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¹ GC(59)/19.

14. Nuclear security (continued) (GC(56)/COM.5/L.4/Rev.1)

1. The representative of FRANCE, pointing out the differences between the draft resolution in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.4 and the draft resolution in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.4/Rev.1, said that: “through the Illicit Trafficking Database (ITDB)” had been added in paragraph (q); paragraph 8 now appeared without square brackets; in paragraph 9, “the Secretariat, in cooperation with Member States,” had been replaced by “the Agency”; the last part of paragraph 11 now read “to foster nuclear security culture through nuclear security education and training”; and in paragraph 18, “nuclear material databases” had been substituted for “nuclear forensics libraries”.
2. Paragraphs (i) and 3 remained outstanding.
3. With regard to paragraph (i), the phrase “welcoming the conference to be hosted by the Agency in July 2013 entitled ‘International Conference on Nuclear Security: Enhancing Global Efforts’ and open to all States,” had been removed and converted into a separate paragraph. With regard to paragraph 3, the words “as appropriate” appeared in square brackets.
4. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN said that his delegation did not object to the conversion of part of paragraph (i) into a separate paragraph.
5. As regards the remaining part of paragraph (i), however, his delegation had in 2011 accepted paragraph (i) of resolution GC(55)/RES/10 in the hope that no Member States would be excluded from participation in the Nuclear Security Summit to be held in Seoul in 2012. As that hope had not been fulfilled, his delegation urged that the phrase “,including the Nuclear Security Summits held in Washington D.C. and Seoul and the one to be held in the Netherlands in 2014,” be deleted from paragraph (i) in the text now under consideration.
6. The representative of AUSTRALIA said that his delegation could accept “nuclear material databases” instead of “nuclear forensics libraries” in paragraph 18 on the understanding that it would be possible to revisit the issue of “nuclear forensics libraries” in 2013.
7. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA said that her delegation preferred the original formulation of paragraph (i), but appreciated the need for flexibility.
8. The representative of the REPUBLIC OF KOREA said that the General Conference resolutions on nuclear security should reflect key developments in the field of nuclear security. The holding of the conference entitled “International Conference on Nuclear Security: Enhancing Global Efforts” in 2013 and the holding of periodic Nuclear Security Summits were such key developments. In his delegation’s view, therefore, paragraph (i) should be left as it had been in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.4.
9. The representative of FRANCE, supported by the representatives of AUSTRALIA and SWEDEN, suggested that paragraph (i) be discussed further outside the Committee.
10. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN recalled the proposal that he had made for the insertion of a preambular paragraph regarding industrial sabotage — a proposal that was in no way politically motivated.

11. The representative of FRANCE said that, in his view, there was no consensus in favour of the insertion of such a paragraph at present.

12. He suggested that the Iranian delegation consult with the delegations of other Member States, initially for the purpose of arriving at an agreed definition of “industrial sabotage”.

13. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN recalled that, during the Committee’s previous meeting, the representative of Spain had said that preventing acts of industrial sabotage in nuclear facilities was a national responsibility. However, paragraph (c) of the draft resolution under consideration contained the passage “noting the central role of the Agency in facilitating international cooperation in supporting the efforts of States to fulfil their nuclear security responsibilities”.

14. The representative of FRANCE said that the sponsors of the draft resolution had no intention of refusing to address the issue of industrial sabotage. However, that issue had already been the subject of Agency documents — for example, IAEA Nuclear Security Series No.4 (“Engineering Safety Aspects of the Protection of Nuclear Power Plants against Sabotage”) and No. 13 (“Nuclear Security Recommendations on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities”). Were those documents inadequate? Perhaps the issue of industrial sabotage should be considered further within the Agency framework with a view to its being dealt with at the General Conference’s 2013 session.

15. The representative of CUBA said that paragraph (i), as proposed by the sponsors, combined two completely different processes. In his delegation’s view, the passage “, including ... in 2014,” should be deleted.

16. The representative of SOUTH AFRICA proposed the separation of paragraph (i) into two paragraphs, the first paragraph to read “Emphasizing the need for involvement of all Member States of the Agency in nuclear security-related activities and initiatives in an inclusive manner, and welcoming the conference to be hosted by the Agency in July 2013 entitled ‘International Conference on Nuclear Security: Enhancing Global Efforts’ and open to all States,” and the second paragraph to read “Noting the role that international processes and initiatives, including the Nuclear Security Summits held in Washington D.C. and Seoul and the one to be held in the Netherlands in 2014, could play in facilitating synergy and cooperation in the area of nuclear security,”.

17. The representative of FRANCE, supported by the representatives of AUSTRALIA, the UNITED KINGDOM, JAPAN, BRAZIL, PORTUGAL, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION and POLAND, suggested that the Committee accept all paragraphs of the draft resolution, with or without amendments, except for paragraphs (i) and 3, which should be considered further in informal discussions.

18. The representative of CUBA, supported by the representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, said that his delegation always considered draft resolutions as a whole and could not accept individual paragraphs until it was clear what the overall balance of the draft resolutions was going to be.

19. The CHAIRMAN suspended the discussion on the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.4/Rev.1 and requested the Committee to take up agenda item 16, Strengthening the Agency’s activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications.

16. Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications

(GC(56)/7; GC(56)/INF/3 and Corr.1; GC(56)INF/6 and Corr.1; GC(56)/COM.5/L.6, L.7, L.8, L.9, L.10, L.11, L.12 and L.13)

20. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take up the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.8, entitled "Strengthening the support to Member States in food and agriculture".
21. The representative of CHINA, introducing the draft resolution, said that the Group of 77 and China had worked closely with the African Group when preparing it.
22. The representative of SOUTH AFRICA called upon the Committee to recommend adoption of the draft resolution.
23. The representatives of UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AUSTRALIA and JAPAN expressed support for the draft resolution.
24. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.8.
25. It was so agreed.
26. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take up consideration of the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.6, entitled "Development of the sterile insect technique for the eradication and/or suppression of malaria-transmitting mosquitoes".
27. The representative of SOUTH AFRICA, introducing the draft resolution, said that it was based largely on resolution GC(54)/RES/10.A.2, but contained a number of new operative paragraphs. She called upon the Committee to recommend adoption of the draft resolution.
28. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA said that her delegation was in favour of the Committee's recommending adoption of the draft resolution, which dealt with a complex issue of importance for millions of people.
29. The representative of AUSTRALIA welcomed the inclusion of references in the draft resolution to insect-borne diseases besides malaria, including dengue, which affected his own country.
30. He suggested that the title be changed to reflect the wider scope of the draft resolution.
31. The representative of SOUTH AFRICA said that the drafters of the text wished to maintain the focus on malaria, which was the disease with the greatest impact on health and socio-economic development.
32. The representatives of NEW ZEALAND, FRANCE and ITALY expressed support for the draft resolution.
33. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.6.
34. It was so agreed.
35. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take up the consideration of the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.7, entitled "Support to the African Union's Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomosis Eradication Campaign (AU-PATTEC)".

36. The representative of SOUTH AFRICA, introducing the draft resolution, thanked the Secretariat for its contribution to tsetse fly control and commended Member States' support for AU-PATTEC.
37. The representative of AUSTRALIA expressed support for the draft resolution.
38. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.7.
39. It was so agreed.
40. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take up consideration of the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.9, entitled "Modernization of the Agency's Nuclear Applications Laboratories at Seibersdorf".
41. The representative of SOUTH AFRICA, introducing the draft resolution, proposed that in paragraph (b) the passage reading "the major findings of Final Report No. PE2010003 of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the 'Evaluation of Contributions and Role of the Agriculture and Biotechnology Laboratory (ABL)'" be replaced by "the major conclusions and recommendations in the OIOS evaluations of the "Contribution and Role of the FAO/IAEA Agriculture and Biotechnology Laboratory (GOV/2010/59 and GOV/2011/18) and the findings".
42. She also proposed that in paragraph (e) the phrase "modern, state-of-the-art NA laboratories" be replaced by "appropriate reference NA laboratories".
43. The representative of AUSTRALIA suggested that the phrase "substantially add to the credibility of the Agency" in paragraph (e) be amended to read "would substantially add to the credibility of the Agency".
44. The representative of POLAND, expressing support for the draft resolution, said that the European Union was strongly in favour of the modernization of the Seibersdorf laboratories.
45. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document . GC(56)/COM.5/L.9, as orally amended.
46. It was so agreed.
47. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take up consideration of the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.13, entitled "Non-power nuclear applications — General".
48. The representative of MALAYSIA, introducing the draft resolution, said that in paragraph 2 "the Agency" should be replaced by "the Secretariat" and in paragraph 4 "Agency" by "Secretariat".
49. The representative of AUSTRALIA said that, in his opinion, in paragraph 4 "Agency" — denoting the Secretariat plus Member States — was more appropriate than "Secretariat".
50. The representative of MALAYSIA agreed that paragraph 4 should remain unchanged.
51. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.13, as orally amended.
52. It was so agreed.
53. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take up consideration of the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.10, entitled "Nuclear power applications — General".
54. The representative of FRANCE introducing the draft resolution, said that it was an updated version of resolution GC(55)/RES/12.B.1.

55. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.10.

56. It was so agreed.

57. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take up consideration of the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.11, on innovative nuclear technology.

58. The representative of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, introducing the draft resolution, invited Member States to attend the Agency-organized International Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Power in the 21st Century due to take place in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, in June 2013.

59. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.11.

60. It was so agreed.

61. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take up consideration of the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.12, entitled “Nuclear knowledge management”.

62. The representative of CANADA, introducing the draft resolution, said that the sponsors had, when preparing it, consulted with the Group of 77 and China and with many other interested Member States.

63. He drew attention to a correction necessary in paragraph 3(iii): the replacement of “nuclear power programmes” by “nuclear knowledge management programmes”.

64. The CHAIRMAN took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.12, as orally amended.

65. It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 4.45 p.m.