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Committee of the Whole

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Chairman: Mr SHUKRI (Saudi Arabia)

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¹ GC(56)19.

– Organizational matters

1. The CHAIRMAN enquired about the progress made in informal consultations regarding the draft resolutions relating to items 14 (Nuclear security) and 17 (Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system and application of the Model Additional Protocol).
2. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN said that due attention should be given in a timely manner to the draft resolution on strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation activities (GC(56)/COM.5/L.5). He suggested that the Committee take up that draft resolution before resuming its consideration of the resolutions relating to items 14 and 17.
3. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, supported by the representatives of CANADA and NEW ZEALAND, said that Agency technical cooperation was a matter of great importance, but the draft resolution relating to it had only just been distributed and delegations needed time to consider the differences between it and resolution GC(55)/RES/11 adopted in 2011.
4. The representative of FRANCE said, with regard to the draft resolution on nuclear security, that agreement had still not been reached on paragraph (i). Some delegations wished the reference to Nuclear Security Summits to be deleted, while some others wanted a version that reflected the consensus achieved at the 2011 session of the General Conference. Some delegations wished the conference entitled "International Conference on Nuclear Security: Enhancing Global Efforts" to be highlighted in a separate paragraph.
5. As regards the question of including a paragraph about industrial sabotage, the inclusion of the following paragraph had been proposed: "Noting the recommendations on sabotage included in IAEA document NSS No. 13 and looking forward to the preparation of further guidance on their implementation,".
6. The representative of EGYPT proposed that the draft resolution on technical cooperation be introduced in the Committee forthwith so that delegations might make general comments and identify issues requiring discussion.
7. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, expressing support for that proposal, cautioned against an approach that would involve bargaining one issue against another. All the issues addressed in the draft resolutions before the Committee were important.
8. The representative of the PHILIPPINES said that her delegation was willing to exercise flexibility and go along with a deferment of the consideration of the draft resolution on technical cooperation until the afternoon meeting.
9. The representative of the NETHERLANDS proposed that consideration of the draft resolution on technical cooperation be deferred until the afternoon meeting.
10. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the sponsors of the draft resolution on technical cooperation introduce it and highlight the differences between it and resolution GC(55)/RES/11.
11. The representatives of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, EGYPT, CUBA, LEBANON, SOUTH AFRICA, INDONESIA and INDIA supported the suggestion.
12. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA noted that a revised version of the draft resolution on technical cooperation (GC(56)/COM.5/L.5/Rev.1) had been prepared but not yet

distributed. In her view, consideration of the revised text should be deferred until the afternoon meeting.

13. The representative of PERU said that the only changes in the revised text vis-à-vis the text in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.5 were the correction of a minor drafting error and the removal of a set of square brackets.

14. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA said that her delegation could go along with a brief presentation of the revised text as soon as it was distributed.

15. Strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation activities (GC(56)/INF/4 and Supplement; GC(56)/COM.5/L.5/Rev.1)

15. The representative of PERU, introducing, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution contained in document GC(56)/COM.5/L.5/Rev.1, said that Agency technical cooperation was an activity resulting from the combined efforts of the Agency's technical departments, the Department of Technical Cooperation and Member States, and it should be based on the needs and changing priorities of and project ownership by the Member States where the technical cooperation projects were implemented.

22. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee

16. The CHAIRMAN recalled that the General Conference was represented on the Agency's Staff Pension Committee by two members and two alternates. Vacancies existed for two alternate positions and, following consultations, he had been asked to propose that Ms Villanueva Bracho of the delegation of Mexico and Mr Bukheet of the delegation of Sudan be elected as alternate members to fill them.

17. He took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that Ms Villanueva Bracho of the delegation of Mexico and Mr Bukheet of the delegation of Sudan be elected as alternate members to represent the General Conference on the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

18. It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.