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President: Mr. NABAVI (Iran)
later: Mr. NEUMANN (Czechoslovak Socialist Republic)

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* GC(XI)/368.

ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES [GC(XI)/357, 358]

1. The PRESIDENT draw attention to the draft resolution submitted by the Board of Governors in document GC(XI)/357 relating to the Agency's report to the General Assembly of the United Nations for 1966-67. As it was couched in the

same terms as similar resolutions adopted by the Conference in the past, he suggested that it be adopted.

2. *The draft resolution was adopted.*

3. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to consider the draft resolution submitted by the Board

in document GC(XI)/358 concerning the Agency's report to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for 1967-68.

4. *The draft resolution was adopted.*

APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

5. The PRESIDENT observed that it was necessary for the Conference to appoint an External Auditor to audit the Agency's accounts for 1968 and subsequent years. With regard to the duration of the appointment, the Conference should bear in mind that the General Assembly would, in the near future, be looking into the whole question of the auditing of the accounts of the organizations in the United Nations family, and accordingly some changes might be introduced into the general arrangements for auditing. It would therefore seem appropriate for the Conference to make an appointment in respect of the next two years, namely 1968 and 1969.

6. Having regard to Regulation 12.01 of the Agency's Financial Regulations and the practice followed so far, he proposed, in the light of the consultations he had had, that the Conference should appoint the Auditor General of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to serve as External Auditor in auditing the Agency's accounts for the years 1968 and 1969.

7. *The President's proposal was accepted.*

8. The PRESIDENT expressed gratitude, on behalf of the Conference, to the various Presidents of the Court of Accounts of the Federal Republic of Germany who had audited the Agency's accounts since 1959. Much of the credit for the smoothness with which the examination of the accounts by the Board of Governors and the Conference had proceeded during that period was due to them and their staff.

9. Mr. SMYTH (United States of America) said he also wished to thank the outgoing External Auditor and his staff, whose services had so kindly been made available by the Federal Republic of Germany, for the competence and dedication with which they had performed their duties. The principle of rotation in important posts was also applied to that of the External Auditor, and that was the sole reason why the Conference had called on the services of the Auditor General of another Member State. There was every reason to expect that the new External Auditor would carry out his work as competently as his predecessors.

10. Mr. DUMONT (France) said his delegation and, he was sure, the delegations of all Member States were grateful to the successive External Auditors from the Federal Republic of Germany and

their staff for the equitable manner in which they had performed their duties.

11. Mr. WEARING (United Kingdom) joined in the expressions of gratitude that had been voiced and wished the new External Auditor every success.

ELECTIONS TO THE AGENCY'S STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

12. The PRESIDENT recalled that the Agency's Staff Pension Committee included two members and two alternates elected by the Conference. One of the members and one of the alternates had recently left Vienna. The Conference was thus called upon to elect replacements for them. Mr. Bohumil Vachata (Czechoslovakia) had been nominated as the member and Mr. Richard Butler (Australia) as the alternate.

14. *Mr. Vachata (Czechoslovakia) and Mr. Butler (Australia) were elected a member and an alternate respectively of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.*

Mr. Neumann (Czechoslovakia) took the Chair.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR 1968 [GC(XI)/364/Rev.3]

14. The PRESIDENT said that by 12 noon on 29 September the Director General had received pledges of voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1968 from 52 Member States to a total equivalent of \$1 322 838. Since then pledges had been made by Ghana (\$1400), Iran (\$2000) and Portugal (\$3600). Those three pledges, together with the increase in the United States pledge which automatically resulted from them [GC(XI)/364/Rev.3, footnote c) to the table], would bring the total pledged up to \$1 333 608.

15. He pointed out that the total pledged was far short of the proposed target of \$2 million [1]

THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1966 [GC(XI)/370]

16. Mr. HOSSAIN (Pakistan), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, introduced the Committee's report on the Agency's accounts for 1966 [GC(XI)/370].

17. *The draft resolution contained in document GC(XI)/370 was adopted.*

[1] GC(XI)/360, para. 5.

THE AGENCY'S RELATIONS WITH INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
[GC(XI)/371]

18. Mr. HOSSAIN (Pakistan), Rapporteur of the Administrative and Legal Committee, introduced the Committee's report on the Agency's relations with intergovernmental organizations [GC(XI)/371].

19. *The draft resolution contained in document GC(XI)/371 was adopted.*

THE AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1968
[GC(XI)/372]

20. Mr. MALU (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, introduced the Committee's report on the Agency's budget for 1968 [GC(XI)/372].

21. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation was opposed to the Regular Budget for 1968 because it provided for a much higher expenditure than the budget for the current year. In the Committee the Soviet Union had been one of seven Member States which had objected to that budget, and four other Member States had abstained from voting on it.

22. *The draft resolution contained in Annex I to document GC(XI)/372 (Regular Budget appropriations for 1968) was adopted.*

23. *The draft resolution contained in Annex II to document GC(XI)/372 (Operational Budget allocations for 1968) was adopted.*

24. *The draft resolution contained in Annex III to document GC(XI)/372 (Use of the Working Capital Fund in 1968) was adopted.*

SCALE OF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1968 [GC(XI)/373]

25. Mr. MALU (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, introduced the Committee's report on the scale of Members' contributions for

1968 [GC(XI)/373]. At the end of the report was a draft resolution which the Committee recommended for adoption.

26. *The draft resolution contained in document GC(XI)/373 was adopted.*

REVIEW OF THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES
[GC(XI)/374]

27. Mr. MALU (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, introduced the Committee's report on the review of the Agency's activities [GC(XI)/374]. At the end of the report was a draft resolution which the Committee recommended for adoption.

28. *The draft resolution contained in document GC(XI)/374 was adopted.*

CLOSING OF THE SESSION

29. The PRESIDENT said that, in closing the session, he would like to say a few words on the work being done in Geneva by the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament. Its work had been mentioned by a number of delegates and the Director General had pointed out that the Agency was very interested in the negotiations in progress because of the task it would be called upon to perform with regard to safeguards arrangements if a treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons were concluded. Such a task would be quite in keeping with the Agency's objectives. Accordingly, he was sure the Conference would wish him to express the Agency's willingness to undertake that task and to make such preparations as might be necessary to enable it to discharge the wider responsibilities which might devolve upon it.

30. In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure, he invited delegates to observe one minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

All present rose and stood in silence for one minute.

31. The PRESIDENT then declared the eleventh regular session of the General Conference closed.

The meeting rose at 4.5 p.m.

ANNEX

TRIBUTES TO THE PRESIDENT

On the occasion of a meeting of the Board of Governors that was held on the day following the proceedings which are summarized in this record, a number of speakers took the opportunity to pay tribute to the President's work during the session. Their remarks are summarized below.

I. Sir Philip BAXTER (Australia) said that at the conclusion of the General Conference's session many delegations, including his own, had wished to thank the President for his excellent conduct of the debates, but had been unable to do so. He therefore requested the indulgence of Governors for the unusual step of asking them to join in thanking the President now; he could remember no session of the General Conference which had proceeded more smoothly. To his previous knowledge of Mr. Neumann as a distinguished scientist had now been added the recognition that he was also a firm and tactful President.

II. Mr. SMYTH (United States of America) suggested that it was in fact the President's very efficiency which had made it impossible to thank him at the closing of the session, and he therefore welcomed the opportunity to endorse wholeheartedly the laudatory comments made by the Governor from Australia.

III. Mr. MOROKHOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) also welcomed the opportunity to thank the President. His delegation was pleased that its judgement in proposing Mr. Neumann as President had been fully confirmed by his brilliant direction of the work of the Conference.

IV. Mr. WEARING (United Kingdom) said he hoped that the Agency would always be so fortunate as to have such an unfailingly expert, impartial and benevolent President for its General Conference.

V. Mr. RAJWADE (India) remarked that if there had been a flaw in the President's conduct of the meetings, it had been his haste to close the session

before the thanks due to him had been expressed.

VI. Mr. FAROLAN (Philippines) associated himself fully with the tributes which had been paid, and wished in addition to express the feelings of delegates from his region of the world that no session had been more smoothly and impartially conducted.

VII. MR. REZZONICO (Argentina) and Mr. KAULZA de ARRIAGA (Portugal) unreservedly joined in the congratulations to the President expressed by other Governors for his excellent handling of the session.

VIII. Mr. PHILIP (South Africa) said that while the present procedure for congratulating the President might appear somewhat unorthodox, his delegation felt that it was nonetheless entirely proper, and fully associated itself with all the compliments which had been paid.

IX. Mr. IVANCHEV (Bulgaria) and Mr. RAZAFINDRATANDRA (Madagascar) added their congratulations.

X. Mr. NEUMANN (Czechoslovakia) thanked the Governors for their compliments. His perhaps somewhat hasty closing of the session had meant that he, too, had been unable to express his very sincere thanks to all delegates for the frank and reasoned nature of their statements, which had illustrated how important it was to preserve a spirit of co-operation and mutual understanding. He also expressed his thanks to the Director General for his sound and illuminating reports, and to the Secretariat of the Conference for their invaluable assistance.