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Chairman: Mr. GUYER (Argentina)

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK (resumed)

- 1. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u>, recalling that, at the request of the General Conference, the Committee had already begun its work the previous day, drew the Committee's attention to the agenda items referred to it by the General Conference for initial discussion (GC(XXXI)/COM.5/54). He pointed out that the items listed in the provisional agenda had been renumbered as a result of the inclusion in the Conference's agenda of an item relating to Israel.
- 2. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to proceed by taking up items on which it had not yet touched or on which its deliberations had not been completed.

3. It was so decided.

THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1986 (GC(XXXI)/801)

- 4. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend that the General Conference adopt the draft resolution submitted by the Board of Governors and set out on page III of document GC(XXXI)/801.
- 5. It was so decided.

STAFFING OF THE AGENCY'S SECRETARIAT (GC(XXXI)/COM.5/51) (resumed)

The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> said that an agreement had been reached on the amendments to be made to the draft resolution in document GC(XXXI)/COM.5/51. First, paragraph (e) of the preamble would read as follows: "Convinced also that the implementation of this resolution would not affect the due representation of any particular area, ...". Secondly, paragraph 2 of the operative part would be worded as follows: "Requests the Director General in keeping with the Statute to take further steps to increase adequately, particularly at the senior and policy-making levels, the number of staff drawn from developing countries, especially those not represented in the Secretariat, taking due account of the need for equitable geographical distribution; ..."

- 7. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> said that if there were no objections he would assume the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution in document GC(XXXI)/COM.5/51, with the amendments he had indicated.
- 8. It was so decided.

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI.A.2 OF THE STATUTE (GC(XXXI)/COM.5/53) (resumed)

- 9. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> invited the Cuban delegation to report to the Committee on the consultations which had taken place on Article VI of the Statute.
- Mr. MORALES PEDRAZA (Cuba) said that the intensive consultations which had taken place among all interested parties had resulted in a compromise solution which would permit the Committee to progress with its work. It had been agreed that discussion of item 16 should be closed and that the draft resolution contained in document GC(XXXI)/COM.5/53 should be adopted by consensus; in parallel, under item 17, the draft resolution set out in document GC(XXXI)/COM.5/58 should be adopted without discussion and by consensus, on the understanding that delegations might have differing points of view on the matter and that the proposal for changing the composition of the Board submitted by the Italian delegation in connection with the question of revising Article VI of the Statute as a whole would remain on the table.
- 11. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished by consensus to recommend that the General Conference adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(XXXI)/COM.5/53.
- 12. <u>It was so decided</u>.

REVISION OF ARTICLE VI OF THE STATUTE AS A WHOLE (GC(XXXI)/COM.5/58)

- 13. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution set out in document GC(XXXI)/COM.5/58.
- 14. <u>It was so decided</u>.

The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.