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President: Mr. SANDOVAL VALLARTA (Mexico)

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\* GC(XII)/390.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD  
OF GOVERNORS (GC(XII)/391/Rev.1)

1. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the report of the General Committee on election of Members to the Board of Governors (GC(XII)/391/Rev.1), in paragraph 1 of which the Committee notified the Conference that five Members had to be elected to the Board during the session. The Committee specified the geographical areas in respect of which elections were required, and invited attention to the fact that the elections had to be conducted with due regard to equitable representation on the Board as a whole of the Members in the geographical areas specified in Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure. Rule 79 of the Rules of Procedure provided that elections would be by secret ballot and that there could be no nominations.

2. *At the invitation of the President a member of the Austrian delegation and a member of the Thai delegation acted as tellers.*

3. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to elect two Members from the area of Latin America.

4. *A vote was taken by secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:*

<i>Members to be elected:</i>	2
<i>Ballot papers returned:</i>	115
<i>Invalid votes:</i>	1
<i>Abstentions:</i>	6
<i>Valid votes:</i>	108
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Votes obtained:</i>	
Venezuela	54
Argentina	53
Uruguay	1

5. *Having obtained the required majority, Venezuela and Argentina were elected Members of the Board.*

6. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to elect a Member from the area of Africa and the Middle East.

7. *A vote was taken by secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:*

<i>Ballot papers returned:</i>	66
<i>Invalid votes:</i>	0

*Abstentions:* 2

*Valid votes:* 64

*Required majority:* 33

*Votes obtained:*

Iran 60

United Arab Republic 3

Tunisia 1

8. *Having obtained the required majority, Iran was elected a Member of the Board.*

9. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to elect a Member from the area of South East Asia and the Pacific.

10. *A vote was taken by secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:*

*Ballot papers returned:* 67

*Invalid votes:* 1

*Abstentions:* 4

*Valid votes:* 62

*Required majority:* 32

*Votes obtained:*

Singapore 62

11. *Having obtained the required majority, Singapore was elected a Member of the Board.*

12. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to fill the remaining vacant seat on the Board.

13. *A vote was taken by secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:*

*Ballot papers returned:* 66

*Invalid votes:* 0

*Abstentions:* 1

*Valid votes:* 65

*Required majority:* 33

*Votes obtained:*

Italy 64

Yugoslavia 1

14. *Having obtained the required majority, Italy was elected a Member of the Board.*

15. The PRESIDENT pointed out that, under Article VI.D of the Statute, the Members just elected to the Board would hold office from the end of the twelfth regular session of the General Conference until the end of the fourteenth regular session. He congratulated Argentina, Iran, Italy, Singapore and Venezuela on their election, and thanked the tellers for their work.

GENERAL DEBATE AND REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR 1967-68 (continued<sup>1</sup>), to permit discussion of document GC(XII)/397)

16. Mr. SALVETTI (Italy) presented the six-Power draft resolution on a review of Article VI of the Statute, of which his delegation was one of the sponsors (GC(XII)/397). In view of the great advances in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy that had taken place in several countries since the establishment of the Agency, and in view also of the considerably increased membership of the Agency since 1957, the question arose whether the composition of the Board of Governors fully reflected the present situation in the Agency and whether the Agency would be capable of discharging the new responsibilities which would devolve upon it in the coming years.

17. Mr. SERRANO (Chile) said that the object of the draft resolution, of which his country was also a co-sponsor, was to prepare the way for an amendment to Article VI of the Agency's Statute, relating to the composition of the Board.

18. His delegation thought it essential that the composition of the Board should reflect the quantitative and qualitative changes that had taken place since 1956 and 1962, the years in which the provisions of the present Article VI had been adopted. Having regard to the principle of proportional representation, the increased membership of the Agency called for the participation of a greater number of States in the work of the Board. Moreover, in addition to the increased number of Member States, the activities of those States in connection with the peaceful uses of atomic energy were continuously developing.

19. In order to facilitate the indispensable exchange of ideas, it would perhaps be useful to set up working groups in which States not represented on the Board could participate.

20. Mr. ROUX (South Africa) stated that in the present stage of development of nuclear energy, and having due regard to the implications which the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons would have for the Agency, his Government was not opposed to an inquiry as to whether the present composition of the Board was satisfactory. However, his delegation would not support any draft resolution which would prejudice the issue. He thought it would be inadvisable for the Conference to instruct the Board as to how it should set about its deliberations or to restrict those deliberations in any way. If the draft resolution were to be amended in the light of what he had said, his delegation could support it, but in its present form it could not do so.

21. Mr. OTERO NAVASCUES (Spain) said that his delegation was in favour of the six-Power draft resolution.

22. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had not been able to study the matter in full and could not therefore adopt a final position regarding the draft resolution. It would inform the Board of its opinion if the question were referred to the Board. However, if the draft resolution was to be put to the vote, his delegation would have to abstain.

23. His Government was opposed to any change in the Statute intended to terminate the political compromise on which the composition of the Board was based and which thus far had been an indispensable element in the functioning of that body.

24. The PRESIDENT noted that three delegations had spoken in favour of the draft resolution and one against it, and that another delegation had announced its intention of abstaining, if the draft resolution were put to the vote. He would have been grateful if other delegations had made known their opinion, but since no further statements were forthcoming, he assumed that the Conference wished to adopt the draft resolution.

25. *The draft resolution in document GC(XII)/397 was adopted.*

THE AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1969 AND PROGRAMME FOR 1969-74 (GC(XII)/395, 396, 399).

26. Mr. HAAS (Netherlands), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, introduced the Committee's three reports on the Agency's budget for 1969 and programme for 1969-74 (GC(XII)/395, 396 and 399).

1) See document GC(XII)/OR.125, paras 1-34.

27. *The draft resolution in Annex I to document GC(XII)/395 (Regular Budget appropriations for 1969) was adopted.*

28. *The draft resolution in Annex II to document GC(XII)/395 (Operational Budget allocations for 1969) was adopted.*

29. *The draft resolution in Annex III to document GC(XII)/395 (Use of the Working Capital Fund in 1969) was adopted.*

30. *The recommendation in paragraph 9 of document GC(XII)/396, relating to a draft resolution on the financing of nuclear projects, was accepted.*

31. *The draft resolution annexed to document GC(XII)/399 (The Agency's responsibility to provide services in connection with the peaceful use of nuclear explosives) was adopted.*

#### SCALE OF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1969 (GC(XII)/394)

32. Mr. HAAS (Netherlands), Rapporteur of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee, introduced the Committee's report on the scale of Members' contributions for 1969 (GC(XII)/394). The Committee recommended the Conference to adopt the draft resolution at the end of the report.

33. *The draft resolution in document GC(XII)/394 was adopted.*

#### CLOSING OF THE SESSION

34. Sir Philip BAXTER (Australia) said he took pleasure in conveying to the President the gratitude of the delegations of countries in the area of South East Asia and the Pacific for the outstanding way in which he (the President) had conducted the work of the session. A distinguished scientist, Mr. Sandoval Vallarta had also shown himself to be a skilful diplomat and had given evidence of both firmness and tolerance, that had enabled the Conference to perform work of particular importance.

35. Mr. TRIVEDI (India) unreservedly endorsed what had been said by the delegate from Australia and wanted to thank the President, on behalf of the countries of the area of South Asia, for the authoritative, competent and courteous way he had conducted the discussions during a session which was of particular importance for the Agency's future.

36. Mr. DUCCI (Italy), speaking on behalf of the countries of Western Europe, praised the President's outstanding qualities, which had enabled

the Conference to conclude its work successfully and to carry out its duties in highly favourable circumstances.

37. Mr. IVANCHEV (Bulgaria) welcomed the opportunity to thank the President, on behalf of the delegations of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, for directing the work of the session with wisdom as well as with competence and efficiency. He also thanked the Director General and the Secretariat for the care with which they had prepared the work of the Conference.

38. Mr. da COSTA RIBEIRO (Brazil), speaking on behalf of the whole of America, joined wholeheartedly in the tributes paid to the President for the brilliant way he had accomplished his task, and stressed that it was largely due to the President's efforts that the Conference had been so fruitful. He also thanked the chairmen of the committees and the Secretariat for their valuable co-operation, which had contributed to the success of the session.

39. Mr. TORKI (Tunisia), speaking on behalf of the delegations of Members from Africa and the Middle East, praised the remarkable way in which the President had carried out his duties. He also thanked the Director General, whose dynamic activity had enabled the Agency to play an increasingly important role in international life. He noted with satisfaction that the number of African States in the Agency was increasing and welcomed the co-operation agreement between the Organization of African Unity and the Agency which the Conference had approved that morning<sup>2)</sup>.

40. The PRESIDENT said he was touched by the words of praise which had been addressed to him, but wanted to stress that the Conference had been able to carry out its work successfully and within the specified time only because of the goodwill, understanding and spirit of collaboration shown by all the delegations throughout a particularly fruitful session.

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

*All present rose and stood in silence for one minute.*

42. The PRESIDENT then declared the twelfth regular session of the General Conference closed.

*The meeting rose at 5 p.m.*

2) See document GC(XII)/OR.125, para.48.