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¹ GC(55)/25.

– **Oral report by the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole**

1. Ms YPARRAGUIRRE (Philippines), Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, presented the outcome of the Committee's deliberations on agenda items 15, 16 and 18.
2. Under item 15, "Nuclear security including measures to protect against nuclear and radiological terrorism", the Committee recommended that the Conference adopt the draft resolution set out in document GC(55)/L.9.
3. Under item 16, "Strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation activities", the Committee recommended that the Conference adopt the draft resolution set out in document GC(55)/L.8/Rev.1.
4. Under item 18, "Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system and application of the Model Additional Protocol", the Committee was unable to reach agreement on a recommendation.
5. She expressed her gratitude for the confidence that the Conference had placed in her by electing her to undertake the important task of chairing the Committee of the Whole. She thanked Ms Buján Freire of Spain and Mr Csuday of Hungary, who had served as Vice-Chairpersons; Mr Brady of Ireland, who had worked tirelessly in conducting consultations on an important agenda item; the members of the Committee, for their particularly cooperative spirit; and the staff of the Secretariat, along with all others who had assisted in the Committee's work.
6. Mr LUEDEKING (Germany) said that he was grateful to the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole for her work but regretted the fact that the Committee had not been able to reach an agreement on all the agenda items referred to it.
7. He proposed that the meeting be suspended, under Rule 61 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, for 30 minutes in order that the situation might be considered.
8. The PRESIDENT, having read out Rule 61 of the Rules of Procedure, and following objections on points of order by the representatives of ARGENTINA and the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, invited the Plenary to vote by show of hands on whether to suspend the meeting for 30 minutes under Rule 61, as proposed by the representative of Germany.
9. There were 51 votes in favour and 29 against, with 16 abstentions. The proposal was adopted and the meeting suspended.

The meeting was suspended at 9.40 p.m. and resumed at 10.15 p.m.

Nuclear security, including measures to protect against nuclear and radiological terrorism
(agenda item 15)

10. As recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the draft resolution contained in document GC(55)/L.9 was adopted.

Strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation activities (agenda item 16)

11. As recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the draft resolution contained in document GC(55)L.8/Rev.1 was adopted.

Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system and application of the Model Additional Protocol (agenda item 18)

12. The PRESIDENT said that, as reported by the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, the Committee had been unable to reach an agreement on a recommendation under the agenda item 18. Consequently, there was no resolution before the Conference. However, on the basis of his consultations, he understood that the Conference wished to request the Director General to report to it at its fifty-sixth (2012) regular session on the implementation of resolution GC(54)/RES/11 adopted in 2010.

13. It was so decided.

26. Report on contributions pledged to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2012

14. The PRESIDENT said that document GC(55)/22/Rev.4 contained details of pledges of contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2012 which governments had made to the Director General by 5:50 p.m. on 22 September 2011. By that time, Member States had pledged a total of €8 086 381 or 12.98% of the target for 2012, which was 0.25% higher than the percentage of pledges received by the corresponding time in the preceding year. Since that document had been sent for printing, further Member States had communicated pledges to the Director General, as follows: Algeria — €76 632; China — €1 915 180; Palau — €623; and Senegal — €3 738. That brought the total amount pledged to €10 082 554, or 16.18% of the 2012 Technical Cooperation Fund target.

15. He urged all delegations which had not yet done so to make their 2012 pledges and to pay their contributions in full at the earliest opportunity so that the Secretariat could submit to the Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee in November a proposed technical cooperation programme for 2012–2013, based on the level of pledges received, that it would be able to implement, after approval, without hindrance or uncertainty.

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16. The PRESIDENT said that the current session of the General Conference had been well attended by high-level representatives of Member States, including one Vice-President, 28 ministers and five ministers of State. During the general debate, 120 speakers had taken the floor.

17. Mr ENKHS AIKHAN (Mongolia) paid tribute to the dedication, objectivity and neutrality with which the President had guided the work of the General Conference and that had enabled it to take important decisions.

18. He thanked the Vice-Presidents and the additional members of the General Committee for their contributions and commended the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole and her colleagues for their tireless efforts.

19. Mr MENESI (Libya) commended the President's patience and sagacity, which had contributed greatly to the success of the Conference's current session.

20. His delegation wished to take the opportunity to comment on media reports regarding the alleged discovery of a new site containing nuclear materials in Sebha, Libya. The discovery was not a new one, and his country had already reported the site to the Agency, whose safeguards inspectors had on numerous occasions visited it and verified the nuclear materials there. The Agency could be sure that, with the site under the supervision of Libya's National Transitional Council, there would be no cause for concern.

21. Mr SHAMAA (Egypt), speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, expressed gratitude for the manner in which the President had conducted the Conference's current session. His professionalism and patience had been major factors in the success of the session.

22. The PRESIDENT, expressing his gratitude for the kind words addressed to him, said that it had been a great honour to serve as President of the General Conference during its fifty-fifth session.

23. Serving as President of the General Conference had confirmed for him that where there was a will, there was a way and that no effort should be spared in the pursuit of a positive outcome.

24. He was grateful to the Vice-Presidents and to the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole and the other General Committee members for their contributions. He was also grateful to the Director General and the Secretariat staff for their support. In addition, he was grateful to the members of his own team, who had worked so hard in backing him up.

25. Finally, in accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, he invited the Conference to observe one minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

All present rose and stood in silence for one minute.

26. The PRESIDENT declared the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Conference closed.

The meeting rose at 10.30 p.m.