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Held at the Neue Hofburg, Vienna, on Thursday, 29 September 1977, at 10.30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. RÖHNSCH (German Democratic Republic)

Item of the agenda**	Subject	Paragraphs
11	Amendment of Article VI. A. 2 of the Statute (continued)	1 - 10

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AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI, A, 2 OF THE STATUTE (continued) GC(XXI)/584, 584/Add.1-4; GC(XXI)/COM. 5/5 and 6)

1. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that India, Iran and Sri Lanka had joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution in Annex II of document GC(XXI)/584. Consultations were being held with a view to having a new text, proposed by Yugoslavia, issued.

2. Mr. THOMAS (German Democratic Republic) stressed the very great importance of the question of distribution of seats in the Board. The matter had already been raised a number of times without any consensus being reached. Many delegations took the view that a premature decision should be avoided. His country shared that view; moreover, it was opposed to deletion of the provision under which re-election of an outgoing Member was prohibited, for that prohibition guaranteed the broadest possible participation in the Board.

3. Mr. SLATER (United Kingdom) recalled that his Government's views on the matter had already been stated in the Board. That stand remained unchanged and his Government could not accept the proposed amendment. It would, however, study with interest the draft to be submitted by Yugoslavia.

4. Mr. RODRIGUEZ CRUZ (Cuba), speaking on behalf of the Latin American Group, said that the Latin American countries had all studied the analyses of and the opinions expressed on the situation. They were in favour of the proposal submitted by the "Africa" and "Middle East and South Asia" areas, but would press for a thorough analysis of all the factors involved in order to forestall claims that might subsequently be made by other areas. The following draft resolution was being submitted by Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela:

"The General Conference,

(a) Having considered the proposed amendment to Article VI, A, 2 of the Statute contained in document GC(XXI)/584,

(b) In the light of the discussions on the subject held in the Board of Governors and during the twenty-first regular session of the General Conference,

(c) Recognizing the advisability of conducting a study on the equitable geographical distribution of Member States in the Board of Governors,

(d) Convinced of the need to maintain the efficacy and increase the effectiveness of the Board of Governors,

"1. Requests the Director General to carry out a study of the composition of the Board of Governors and to submit it to the Board for consideration at its series of meetings in February 1978;

"2. Requests the Board of Governors to devote the closest attention to this matter and to submit its report together with its comments to the twenty-second regular session of the General Conference; and

"3. Decides to include in the agenda for the twenty-second regular session of the General Conference an item entitled 'Amendment of Article VI, A, 2 of the Statute'."

5. The CHAIRMAN pointed to the need in regard to the above proposal for observance of Rule 63 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, laying down that proposals and amendments should normally be introduced in writing and handed to the Director General and that the Director General should circulate copies to all delegations.

6. Mr. THOMAS (German Democratic Republic) asked the Legal Adviser whether the adoption of the proposed resolution would prejudice acceptance of an amendment to the Statute.

7. Mr. SIAZON (Philippines) was of the opinion that the proposal for a study was extremely important, in that it emanated from all the countries of Latin America. His delegation was awaiting the Yugoslav proposal with interest. It would perhaps be useful to give the delegates of Cuba and Yugoslavia time to consult together and perhaps to combine their two proposals into a single one.

8. Mr. MALU wa KALENGA (Zaire), referring to the proposal introduced by Cuba, took exception to the provision that the study of the matter should be reported on at the twenty-second regular session of the General Conference. The intention of the sponsors of the proposal was sufficiently clear. Furthermore, the Board had already considered the matter exhaustively and had had the opportunity of hearing the views of Latin American Governments, since those Governments were widely represented in the Board. There was therefore no need to request the Director General to take up again a study that had already been made.

9. Mr. RODRIGUEZ CRUZ (Cuba) stated that the Latin American countries had been unanimous in accepting that proposal. Moreover, they had considered the Yugoslav proposal and would like to hold an exchange of views with the Yugoslav delegation.

10. Mr. OSREDKAR (Yugoslavia), after stressing that the matter had already been considered many times, stated that Yugoslavia was submitting the following draft resolution:

"The General Conference,

(a) Having considered the proposal for amendment of Article VI. A. 2 of the Statute contained in document GC(XXI)/584 relating to the under-representation of the areas of Africa and of the Middle East and South Asia on the Board of Governors,

(b) Taking into account the discussions held during the twenty-first regular session of the General Conference on the representation of Africa and of the Middle East and South Asia on the Board of Governors,

(c) Desirous of seeing this matter given a thorough and full consideration, and

(d) Bearing in mind the need to preserve and increase the effectiveness of the Board of Governors,

"1. Requests the Board of Governors to give further consideration to the matter and submit a report on the representation of these two areas on the Board of Governors to the twenty-second regular session of the General Conference; and

"2. Decides to inscribe on the agenda for the twenty-second regular session of the General Conference an item entitled 'Amendment to Article VI. A. 2 of the Statute'."

● The meeting rose at 11 a.m.

