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## Committee of the Whole

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**Chairman:** Mr. SHANNON (Australia)

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<sup>1</sup> GC(50)/21.



## **17. Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications (continued)** (GC(50)/COM.5/L.3/Rev.2)

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that a working group under the chairmanship of Mr. Beven of the Australian delegation had been considering the draft resolution contained in document GC(50)/COM.5/L.3/Rev.1. He invited Mr. Beven to introduce the draft resolution contained in document GC(50)/COM.5/L.3/Rev.2, which reflected the outcome of the working group's deliberations.
2. Mr. BEVEN (Australia), introducing the draft resolution, said that the discussions in the working group had been very productive and thanked the participants for their positive contributions to those discussions.
3. He hoped that the Committee would recommend the draft resolution to the General Conference for adoption.
4. The representative of NEW ZEALAND, speaking on behalf of Austria, Denmark, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway and New Zealand, said that, in any responsible discussion on nuclear power, account should be taken of the very serious safety issues associated with existing and future nuclear power generation — including the risks associated with transport, disposal and reprocessing — and of the high costs. Nuclear power should not be portrayed as a sustainable energy source as it was not compatible with the objectives of sustainable development, and the safety issues remained unresolved.
5. The position of Austria, Denmark, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway and New Zealand on the matter had been clear for many years, and they would have liked to be consulted by the sponsors of the draft resolution submitted in document GC(50)/COM.5/L.3 at a much earlier stage, in order that there might be a genuine attempt to achieve consensus. Despite their reservations, they did not wish to block adoption of the draft resolution contained in document GC(50)/COM.5/L.3/Rev.2.
6. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(50)/COM.5/L.3/Rev.2.
7. It was so agreed.

**The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.**