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\* GC(VII)/247.

The composition of delegations attending the session is given in document GC(VII)/INF/66/Rev.2.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR 1964

1. The PRESIDENT announced that at the meeting that morning of the Committee for Pledges of Voluntary Contributions to the General Fund, contributions for 1964 to a total value equivalent to \$1 046 638 had been pledged. That figure did not include the value of some special contributions which had also been pledged.

OPENING DATE OF THE EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION

2. The PRESIDENT said that the General Committee had considered item 11 - Opening date of the eighth regular session - and had requested him to present the following report to the Conference.

3. The Committee thought that if the usual time-table was to be followed the eighth regular session should start on Tuesday, 22 September 1964. It believed, however, that there might be some advantage in advancing the date so that the session could begin rather sooner after the close of the Third United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, which was planned to end on 9 September. However, as the final arrangements for that Conference would not be made by the United Nations until later in 1963, the Committee considered that it would be premature for the General Conference definitely to relate the opening of its next session to the timing of the Third International Conference.

4. The Committee had accordingly requested him to recommend on its behalf that Tuesday, 22 September 1964 be provisionally set as the opening date of the eighth regular session, but that the Director General be authorized, after consulting the Board of Governors, to advance that date somewhat to bring it closer to the end of the Third International Conference if such a change should, in due course, appear to be in the general interest. The Committee wished to make it clear that its recommendation was subject to the understanding that the Director General would give the Governments of all Member States several months' notice of any such change of date.

5. The recommendation of the General Committee was accepted.

ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES (GC(VII)/233, 234)

6. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the Board's recommendations concerning the Agency's annual reports to the General Assembly of the United Nations for 1962-63 (GC(VII)/233) and to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for 1963-64 (GC(VII)/234). He invited the Conference to consider, first, the draft resolution appearing in the first recommendation.

7. The draft resolution contained in document GC(VII)/233 was adopted.

8. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to consider the draft resolution appearing in the second recommendation.

9. The draft resolution contained in document GC(VII)/234 was adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

10. The PRESIDENT said that since October 1960 the Agency's annual accounts had been audited by the Auditor General of the Federal Republic of Germany. His present appointment as the Agency's External Auditor would end when he had finished his audit of the accounts for 1963. However, the preparatory work for the audit of the 1964 accounts must begin before the General Conference met next year and it was therefore necessary for the Conference at the present session to appoint an External Auditor to audit the accounts for 1964 and subsequent years.

11. In order to ensure continuity, it was the practice in most United Nations organizations to change their External Auditors only when there were special reasons for doing so. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany had indicated that it was prepared to continue to make the services of its Auditor General available to the Agency, and he therefore proposed that the Auditor General of the Federal Republic of Germany be re-appointed to audit the Agency's accounts for the years 1964 to 1966 inclusive.

12. The President's proposal was accepted.

ELECTIONS TO THE AGENCY'S STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE (GC(VII)/251)

13. The PRESIDENT said that in his proposal (GC(VII)/251) the Director General explained that it had been difficult in the past to obtain a quorum of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee, and accordingly proposed that its composition should be increased from six members and three alternates to six members and six alternates.

14. The Director General's proposal was adopted.

15. The PRESIDENT said that consequent upon the adoption of the Director General's proposal the Conference was required to elect two members and two alternates to the Committee. Of the persons elected to the Committee in the past, one member and one alternate could continue to serve. At its present session the Conference would therefore have to elect one member and one alternate. Mr. Bruce of Canada and Mr. Safouat of the United Arab Republic had been proposed for election as member and alternate respectively.

16. Mr. Bruce (Canada) was elected as member and Mr. Safouat (United Arab Republic) was elected as alternate member of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

THE AGENCY'S RELATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (GC(VII)/245, Annex, 252, 253)

17. Mr. LANG (Austria), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on the representation of inter-governmental organizations at the eighth regular session (GC(VII)/252).

18. The draft resolution contained in document GC(VII)/252, paragraph 3, was adopted.

19. Mr. LANG (Austria), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on the proposed agreement for co-operation with the Commission for Technical Co-operation in Africa (GC(VII)/253).

20. The draft resolution contained in document GC(VII)/253, paragraph 3, was adopted.

THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1962 (GC(VII)/231, 256)

21. Mr. LANG (Austria), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on the Agency's accounts for 1962 (GC(VII)/256).

22. The draft resolution contained in document GC(VII)/256, paragraph 3, was adopted.

THE FINANCING OF THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES (GC(VII)/236, 257)

23. Mr. LANG (Austria), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on the financing of the Agency's activities (GC(VII)/257). It would be noted that if the General Conference adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 3 of its report, no action on the Board's recommendation to amend Article XIV.B.1 of the Statute would be taken and the Board would be requested to continue studying the question of financing the Agency's activities and to submit any appropriate proposals to the Conference at its eighth regular session.

24. The draft resolution contained in document GC(VII)/257, paragraph 3, was adopted.

EXTENSION OF THE AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM (GC(VII)/235, 258)

25. Mr. LANG (Austria), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, presented the Committee's report on the extension of the Agency's safeguards system (GC(VII)/258).

26. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution contained in document GC(VII)/258, paragraph 3.

27. There were 57 votes in favour and 4 against, with 6 abstentions. The draft resolution was adopted.

SCALE OF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1964 (GC(VII)/254)

28. Mr. de ARAOZ (Mexico), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, presented the Committee's report on the scale of Members' contributions for 1964.

29. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution contained in document GC(VII)/254, paragraph 2.

30. There were 57 votes in favour and 8 against, with 4 abstentions. The draft resolution was adopted.

THE AGENCY'S PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 1964 (GC(VII)/230, 255)

31. Mr. de ARAOZ (Mexico), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, presented the Committee's first report on the Agency's programme and budget for 1964 (GC(VII)/255).

32. The PRESIDENT, suggesting that the draft resolutions contained in Annexes I to III of the report be taken seriatim, invited the Conference to vote on the draft resolution contained in Annex I: Regular Budget Appropriations for 1964. Under Rule 69(a) of the Rules of Procedure, decisions on financial questions required a two-thirds majority.

33. There were 54 votes in favour and 9 against, with 1 abstention. The draft resolution was adopted.

34. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution contained in Annex II: Operational Budget Allocations for 1964.

35. The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

36. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the draft resolution contained in Annex III: Use of the Working Capital Fund in 1964.

37. The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

The meeting rose at 4.5 p.m.