



General Conference

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Agenda item 18
(GC(VI)/207)

AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Report of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

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1. At its forty-ninth to fifty-first meetings on 24 and 25 September 1962, the Committee considered item 18 of the agenda - an international centre for theoretical physics. It had before it a joint report by the Board of Governors and the Director General (GC(VI)/194 and Add.1), and a note by the Director General (GC(VI)/INF/57).
2. The following additional documents on the establishment of such a centre under the auspices of the Agency were before the Committee:
 - Joint draft resolution by Iraq, Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Senegal, Tunisia and Venezuela (GC(VI)/COM.1/71 and Add.1) and amendments thereto proposed by the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (GC(VI)/COM.1/75), South Africa (GC(VI)/COM.1/76), and Brazil (GC(VI)/COM.1/77), and
 - Revised joint draft resolution by Iraq, Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Senegal, Tunisia and Venezuela (GC(VI)/COM.1/71/Rev.1).
3. The Committee discussed in detail the draft resolution submitted jointly by Iraq, Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Senegal, Tunisia and Venezuela (GC(VI)/COM.1/71 and Add.1), the operative paragraphs of which read as follows:

"1. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to study ways and means of establishing an international centre for research in theoretical physics under the auspices of the Agency; and

2. Further requests the Board, in the light of the results of this study, to include plans for the establishment of such a centre in the Agency's programme as early as possible."

4. The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic proposed an amendment (GC(VI)/CO .1/75) whereby the two operative paragraphs would be replaced by the following:

"1. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to study, in the light of statements made at its sixth regular session, the questions of assisting research in theoretical physics, the research work of theoretical physicists, and the training of specialists in theoretical physics, and to report on the matter at its seventh regular session."

5. South Africa proposed an amendment (GC(VI)/COM.1/76) to replace operative paragraph 2 by the following text:

"2. Further requests the Board, dependent on the results of this study, to prepare plans for the establishment of such a centre for consideration by the General Conference as early as possible."

6. Brazil proposed (GC(VI)/COM.1/77) the replacement of operative paragraph 1 by:

"1. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to study ways and means of establishing within the framework of long-term planning, an international centre for research in theoretical physics under the auspices of the Agency; and"

7. After detailed discussion it was agreed that the sponsors of the draft resolution and the proposers of amendments to it would consult with a view to formulating a text which might find general support. As a result, consideration of the item was adjourned, a revised text was subsequently considered by the Committee (GC(VI)/COM.1/71/Rev.1), and the amendments proposed by the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (GC(VI)/COM.1/75), South Africa (GC(VI)/COM.1/76), and Brazil (GC(VI)/COM.1/77) were withdrawn.

8. The revised draft resolution was approved by 57 votes in favour, none against, with four abstentions.

9. The Committee accordingly recommends to the General Conference the adoption of the following resolution:

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THEORETICAL
PHYSICS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AGENCY

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling its Resolutions GC(IV)/RES/76 and GC(V)/RES/107 relating to the possibility of creating under the Agency auspices an international centre for theoretical physics,
- (b) Having considered the Joint Report by the Board of Governors and the Director General^{1/},
- (c) Noting the considerable success achieved by the Agency's Seminar on Theoretical Physics held at Trieste, Italy, in July and August 1962, and the summer school organized at Lower Tatra, Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, in August and September 1962^{2/},
- (d) Noting further the interest in the establishment of such a centre expressed by leading theoretical physicists,
- (e) Considering that the generous offers made by certain Member States are such as to make possible the establishment of an international centre for theoretical physics without imposing any substantial financial burden on the Agency, and
- (f) Having in mind that such a centre would meet the needs of scientists from a large number of Member States, particularly the developing countries,
1. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to study ways and means of establishing an international centre for research in theoretical physics under the auspices of the Agency; and
 2. Further requests the Board, if the results of this study so warrant, to prepare plans for the establishment of such a centre for inclusion in the Agency's programme as early as possible.

^{1/} GC(VI)/194 and GC(VI)/194/Add.1.

^{2/} GC(VI)/INF/57.

