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## ARTICLE VI OF THE STATUTE

### (a) AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI.A.2

On 13 September 1994, the Board of Governors requested the Director General to submit to the General Conference the report contained in the Annex hereto for consideration at the Conference's thirty-eighth regular session.



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#### **Report by the Board of Governors**

1. In resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/623, the General Conference last year requested the Board of Governors "to continue to conduct consultations with Member States and to submit its recommendations on proposed amendments regarding this matter for approval by the General Conference at its thirty-eighth regular session".
2. On 4 October 1993, immediately after the General Conference's 1993 session, the Board agreed that its Chairman should undertake consultations on its behalf and report to it in due course and that he should take into account the discussions in the Informal Working Group on the revision of Article VI as a whole.
3. During the Chairman's consultations, some Member States advocated a change in the composition and size of the Board to reflect changes in the membership of the Agency, some others remained of the view that its composition and size were satisfactory - at least for the time being.
4. There was no change of positions with regard to the call made last year by some Member States for a change in the provision of Article VI.A.2(a) which makes election to "area seats" on the Board impossible for Member States just vacating such seats; while some Member States indicated their belief that a change in the provision in order to permit such "re-election" could enhance the flexibility of regional groups in choosing their representatives, others argued that such a change carried with it the danger of increasing the number of "semi-permanent" Board members and thereby reducing smaller States' chances of serving on the Board.
5. Member States noted that, some Member States do not belong to any of the eight regional groups as defined in Article VI of the Statute and that, for new Member States, acceptance within the regional group of their choice was not necessarily assured. There was, however, no common position as to how such issues should be resolved.
6. In the consultations a number of Member States indicated that they wished to see a new approach to the question of revision of Article VI. Others considered that the Informal Working Group on the revision of Article VI of the Statute as a whole remained an appropriate mechanism to address the differing views on this question.

7. Several members noted that their comments and views on this question have been expressed in the Informal Working Group on the revision of Article VI of the Statute as a whole.