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OUTCOMES OF THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE RELEVANT TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IAEA

(GC(44)/1/Add.1, GC(44)/COM.5/L.6)

1. The representative of AUSTRALIA, introducing the draft resolution contained in document GC(44)/COM.5/L.6, said that it had been prepared by the sponsors in close consultation with a large number of other Member States. It had the strong support of most delegations and the acceptance of others.
2. The CHAIRMAN said that in the course of informal discussions the following amendments to the draft resolution had been proposed: the addition of “, including their respective safeguards agreements” after “therefrom” in preambular paragraph (h); the replacement of “including:” by “among them” in operative paragraph 3; and the insertion of “, as approved by the Board of Governors,” after “work programme” in operative paragraph 4.
3. He took it that the Committee wished to recommend the draft resolution, as amended, to the General Conference for adoption.
4. It was so agreed.

STRENGTHENING THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES RELATED TO NUCLEAR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS (resumed)

- DRAFT RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES RELATED TO NUCLEAR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS (GC(44)/COM.5/L.15)
5. The representative of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, introducing the draft resolution, said that it was intended to promote Agency activities in areas not sufficiently well covered in other draft resolutions submitted to the General Conference.
 6. The representative of POLAND expressed support for the draft resolution.
 7. The representative of SWEDEN proposed that operative paragraph 5 be replaced by an amended version of preambular paragraph (d) reading as follows: Suggests that the Secretariat continue to implement efforts which contribute to a greater understanding and a well-balanced picture as to the role of Nuclear Science and Technology in a global, sustainable development perspective”.
 8. He further proposed that the words “in a sustainable manner” be deleted from preambular paragraph (e) and that the word “safe” be inserted in preambular paragraph (f) before the words “nuclear power, science and applications”.
 9. The representative of GERMANY expressed support for the amendments proposed by the representative of Sweden.

10. The representative of DENMARK said that for national policy reasons his delegation had difficulties with the draft resolution. The amendments proposed by the representative of Sweden went some way to resolving those difficulties, but a number of other amendments would be necessary if his delegation was to join a consensus in favour of adoption of the draft resolution.
11. The representative of AUSTRIA expressed support for the statement made by the representative of Denmark.
12. He called for the deletion of “with appreciation” after “Taking note” in preambular paragraph (i).
13. The representative of NIGERIA called for the retention of the words “in a sustainable manner” in preambular paragraph (e).
14. The representative of the UNITED KINGDOM said that, as only part of Article II of the Statute was quoted in preambular paragraph (a), the word “are” should perhaps be replaced by “include”. Similarly, as Article III.A.1 to A.4 was not quoted fully, the words “are to encourage” should perhaps be replaced by “include encouraging”, with the consequential change of “foster” to “fostering”.
15. He expressed support for the proposal made by the representative of Sweden regarding preambular paragraph (d) and operative paragraph 5.
16. With regard to operative paragraph 3, he suggested that, as the Medium Term Strategy was only one of a number of documents which the Board and the General Conference would draw upon when considering the Agency’s work over the coming years, the word “guidance” be replaced by “an input”. With regard to operative paragraph 7, he suggested that the words “non-proliferation and” and “in particular by developing innovative and proliferation-resistant nuclear technology” be deleted.
17. With regard to operative paragraph 8, he suggested that the word “interested” be inserted between “Further invites all” and “Member States”.
18. In his delegation’s view, operative paragraph 10 needed to be clarified and operative paragraph 11 was unnecessary.
19. The representative of CANADA said his delegation would like the words “in a sustainable manner” to be retained in preambular paragraph (e).
20. Since it was not clear from preambular paragraph (f) exactly what important tasks were to be completed in the future, perhaps the reference to them could be deleted and the paragraph amended to read: “Aware that the development and management of safe nuclear power, science and applications in Member States require the preservation of ...”.

21. With regard to operative paragraph 2, he suggested that the phrase “formulating and implementing effective programmes” be amended to read “facilitating effective programmes”, which would be more in line with the role of the Agency.

22. In his delegation’s view, operative paragraph 3 should be moved to the preambular part of the resolution, with “Notes” changed to “Noting”.

The meeting was suspended at 12.10 p.m. and resumed at 12.45 p.m.

23. The representative of FRANCE expressed support for the suggestions made by the representative of the United Kingdom with regard to preambular paragraphs (a) and (b) and operative paragraphs 7 and 8 and for the suggestions made by the representative of Canada with regard to operative paragraphs 2 and 3.

24. He proposed that in operative paragraph 7 “resolving the issues” be replaced by “considering the issues”.

25. The representative of IRELAND said that, as the representative of a Member State which had rejected the nuclear power option, he had problems with phrases like “including the production of electric power” in operative paragraph 4.

26. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, referring to operative paragraph 6, suggested the addition of the words “to continue” before “to pursue” and the deletion of the phrase “efforts to strengthen”.

27. He endorsed the suggestion made by the representative of the United Kingdom regarding operative paragraph 7.

28. Referring to operative paragraph 8, he sought clarification as to the meaning of “common facilities/projects which preserve/enhance Member States’ capabilities in Nuclear Science and Applications”. Perhaps the paragraph should be deleted.

29. The DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF BUDGET AND FINANCE, responding to comments made by the representatives of the UNITED KINGDOM and CANADA, suggested the addition, towards the end of the draft resolution, of an operative paragraph reading “Requests that the actions of the Secretariat called for above be undertaken within available resources”.

30. The representative of JAPAN expressed support for the suggestions made by the representative of the United Kingdom regarding preambular paragraphs (a) and (b) and operative paragraph 7.

31. The representative of FRANCE suggested that operative paragraph 9 be redrafted since, as currently worded, it implied that Member States with nuclear power facilities were not entitled to have their specific needs and requirements addressed by the Secretariat.

32. The representative of DENMARK expressed support for the suggestions made by the representative of the United Kingdom regarding preambular paragraphs (a) and (b).
33. With regard to preambular paragraph (c), he suggested the insertion of the words “a number of countries consider that” before “applications of Nuclear Science are making a crucial input to development strategies in Member States”.
34. With regard to preambular paragraph (f), he suggested that the phrase “in Member States” be amended to read “in those Member States which have chosen or will choose the nuclear option”.
35. He expressed support for the deletion of “with appreciation” in preambular paragraph (i).
36. He proposed the deletion of the words “sustainable development” in operative paragraph 1, endorsed the amendment to operative paragraph 2 suggested by the representative of Canada and the suggestion made by the representative of the United Kingdom with regard to operative paragraph 3, urged that operative paragraph 4 be deleted and endorsed the suggestions made by the representative of the United States with regard to operative paragraph 6. Also with regard to operative paragraph 6, he suggested that the words “in consultation with Member States” be replaced by “upon request from Member States” and that the words “and environmental protection” be deleted.
37. The United Kingdom representative’s proposals with regard to paragraphs 7 and 8 were acceptable to his delegation, which shared the concern of the representative of France regarding operative paragraph 9.
38. Lastly, he welcomed the additional operative paragraph suggested by the Director of the Division of Budget and Finance.
39. The representative of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, supported by the representative of INDIA, suggested that consultations be held among sponsors of the draft resolution in the light of the comments made on it.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.