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**Chairperson:** Mr STUART (Australia)

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<sup>1</sup> GC(58)/22.

**Abbreviations used in this record:**

TC	technical cooperation
TCF	Technical Cooperation Fund
WGFAA	Working Group on Financing the Agency's Activities

## **16. Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications (continued)**

(GC(58)/COM.5/L.6)

1. The CHAIRPERSON invited the representative of India to report on the progress made in the informal consultations on the draft resolution on non power nuclear applications set out in document GC(58)/COM.5/L.6.
2. The representative of INDIA said that agreement had been reached on amendments to the draft resolution. In paragraph (p), it had been agreed to insert “where technically and economically feasible” after “molybdenum-99 and technetium-99m”; the rest of that paragraph remained unchanged. It had been agreed to delete “in Europe and elsewhere” from preambular paragraph (q); the rest of the paragraph would remain unchanged. The subsequent preambular paragraphs would be renumbered to correct the erroneous numbering in the draft resolution. In paragraph 13, it had been agreed to insert “upon request” after “the Secretariat” and to replace “direction” with “direct”. It had been agreed that paragraph 14 should read: “Requests the Secretariat to work actively together with interested Member States and international organizations to address the generation and release of xenon radioisotopes at the source”. Lastly, in paragraph 17, “biannual” should read “biennial”.
3. The CHAIRPERSON, said he took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution set out in document GC(58)/COM.5/L.6, as amended.
4. It was so decided.

## **14. Nuclear security (resumed)**

(GC(58)/COM.5/L.3)

5. The CHAIRPERSON invited the representative of Germany to report on the progress made in the informal consultations on the draft resolution set out in document GC(58)/COM.5/L.3.
6. The representative of GERMANY said that the informal consultations held the previous day had been very constructive, with compromises having been reached on the majority of the outstanding issues. Further consultations would be taking place that day with a view to resolving the few issues remaining and he hoped that it would be possible to submit a revised text to the Committee's next meeting.

## **17. Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of Agency safeguards (resumed)** (GC(58)/COM.5/L.2)

7. The CHAIRPERSON invited the representative of Austria to report on the progress made in the informal consultations on the draft resolution set out in document GC(58)/COM.5/L.2.

8. The representative of AUSTRIA said that the informal consultations had been constructive and had resulted in a useful exchange of opinions. She would appreciate more time to hold further discussions and prepare a revised text for the Committee's consideration.

## **15. Strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation activities (resumed)** (GC(58)/COM.5/L.9)

9. The representative of EGYPT called on all delegations to make every effort to achieve progress with regard to the draft resolution set out in document GC(58)/COM.5/L.9. A positive outcome on that important issue was in the interests of all members of the Agency.

10. The representative of ARGENTINA said that agreement had been reached on the entire text of the draft resolution, with the exception of the two new paragraphs proposed by the representative of Canada, which did not command consensus.

11. The representative of SOUTH AFRICA said that there was nothing further to be discussed: one delegation was preventing the achievement of consensus, which was not conducive to a constructive atmosphere in the Committee.

12. The representative of the BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA said that it had not been possible to reach agreement on the language proposed by Canada despite the flexibility shown by many delegations. It was now Canada's turn to demonstrate flexibility.

13. The representative of the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, reiterating her delegation's support for the Canadian proposal, said that the matter needed to be discussed further.

14. The representative of ARGENTINA expressed surprise that the Republic of Korea was keen to discuss the issue at the present juncture, particularly as that delegation had not participated in the substantive discussions of the WGFAA or in the informal consultations leading to the tabling of the draft resolution. It was regrettable that delegations were now seeking to keep the draft resolution on hold for the sake of a substantive discussion on the issue, particularly as a consensus had, in principle, been reached on the rest of the text. There would be many opportunities for interested parties to raise the matter in other forums in the future. She appealed to delegations to demonstrate flexibility on an issue of importance to the Agency membership as a whole.

15. The representative of the NETHERLANDS pointed out that delegations were not seeking to put the draft resolution on hold; they were merely trying to insert language to make available more TCF resources for the least developed countries.

16. The CHAIRPERSON encouraged delegations to continue consulting informally on the draft resolution set out in document GC(58)/COM.5/L.9 with a view to reaching a compromise.

**The meeting was suspended at 11.15 a.m. and resumed at 11.55 a.m.**

17. The representative of CANADA thanked those delegations that had supported its proposed additional paragraphs. While recognizing that many delegations had difficulties with the text in its current form, he was deeply dismayed that some had been unwilling to engage in any discussion whatsoever of the underlying concepts. Such an approach was not consistent with the so-called 'spirit of Vienna' that had once existed in the Committee.

18. However, it was heartening that several delegations had expressed a willingness to consider, after the General Conference, the issue of transitioning away from receipt of technical cooperation funded from the TCF to allow for more resources to be allocated towards developing countries, in particular least developed countries.

19. With those remarks, he said that Canada withdrew its proposal and joined consensus on the draft resolution on strengthening the Agency's technical cooperation activities set out in document GC(58)/COM.5/L.9.

20. The representative of ITALY said that he highly appreciated the consensus on the draft resolution and recalled that the consensus reached on the technical cooperation resolution the previous year had been instrumental for the adoption of other General Conference resolutions.

21. The representative of the REPUBLIC OF KOREA said that her country strongly adhered to the principle of promoting the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. It paid its contributions to the TCF in full and on time and provided extrabudgetary funding for the TC programme. However, the Republic of Korea had taken a decision to transition away from its beneficiary status in view of its national economic development and technical advances, and had therefore supported the Canadian proposal. She pointed out that the Republic of Korea, which remained an active participant in the TC programme and continued to benefit from the TCF on occasion, had not been invited to take part in the informal consultations on the draft resolution.

22. The CHAIRPERSON said that he took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution set out in document GC(58)/COM.5/L.9.

23. It was so decided.

**The meeting rose at 12.05 p.m.**