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13. Measures to strengthen international cooperation in nuclear, radiation and transport safety and waste management (resumed) (GC(48)/COM.5/L.12/Rev.1)

1. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee take up the draft resolution contained in document GC(48)/COM.5/L.12/Rev.1, which the sponsors of the draft resolution contained in document GC(48)/COM.5/L.12 had drafted in the light of the discussion during the Committee's previous meeting.
2. The representative of PAKISTAN, referring to operative paragraph 8, recalled the comments regarding that paragraph made by him during the previous meeting and said that his delegation still had problems with the phrase "and to notify the Director General of their intention to do so".
3. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN said that his delegation also had problems with that phrase.
4. The representative of AUSTRALIA said that, as indicated by the representative of Canada during the previous meeting, the Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources was — to use the formulation used by the Chairman of the Board — guidance supplementary to the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources; it was not a further code of conduct.
5. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA suggested that some wording be added at the end of operative paragraph 8 in order to make that clear.
6. The representative of PAKISTAN, welcoming that suggestion, said that he would also like a phrase along the lines of "recalling operative paragraph 6 of resolution GC(47)/RES/7.B" to be added at the end of the operative paragraph 8.
7. The representative of AUSTRALIA suggested that operative paragraph 8 be amended to read "... and to notify the Director General of their intention to do so as supplementary information to the Code of Conduct, recalling operative paragraph 6 of resolution GC(47)/RES/7.B".
8. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN said that, whereas "the findings of" in preambular paragraph (j) were appropriate, as the International Conference on National Infrastructures for Radiation Safety held in Morocco in 2003 had been organized by the Agency, the words "and its findings" in preambular paragraph (o) were not appropriate, as the Global Threat Reduction Initiative Partners' Conference had not been organized by the Agency.
9. The CHAIRMAN said it was his understanding that, in the case of preambular paragraph (o), it had been agreed that the wording agreed upon for the corresponding paragraph of the draft resolution contained in document GC(48)/COM.5/L.14 would be used in the draft resolution under consideration. The wording of preambular paragraph (o) was identical with that of preambular paragraph (j) of the revised version of the draft resolution contained in document GC(48)/COM.5/L.14 (issued in document GC(48)/COM.5/Rev.1 on 23 September 2004).
10. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, having expressed regret that the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran seemed to be going against what had been agreed

regarding preambular paragraph (o), asked whether informal consultations were taking place on the draft resolution contained in document GC(48)/COM.5/L.14/Rev.1.

11. The representative of FRANCE said that there were.

12. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA suggested that the Committee await the outcome of those informal consultations and accept, for preambular paragraph (o) of the draft resolution now under consideration in the Committee, whatever was agreed upon for preambular paragraph (j) of the draft resolution contained in document GC(48)/COM.5/L.14/Rev.1.

13. The CHAIRMAN said he took it that, with the exception of preambular paragraph (o), all paragraphs of the draft resolution contained in document GC(48)/COM.5/L.12/Rev.1 were now acceptable to the Committee.

The meeting was suspended at 11.10 a.m. and resumed at 12:45 p.m.

14. Nuclear Security — measures to protect against nuclear terrorism (resumed)

(GC(48)/COM.5/L.14/Rev.1)

13. Measures to strengthen international cooperation in nuclear, radiation and transport safety and waste management (continued)

(GC(48)/COM.5/L.12/Rev.1)

14. The representative of FRANCE, introducing the draft resolution contained in document GC(48)/COM.5/L.14/Rev.1, said that the sponsors had drafted it in the light of comments made in the Committee.

15. In informal discussions regarding the draft resolution, it had been agreed that the words “and its findings” in preambular paragraph (j) should be replaced by “the stated purpose of which was to build international support for national programmes on nuclear and radiological threat reduction”.

16. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(48)/COM.5/L.14/Rev.1 with the amendment to preambular paragraph (j) just read out by the representative of France.

17. It was so agreed.

18. The CHAIRMAN further took it that the Committee wished to recommend the adoption of the draft resolution contained in document GC(48)/COM.5/L.12/Rev.1 with the same amendment made to preambular paragraph (o).

19. It was so agreed.

20. The representative of YEMEN, welcoming the two decisions just taken by the Committee, said that he was grateful to the other delegations which had contributed to the outcome and also for the support provided by the Secretariat in that connection.

The meeting rose at 12:55 p.m.