appropriations for the Expenses of the Agency in 1959).

Draft resolution A was adopted by 57 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

7. The PRESIDENT put to the vote draft resolution B (Use of the Working Capital Fund in 1959).

Draft resolution B was adopted unanimously.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.

^{1/} GC.I/1, paragraph 104.

