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**Chair:** Mr CSERVENY (Hungary)

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**Abbreviations used in this record:**

CPPNM	Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material
G-77	Group of Seventy-Seven
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
TC	technical cooperation
TCF	Technical Cooperation Fund
UN	United Nations

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

(GC(60)/11; GC(60)/INF/9; GC(60)/COM.5/L.11/Rev.1 and Add.1)

1. The representative of the NETHERLANDS, introducing a revised version of the draft resolution on nuclear security contained in documents GC(60)/COM.5/L.11/Rev.1 and Add.1, thanked all parties to the informal consultations for their willingness to work hard and show flexibility in rebuilding the consensus that had been lost in 2015. She announced that India and New Zealand also wished to sponsor the draft resolution.
2. The CHAIR emphasized the importance of sending a united message on the topic of nuclear security, especially in view of the risks to nuclear security around the world and the forthcoming International Conference on Nuclear Security and its ministerial segment, and of highlighting the Agency's coordinating role in nuclear security-related initiatives.
3. He took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in documents GC(60)/COM.5/L.11/Rev.1 and Add.1.
4. It was so decided.

**The meeting was suspended at 7.05 p.m. and resumed at 8 p.m.**

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

(GC(60)/5 and Corr.1; GC(60)/INF/2; GC(60)/COM.5/L.7)

5. The representative of INDIA said that agreement had been reached on all but two paragraphs of the draft resolution contained in document GC(60)/COM.5/L.7. It was hoped that paragraph 8 bis, originally proposed by the delegation of the Russian Federation at the Committee's fourth meeting, would enjoy consensus. Paragraph 14 bis had been amended to read: "Requests the Secretariat to continue to provide to interested Member States, upon request, technical assistance regarding medical isotope production." It was hoped that the Committee would support the addition of that paragraph.
6. The representative of FRANCE expressed appreciation to the delegation of India for coordinating the informal consultations and to all those who had taken part.
7. The CHAIR took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(60)/COM.5/L.7, as amended.

**The meeting was suspended at 8.05 p.m. and resumed at 8.40 p.m.**

## **15. Strengthening of the Agency’s technical cooperation activities (resumed) (GC(60)/INF/4 and SUPPLEMENT; GC(60)/COM.5/L.2)**

8. The representative of MOROCCO, speaking on behalf of the G-77 and China, expressed appreciation to all those who had participated in informal negotiations on the draft resolution contained in document GC(60)/COM.5/L.2. Agreement had been reached on a number of proposed amendments as a result.

9. It was proposed that, in the preamble to section 1, paragraph (g) remain unchanged and in paragraph (j), the words “additional resources” should be replaced with the words “adequate resources”. In section 2, paragraph (c), the words “will play an active role” should be changed to “should play an active role”, while paragraph 10 should remain unchanged. In section 3, the words “with a view to having a positive impact on results,” should be added at the end of paragraph (b) and in paragraph (e), “the importance of enhancing the capacity of Agency staff to meet the needs of Member States” should read “the importance of enhancing within available resources the capacity of Agency staff to meet the needs of Member States”. At the end of paragraph (g) in the same section, the following text should be added: “and recalling that the recruitment and retention of staff of the highest standards of efficiency, technical competence and integrity are essential for the success and impact of the Agency’s programme”.

10. In section 4, paragraph (c), the phrase “taking into account the increasing number of Member States, the growing needs, and also funding capabilities” should be replaced by the following: “taking into account not only the growing needs of Member States but also funding capabilities, and mindful of the increasing number of Member States requesting TC projects”. In paragraph (e) of the same section, a comma should be inserted before the second operative clause and the text that followed should read: “and aware of the need for sufficient, assured and predictable resources”. Paragraph 6 in that section should read: “Requests the Secretariat, when presenting the Programme and Budget Proposal 2018–2019, to inform Member States on how it intends to give effect to the Board’s decision to place appropriate emphasis on the activities directly related to the implementation of the SDGs”. Lastly, in section 5, a new paragraph (h) bis should be added, to read: “Noting the Agency’s efforts in building relationships with international organizations within the UN system, which also could contribute to achieving the SDGs”.

11. She welcomed the efforts made with the aim of enabling the Committee to achieve consensus on the draft resolution.

12. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA said that his delegation’s proposal to add the phrase “and noting the important contributions the Agency’s activities can make to achieving the SDGs” in section 1, paragraph (g), had sought to highlight the fact that not only the Agency’s promotional activities were relevant in that regard. While he was willing to withdraw that proposal in the interests of consensus, he drew attention to several pertinent examples of ways in which the Agency’s other activities contributed to achieving the SDGs.

13. The Agency’s work to enhance nuclear safety was critical to the successful achievement of SDG 7 and SDG 13, as safe and reliable nuclear power provided clean energy and helped to combat climate change. A serious breakdown in nuclear safety anywhere in the world would undermine public support for nuclear power and threaten efforts to develop its benefits globally.

14. The Agency’s leading role in nuclear security helped to expand access to radiation medicine, thus contributing to the achievement of SDG 3. As depositary for the CPPNM and the Amendment

thereto, the Agency assisted Member States in strengthening the security of nuclear material, reducing the likelihood that it would be diverted and used in illicit arms, thereby contributing to the achievement of SDG 16. The use of nuclear security funds for TC projects showed that the one-house approach was beginning to take hold.

15. Highlighting the applicability of a broad range of Agency activities to the achievement of the SDGs within the draft resolution would have helped his delegation to garner strong political support domestically and to secure generous funding for the Agency's activities, including for the TCF. He expressed the hope that such wording might be included in the following year's resolution.

16. The CHAIR took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(60)/COM.5/L.2, as orally amended.

17. It was so decided.

18. The CHAIR welcomed the cooperative spirit shown, which had enabled the Committee to reach consensus on all items referred to it for consideration by the General Conference. He would report orally to the General Conference on the outcome of the Committee's deliberations.

**The meeting rose at 8.55 p.m.**