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RECORD OF THE NINETEENTH MEETING

Held at the Neue Hofburg, Vienna, on Tuesday, 21 September 1971, at 5.10 p. m.

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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING*

Chairman

Mr. OTERO NAVASCUES (Spain), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr. TIMBS (Australia), Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. BEATTIE, representing Mr. BERLIS (Canada), Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. UNGERER, representing Mr. HAUNSCHILD (Federal Republic of Germany),
Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. FUJIYAMA (Japan), Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. OLUMIDE (Nigeria), Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. ARKADIEV, representing Mr. MOROKHOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics),
Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. GLENNAN, representing Mr. SEABORG (United States of America),
Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. FRANGELLA (Uruguay), Vice-President of the General Conference
Ide ANAK AGUNG Gde AGUNG (Indonesia), Chairman of the Administrative and
Legal Committee
Mr. IVANCHEV (Bulgaria), Chairman of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee
Mr. GOLDSCHMIDT (France), Additional Member
Mr. STRAUB (Hungary), Additional Member
Mr. SARABHAI (India), Additional Member
Mr. MURAD, representing Mr. USMANI (Pakistan), Additional Member

Also present

Mr. TRIVEDI (India), Chairman of the Board of Governors
Mr. ALBA ANDRADE (Mexico)

Secretariat

Mr. EKLUND, Director General
Mr. BOLTON, Secretary of the Committee

* The structure of the General Committee is laid down in Rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure. The composition of the Committee at the fifteenth regular session will be found in document GC(XV)/INF/133/Rev. 2.

THE RECORD

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING (GC(XV)/GEN/40)

- 1. The agenda proposed for the meeting (GC(XV)/GEN/40) was adopted.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION (GC(XV)/454, 454/Mod.1)

2. The CHAIRMAN, referring to the provisional agenda for the session in document GC(XV)/454, drew attention to the fact that there was no application for membership of the Agency before the General Conference (item 6). However, the possibility remained that an application might be submitted and that the Board of Governors might make a recommendation on it before the session ended. Should that contingency arise, he believed the simplest way of dealing with it would be for the President to inform the Conference of it and subsequently take the necessary steps to have the application considered.

3. He accordingly suggested that the Committee recommend the Conference to adopt an agenda for the session comprising all the items listed in the provisional agenda with the exception of item 6.

- 4. It was so decided.

5. The CHAIRMAN recalled that in the past the Committee had left it to the President of the Conference to decide, in consultation with the Secretariat as the session proceeded, the best order in which to take agenda items so as to meet the wishes of as many delegates as possible. It seemed advisable for the Committee again to give the President a similar degree of latitude. He would suggest at that stage, however, that item 3(b) - Report of the Credentials Committee - be taken after the conclusion of the general debate and before the Conference went on to adopt resolutions and take other decisions.

- 6. The Committee decided to recommend the Conference to approve the allocation of agenda items for initial discussion suggested in document GC(XV)/454.

- 7. The Committee authorized the Chairman to draw up its report to the Conference.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (GC(XV)/GEN/39)

8. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the Director General's memorandum on the election of Members to the Board of Governors (GC(XV)/GEN/39). The Annex to that document contained the draft of a report which the Committee could make to the Conference.

- 9. The draft report was approved.

CLOSING DATE OF THE SESSION

10. The CHAIRMAN reminded the Committee that, under Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, it was required to submit a recommendation to the Conference on a closing date for the session.

11. It was reasonable to assume from the agenda which the Committee had decided to recommend to the Conference that most of the time would be spent on item 9 - General debate and report of the Board of Governors for 1970-1971 - and it seemed unlikely that that item would be disposed of before the last day of the week. The further time needed for the other items would therefore require the session to continue until 27 or 28 September, and it could only end on the former date if the two Main Committees were able to complete their work by the end of the week. He accordingly suggested that the Committee authorize him, once the general debate was well advanced, when it would be easier to gauge the amount of time needed to conclude it, to recommend orally on its behalf to the Conference that the appropriate day at the beginning of the following week be fixed as the closing date for the session.

- 12. It was so agreed.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SIXTEENTH (1972) REGULAR SESSION (GC(XV)/453)

13. The CHAIRMAN recalled that it was customary for the Committee simply to recommend to the Conference an opening date for the following regular session, since, according to Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure, the Conference normally met in Vienna. However, as would be seen from document GC(XV)/453, the Mexican Government had invited the Conference to meet next year in Mexico City and had expressed its readiness to provide all the necessary facilities. It was also willing to bear the additional expenses that would be incurred as a result of holding the session away from Headquarters. All participants and members of the Secretariat would be accorded the same facilities they enjoyed during meetings at Headquarters.

14. He therefore suggested that the Committee should first formulate a recommendation on the venue of the following session of the Conference. However, he felt that it would be in keeping with the spirit of Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure if, before asking the Committee to proceed, he were to invite the delegate of Mexico to take part in its deliberations.

- 15. It was so agreed.

Mr. Alba Andrade (Mexico) joined in the Committee's deliberations.

16. Mr. GOLDSCHMIDT (France), expressing his appreciation for the generous offer of the Mexican Government, recalled with pleasure that as long ago as 1946, during the first negotiations on international control of atomic

energy, Mexico had been represented by Mr. Sandoval Vallarta. Mexico, a country with an ancient culture, was keenly aware of the important role which the applications of nuclear energy could play in its future progress and prosperity.

17. Mr. UNGERER (Federal Republic of Germany) said his delegation was very much in favour of accepting the invitation to hold the next session of the General Conference in Mexico City and thanked the Mexican Government for its offer.

18. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) welcomed the idea of holding the following session of the Conference in Mexico City under the terms stated in the letter of invitation from the Mexican Government. He was all the more in favour of the offer because Member States would be meeting in a country which belonged to the first denuclearized zone in the world, and which was showing a particularly keen interest in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

19. Mr. BEATTIE (Canada), Mr. SARABHAI (India), Mr. WAHEED (Pakistan), Mr. STRAUB (Hungary), Mr. ISHII (Japan), Mr. GLENNAN (United States of America), Mr. TIMBS (Australia), Mr. FRANGELLA (Uruguay) and Mr. OLUMIDE (Nigeria) warmly supported the views of the representatives of France, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Soviet Union and expressed their gratitude to the Mexican Government.

● 20. The Committee decided to recommend acceptance of the Mexican invitation.

21. The CHAIRMAN then asked the Committee to consider its recommendation for the opening date of the following regular session. The Conference usually met on a Tuesday in the second half of September, the Board of Governors meeting at the end of the week preceding the opening of the session. Thus, next year's session could open either on Tuesday, 19 September or on Tuesday Tuesday, 26 September. He suggested that the latter date would be preferable, since Mexican Independence Day fell on Saturday, 16 September.

● 22. It was so agreed.

23. The CHAIRMAN accordingly suggested that he should orally recommend the Conference in the Committee's name to accept the invitation of the Mexican Government to hold its sixteenth regular session in Mexico City, beginning on Tuesday 26 September 1972; to request the Director General to inform the Mexican authorities accordingly and to make all the necessary arrangements with them; and to ask the Director General to convey its thanks to the Mexican Government.

● 24. It was so decided.

25. Mr. ALBA ANDRADE (Mexico) said he was moved by the kind words that had been spoken about his country. His Government would do its best in every respect to ensure the success of the following regular session of the Conference, which would, moreover, give a fresh impetus to the development of nuclear energy in Mexico.

● The meeting rose at 5.55 p.m.