THE AGENCY'S PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

(b) PROGRAMME FOR 1967-68 AND BUDGET FOR 1967

Third report of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

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1. At its seventy-fourth meeting on 27 September 1966, the Committee concluded its discussion of the Agency's Programme for 1967-68.

2. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Joint draft resolution by Ceylon, Chile, India, Iran, Peru, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Republic (GC(X)/COM.1/l01/Rev.1) on the Review of the Agency's Activities,

(b) Joint draft resolution by Ceylon, India and the United Arab Republic (GC(X)/COM.1/101/Rev.2) on the same subject, and

(c) Draft resolution by the United States of America (GC(X)/COM.1/103) on the Review of the Agency's Long-Term Programme.

3. The Committee, considering the joint draft resolution by Ceylon, India and the United Arab Republic as offering the best solution of the problem under discussion, accepted - with the agreement of the sponsors - an amendment proposed by Australia to delete the words "or establishing a committee including representatives from the developing countries" at the end of operative paragraph 2 of the resolution set out in document GC(X)/COM.1/101/Rev.2. The other two proposals having been withdrawn, the Committee unanimously accepted that resolution as amended.

4. The Committee accordingly recommends the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution in the Annex to the present report.

1/ Document GC(X)/332.

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ANNEX

REVIEW OF THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES

The General Conference,

(a) Having examined the report of the Board of Governors for the year 1965-66,

(b) Realizing the significance of the Director General's opening address regarding the review of the role and activities of the Agency over the last decade, and also of similar other views expressed by Member States during the Conference,

(c) Noting with satisfaction that the Agency's projected range of activities in advanced fields of scientific work is of direct interest to Member States and gives due emphasis to the needs of the developing countries,

(d) Conscious of the importance of and the need for a systematic and objective review of the Agency's activities and programmes during the first decade of its existence,

(e) Considering that an intensified review at this stage of the Agency's existence and of its role in furthering the peaceful uses of atomic energy would be of great interest to Member States in order to devise ways and means of giving further impetus to the vital part that it has to play in the years to come,

(f) Mindful of the need to review the Agency's Long-Term Programme to take into account significant technical developments that have occurred since the current long-term plan was formulated,

(g) Bearing in mind the fact that the present position of the Agency, in relation to the demands made on it, particularly by the developing countries, should correspond to the realities and the requirements of a changing situation, and
(h) Desirous that the Agency, responding to the unanimous wishes of
the developing countries to widen its range of contribution and
strengthening the bonds of cooperation between the developed and
developing countries in the peaceful uses of atomic energy, should
endeavour to increase its role in the economic and technological
advancement of the developing countries in the quickest and most practical
manner possible,

1. Requests the Board, in consultation with the Director General, to review
the activities of the Agency in order to find ways and means to increase its
assistance to developing countries;

2. Suggests that the Board of Governors pay particular attention in this
review to the needs and views of the developing countries; in this regard the
Board of Governors may wish to consider inviting, according to its procedures,
representatives of developing countries to take part in the discussions;

3. Invites the Board to undertake promptly a systematic and objective review
of the Agency's future activities;

4. Requests the Director General to address a circular letter to all Member
States inviting their recommendations and viewpoints concerning the task of
the Board mentioned above, and to prepare a working paper for the Board;

5. Requests the Director General to place at the disposal of the Board all
information, facilities and staff necessary for the implementation of this
resolution; and

6. Requests the Board of Governors to submit to the General Conference at its
eleventh regular session the observations and recommendations resulting from
this review.

1/ Document GC(X)/330.
2/ Summarized in document GC(X)/OR.101.
3/ INFCIRC/50.