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* GC(IV)/130.

The composition of delegations attending the session is given in document GC(IV)/INF/31/Rev.3.

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER (GHANA)

1. The PRESIDENT announced that on 28 September 1960 Ghana had deposited its instrument of acceptance of the Statute with the depositary Government and had thus become the seventy-second Member of the Agency. He was sure he was expressing the views of all delegations in offering Ghana the heartiest congratulations of the General Conference.

THE AGENCY'S ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(GC(IV)/111)

2. The PRESIDENT put to the vote draft resolution A concerning the form of the Agency's annual reports to the United Nations General Assembly, and also draft resolution B dealing with the report for 1959-60; both drafts were set out in the Board's proposals (GC(IV)/111).

3. Draft resolutions A and B were adopted unanimously.

THE AGENCY'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR 1960-61 (GC(IV)/112)

4. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution set out in document GC(IV)/112; the text was similar to that of the resolution adopted by the General Conference on the same subject at its last regular session^{1/}.

5. The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE AGENCY'S STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

6. The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Pardo (Argentina), elected by the General Conference in 1959 to serve on the Staff Pension Committee, would be unable to continue in office to the end of the period which would end with the opening of the fifth regular session of the General Conference. Before proceeding to elect a successor, he wished to express the General Conference's gratitude to Mr. Pardo for his services on the Committee.

7. Mr. Fujiyama (Japan) had been proposed to replace Mr. Pardo.

8. Mr. Fujiyama (Japan) was elected a member of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

^{1/} GC(III)/RES/41.

RULES TO GOVERN THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY THE AGENCY
(GC(IV)/137)

9. Mr. USMANI (Pakistan), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, submitted the Committee's report on item 14 of the agenda (GC(IV)/137).

10. He took advantage of the occasion to pay tribute to the ability of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, to thank its members for their valuable work, and to express his gratitude to the Secretariat staff who had greatly facilitated the editing of the reports he had been called upon to make on the various items considered by the Committee.

11. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the two draft resolutions set out in the Committee's report, dealing respectively with the provision of equipment in technical assistance projects, and the guiding principles and general rules to govern the provision of technical assistance by the Agency.

12. The two draft resolutions were unanimously adopted.

THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1959 (GC(IV)/139)

13. Mr. USMANI (Pakistan), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, submitted the Committee's report on item 15 of the agenda (GC(IV)/139).

14. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the Committee's report.

15. The draft resolution was unanimously adopted.

AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE (GC(IV)/138)

16. Mr. USMANI (Pakistan), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, submitted the Committee's report on item 17 of the agenda (GC(IV)/138).

17. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution contained in the Annex to the Committee's report.

18. The draft resolution was unanimously adopted.

19. Mr. MOLOTOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) pointed out that the practical application of the amendment to Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure (sub-paragraph (e) of the resolution just adopted) would provoke numerous difficulties. As the Board generally met in September, just before the General Conference, it would be almost impossible to give effect to the provision authorizing the Director General, with the consent of the Board, to request the inclusion of supplementary items on the Conference agenda up to thirty days before the opening of a regular session, and it would remain a dead letter. It could only hamper the work of delegations taking part in the Conference. As it had already stated in the Administrative and Legal Committee^{2/}, his delegation therefore considered the amendment pointless.

The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.

^{2/} GC(IV)/COM.2/OR.18, paragraph 31.