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Chairman: Ms. LAJOUS VARGAS (Mexico)

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AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI OF THE STATUTE (GC(39)/21, GC(39)/21/Add.1, GC(39)/COM.5/10) (resumed)

1. The CHAIRMAN, drawing attention to the text of a draft resolution which had just been distributed, said that it represented a consensus arrived at earlier that morning in informal consultations presided over by the delegate of Canada.
2. Mr. WALKER (Canada), introducing the text, said the consensus was based on the understanding that the text would be recommended for adoption with no amendments. He thanked those who had participated in the consultations for the spirit of co-operation which they had shown.
3. Mr. LEDERMAN (Israel), having expressed appreciation of the co-operative spirit shown during the consultations, said that his delegation favoured adoption of the text with the understanding that in operative paragraph 1 the word "especially" applied to both of the views referred to.
4. Mr. BENMOUSSA (Morocco) said that the consensus arrived at was a reasonable one and did not prejudge the outcome of the envisaged study. The matter would be decided upon the following year, by which time the political climate might well have changed.
5. Mr. STRATFORD (United States of America), expressing support for the consensus text, said he was pleased that it made clear that two strongly held views should be taken into account in the preparation of the Director General's report to the Board of Governors.
6. Mr. de YTURRIAGA (Spain), speaking on behalf of the European Union, welcomed the consensus text and commended the spirit of co-operation which had led to it.

7. The CHAIRMAN said that the spirit of co-operation which had been shown could well be important for the future of the Agency and asked the Committee whether it wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the consensus text.

8. It was so decided.¹

STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM (GC(39)/17 and Corr.1, GC(39)/COM.5/6) (resumed)

9. The CHAIRMAN, noting that since the previous meeting there had been informal consultations regarding a revised version of the draft resolution contained in document GC(39)/COM.5/6, invited the representative of India to report on those consultations.

10. Mr. DOSHI (India) said that in the consultations it had been agreed that operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of the revised version of the draft resolution should be amalgamated into a new operative paragraph 1 reading as follows:

"1. Stresses the need for effective safeguards in order to prevent the use of nuclear energy for prohibited purposes in contravention of safeguards agreements entered into by States and underlines the vital importance of effective safeguards for facilitating co-operation in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy".

11. Mr. de YTURRIAGA (Spain) said that a representative cross-section of the co-sponsors of the draft resolution contained in document GC(39)/COM.5/6 had participated in the consultations.

12. Ms. LETTS (Australia) said that her delegation was particularly grateful to the representatives of Spain, India, Brazil, the United Kingdom and the United States of America for their role in the consultations.

¹ The recommended draft resolution was subsequently issued in document GC(39)/45.

13. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the revised version of the draft resolution contained in document GC(39)/COM.5/6 with the amendment read out by the representative of India and consequential renumbering of the other operative paragraphs.

14. It was so decided.²

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.

² The recommended draft resolution was subsequently issued in document GC(39)/46.