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Chairman: Mr. WILSON (Australia)

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[*] GC(XXXV)/982.

The composition of delegations attending the session is given in document GC(XXXV)/INF/301/Rev.2.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The CHAIRMAN, after thanking the General Conference for the confidence it had placed in him by electing him as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, suggested that the Committee begin with the election of Vice-Chairmen. Following consultations, Mr. Kostenko (Ukraine) had been suggested for one of the posts, and consultations were continuing on the second post, which was to be filled by a representative of one of the countries in the Group of 77. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to elect Mr. Kostenko as Vice-Chairman.

2. It was so decided.

3. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to document GC(XXXV)/COM.5/96, which listed the agenda items referred to the Committee by the General Conference, and proposed that, as far as possible, the Committee take the items in the order in which they appeared in that document.

4. It was so decided.

5. The CHAIRMAN proposed that, in line with established practice, he report orally to the Conference at a plenary meeting on the Committee's deliberations, which would also be the subject of detailed summary records.

6. It was so decided.

THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1990 (GC(XXXV)/954)

7. The CHAIRMAN said that the Agency's accounts for 1990, which had been considered by the Board of Governors in June, were reproduced in document GC(XXXV)/954, page III of which contained a draft resolution submitted by the Board for consideration by the General Conference. As it seemed that no delegation wished to speak on that item, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution on page III of document GC(XXXV)/954.

8. It was so decided.

MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN MATTERS RELATING TO
NUCLEAR SAFETY AND RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION

- (a) IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS GC(XXXIV)/RES/529 AND GC(XXXIII)/RES/508
(GC(XXXV)/961, GC(XXXV)/962, GC(XXXV)/963, GC(XXXV)/971,
GC(XXXV)/INF/295)
- (b) RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE SAFETY OF
NUCLEAR POWER: STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE (GC(XXXV)/970)

9. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to begin its consideration of item 12 by taking the first two sub-items together. Under sub-item 12(a), which was entitled "Implementation of resolutions GC(XXXIV)/RES/529 and GC(XXXIII)/RES/508", the Committee had before it five documents:

- (i) Document GC(XXXV)/961, containing a report by the Board of Governors and the Director General pursuant to a request made by the Conference the previous year in resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/529. The subject of the report was the use made by Member States of the Agency's services for advancing operational safety;
- (ii) A report on the International Chernobyl Project, contained in document GC(XXXV)/962, which the Agency had co-ordinated and in which the radiological consequences in the Soviet Union of the Chernobyl accident had been evaluated;
- (iii) Document GC(XXXV)/963, which contained a report by the Board and the Director General on the implementation of the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency;
- (iv) A report (document GC(XXXV)/971) on an extrabudgetary project concerning the safety of WWER-440/230 nuclear power plants;
- (v) Lastly, a progress report (document GC(XXXV)/INF/295) on the revision of the Basic Safety Standards for Radiation Protection.

10. With regard to sub-item 12(b), entitled "Recommendations of the International Conference on the Safety of Nuclear Power: Strategy for the Future", he recalled that the International Conference had taken place at the

beginning of September 1991 and that its conclusions and recommendations had been considered by the Board in the week before the General Conference. The proceedings of the International Conference were contained in document GC(XXXV)/970, and in paragraph 9 of the Director General's cover note to that document could be found a Board recommendation for action by the General Conference.

11. The CHAIRMAN said he understood that a number of delegations were preparing at least one draft resolution for submission to the Committee under sub-items 12(a) and 12(b). He nevertheless proposed that, pending circulation of the draft resolution or resolutions in all the Agency's working languages, the Committee embark on a general discussion of the various matters covered by the two sub-items.

12. Mr. RODRIGUEZ VARGAS (Colombia) said that his delegation had not yet seen the Board's decisions regarding the International Conference on the Safety of Nuclear Power and it was not, therefore, in a position to offer any useful comment.

13. Mr. LAMPARELLI (Italy), supported by Mr. McRAE (Canada) and Ms. LACANLALE (Philippines), said that many delegations, including his own, had not yet obtained all the necessary documents. He therefore suggested that the discussion be suspended and the meeting adjourned.

14. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.45 p.m.