

General Conference

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

Agenda item 12
(GC(III)/88/Rev.2)

ASSISTANCE TO LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER

Report of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

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1. At its twenty-second and twenty-third meetings, held on 30 September and 1 October 1959, the Committee considered item 12 of the agenda concerning assistance to less developed countries with the production of nuclear power.
2. The following documents were before the Committee:
A report by the Board of Governors on the steps taken to implement resolution GC(II)/RES/27 (GC(III)/76);
Joint draft resolution by Brazil, India, Indonesia, Pakistan and the United Arab Republic (GC(III)/COM.1/34), together with amendments thereto proposed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (GC(III)/COM.1/36) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (GC(III)/COM.1/37), and an amendment by the United Kingdom (GC(III)/COM.1/38) to the amendment of the Soviet Union.
3. The Committee held a general debate on the report of the Board of Governors (GC(III)/76) and on the joint draft resolution submitted by Brazil, India, Indonesia, Pakistan and the United Arab Republic (GC(III)/COM.1/34).
4. The operative paragraphs of the joint draft resolution read as follows:
 1. Takes note of the programme set out in the report;
 2. Requests the Board of Governors to take further steps to accelerate the implementation of the programme;
 3. Recommends that the Board of Governors, in carrying out and further developing the programme, give particular attention to:

- (a) Ensuring that adequate expert advice be made available to Member States at their request to carry out studies with the least possible delay on the technical feasibility and economics of nuclear power production;
- (b) The implications of these studies in terms of the training and technical assistance programmes of the Agency during 1961; and
- (c) The possibilities of collective action in this field;

4. Requests the Board of Governors to report to the General Conference at its fourth regular session on the progress achieved and on its future programme; and

5. Further requests the Board to submit annually to the General Conference a general report on the economics of nuclear power in the light of the latest technical and economic developments and the specific studies made by the Agency in this field."

5. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposed an amendment (GC(III)/COM.1/36) to the joint draft resolution which would insert a new sub-paragraph (b) in paragraph 3 to read as follows:

"(b) Supplying Member States in accordance with their requests with fissionable and source materials, equipment and other resources which have been made available to the Agency;"

6. In the course of the discussion the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland proposed an amendment (GC(III)/COM.1/37) to the joint draft resolution which would revise paragraph 5 to read:

"5. Further requests the Board to submit to the General Conference at its fourth regular session, and to consider the desirability of submitting to it annually thereafter, a general report on the economics of nuclear power in the light of the latest technical and economic developments and the specific studies made by the Agency on this subject."

7. The representative of the United Kingdom also submitted an amendment (GC(III)/COM.1/38) to the Soviet amendment (GC(III)/COM.1/36) by which the words "with their requests" would be replaced by "with the provisions of the Statute." In the course of the debate, the representative of the Soviet Union accepted this amendment and the sponsors of the joint draft resolution accepted the Soviet amendment, as amended.

8. The representative of Turkey made an oral amendment to add at the end of sub-paragraph 3(c) the phrase "in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the Agency".

9. The Committee then proceeded to the vote with the following results:
The United Kingdom amendment (GC(III)/COM.1/38) to the Soviet amendment (GC(III)/COM.1/36) to the joint draft resolution (GC(III)/COM.1/34) was approved by 52 votes in favour, none against with no abstentions;
The Soviet amendment (GC(III)/COM.1/36), as amended, was approved by 53 votes in favour, none against with no abstentions;
The United Kingdom amendment (GC(III)/COM.1/37) to the joint draft resolution (GC(III)/COM.1/34) was adopted by 52 votes in favour, 3 against with no abstentions;
The Turkish oral amendment to the joint draft resolution (GC(III)/COM.1/34) was adopted by 20 votes in favour, 6 against with 26 abstentions.
10. The joint draft resolution as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 56 votes in favour, none against with no abstentions.
11. The Committee therefore recommends for adoption by the General Conference the draft resolution contained in the annex to the present report.

A N N E X

Draft Resolution

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The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling its resolution GC(II)/RES/27;
- (b) Having received the report of the Board of Governors on the action taken to give effect to the recommendations contained in that resolution;^{1/} and
- (c) Having regard to the deep interest expressed by Member States, especially in the less developed areas, in the speedy implementation of the Agency's functions under its Statute in respect of the development of nuclear power;
 - 1. Takes note of the programme set out in the report of the Board of Governors;
 - 2. Requests the Board to take further steps to accelerate the implementation of the programme;
 - 3. Recommends that the Board, in carrying out and further developing the programme, give particular attention to:
 - (a) Ensuring that adequate expert advice shall be made available to Member States at their request to carry out studies with the least possible delay on the technical feasibility and economics of nuclear power production;
 - (b) Supplying Member States in accordance with the provision of the Statute with fissionable and source materials, equipment and other resources which have been made available to the Agency;
 - (c) The implications of these studies in terms of the training and technical assistance programmes of the Agency during 1961; and
 - (d) The possibilities of collective action in this field in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the Agency;
- 4. Requests the Board to report to the General Conference at its fourth regular session on the progress achieved and on the Agency's future programme; and
- 5. Further requests the Board to submit to the General Conference at its fourth regular session, and to consider the desirability of submitting to it annually thereafter, a general report on the economics of nuclear power in the light of the latest technical and economic developments and the specific studies made by the Agency on this subject.

^{1/} GC(III)/76.

