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Chairman: Mr. GREGORIC (Slovenia)

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STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF
THE SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM AND APPLICATION OF THE MODEL PROTOCOL
(resumed)
(GC(44)/COM.5/L.21)

1. The CHAIRMAN reminded the Committee that he had requested Vice-Chairman Di Sapia of Italy to conduct consultations regarding the draft resolution in document GC(44)/COM.5/L.10. Mr. Di Sapia had subsequently briefed him on the status of the consultations, transmitting a text with several formulations in square brackets. Having continued the consultations himself that day, he was now submitting, in document GC(44)/COM.5/L.21, his own proposed draft resolution to the Committee for consideration.
2. He realized that very few delegations would be happy with the proposed draft resolution, but hearing no objections he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend it to the General Conference for adoption.
3. It was so agreed.
4. The representative of ISRAEL, while expressing his delegation's appreciation of the Chairman's efforts, said that his delegation would like "- inter alia -" in preambular paragraph (k) to be deleted.
5. The representative of INDIA, expressing support for the deletion of "- inter alia -" in preambular paragraph (k), said that the strong focus on the 2000 NPT Review Conference in several of the draft resolutions which had been submitted to the General Conference at its current session gave the impression that the Review Conference had been the most important event as far as the Agency was concerned during the past year.
6. The representative of EGYPT, having commended the Chairman on his efforts, proposed rewording the opening phrase of preambular paragraph (k) to read "Recalling the final document of the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the fact that it reaffirmed ..." and deleting figures "(1)" and "(2)" in that paragraph.
7. He also proposed replacing "including" by "notably" in operative paragraph 4.
8. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the Committee had already agreed to recommend the draft resolution for adoption by the Conference. Any proposals for amendment should now be made in the Plenary.
9. He thanked all delegations for the patience which they had displayed during the Committee's deliberations and expressed particular gratitude to the two Vice-Chairmen for conducting consultations on very sensitive issues.
10. The representative of the UNITED KINGDOM suggested that the meeting be suspended in order to see whether the latest proposals for amendment could be accommodated.

11. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA said that, according to Rule 66 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, a decision by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting would be required in order to reopen consideration of the draft resolution contained in document GC(44)/COM.5/L.21. He agreed with the Chairman that any proposals for amending the draft resolution should be made in the Plenary.

The meeting rose at 6.05 p.m.