



Sixth regular session

Agenda item 16
(GC(VI)/207)

NUCLEAR POWER

Report of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. A.G. KAKAR (Afghanistan)

1. At its forty-eighth and forty-ninth meetings on 21 and 24 September 1962 the Committee considered Item 16 of the agenda - Nuclear power. It had before it a joint report by the Board of Governors and the Director General on international co-operation for developing nuclear power projects^{1/}, a note by the Director General on nuclear power costs^{2/}, and a summary of the information gathered on the small power reactor projects in the United States of America and Canada as a result of invitations from these Member States^{3/}.
2. The following additional documents were before the Committee:

Joint draft resolution by Canada and the United States of America on the Agency's programme in nuclear power (GC(VI)/COM.1/70);
and
Joint draft resolution by Afghanistan, Austria, Japan, Spain and Tunisia on co-ordination of power questions (GC(VI)/COM.1/72).
3. The Committee held a general debate on the subject as a whole, at the conclusion of which the Chairman expressed the hope that the Board of Governors and the Director General would study the many useful suggestions made during the discussion^{4/}.
4. The Committee then considered the two draft resolutions before it.

1/ GC(VI)/192.

2/ GC(VI)/INF/53.

3/ GC(VI)/INF/54.

4/ GC(VI)/COM.1/OR.48 and GC(VI)/COM.1/OR.49.

5. The joint draft resolution submitted by Canada and the United States of America (GC(VI)/COM.1/70) on the Agency's programme in nuclear power was approved unanimously without a vote.
6. The first operative paragraph of the joint draft resolution submitted by Afghanistan, Austria, Japan, Spain and Tunisia on co-ordination of power questions (GC(VI)/COM.1/72) read as follows:

"Urges the Board of Governors and the Director General to take steps with a view to exploring ways and means of establishing a closer co-operation between the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations and the specialized agencies in matters of power in general and of economics of power in particular, so as to achieve by joint effort a higher degree of co-ordination and efficiency in these important fields;"
7. An amendment proposed orally by Austria, to insert after the words "specialized agencies" the words "and the World Power Conference" was accepted by the other sponsors.
8. The draft resolution thus amended was approved unanimously without a vote.
9. The Committee accordingly recommends for adoption by the General Conference the resolutions contained in Annexes I and II to the present report.

ANNEX I

Draft resolution

THE AGENCY'S PROGRAMME IN NUCLEAR POWER

The General Conference,

- (a) Having received the joint report by the Board of Governors and the Director General on steps taken pursuant to its resolution GC(V)/RES/109^{1/},
 - (b) Having noted with interest the statement made by the Director General at its sixth regular session, and
 - (c) Appreciating the steps taken by the Board of Governors and the Director General with regard to the Agency's programme in nuclear power within the framework of a long-term plan, and in particular the convening of a panel of experts on this subject in August 1962,
1. Takes note of the joint report of the Board of Governors and the Director General^{1/}, and
 2. Urges the Board and the Director General, pending completion of the long-term plan under preparation, to continue to provide assistance to Member States pursuant to resolution GC(V)/RES/109.

^{1/} GC(VI)/192.

ANNEX II

Draft resolution

CO-ORDINATION OF POWER QUESTIONS

The General Conference,

(a) Conscious of the important role that power is destined to play in economic progress and in industrialization of the developing countries, particularly during the development decade,

(b) Taking into account the gradually growing share that will fall to nuclear power in that development, and

(c) Noting the need for increased attention by the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to problems of power in general,

1. Urges the Board of Governors and the Director General to take steps with a view to exploring ways and means of establishing a closer co-operation between the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the World Power Conference in matters of power in general and of economics of power in particular, so as to achieve by joint effort a higher degree of co-ordination and efficiency in these important fields; and

2. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to submit to the General Conference at its seventh regular session a report on the progress achieved in that direction.

