SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

held on Thursday, 28 September 2023

General Committee 2nd meeting

The General Committee met as a Credentials Committee and examined the credentials of all delegates in accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure.

The General Committee recommended to the Conference that the Dominican Republic’s voting rights be restored during the current session of the General Conference and until the end of the payment plan which it had entered into in 2023 on the understanding that it will continue to meet the requirements of the payment plan.

The Credentials Committee also recommended the adoption by the Conference of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 8 of its report, with the reservations and positions expressed in the report.

Plenary 8th meeting

The Conference accepted the recommendation of the General Committee on the Dominican Republic’s voting rights to be restored during the current session of the General Conference for a period of one year, ending prior to the commencement of the next regular session of the Conference.

Under item 28 of the agenda, “Examination of delegates’ credentials”, on which the General Committee meeting as the Credentials Committee presented its report contained in document GC(67)/29/Corr.1, the Conference adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 8 of the report. Statements were made by Egypt, Jordan and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Under item 8 of the agenda, “Election of members to the Board of Governors”, the Conference elected without a vote Algeria, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, Paraguay and Spain to serve on the Board of Governors from the end of this regular session of the Conference until the end of the sixty-ninth regular session in 2025. The Conference conducted a ballot to fill the two fixed seats from Eastern Europe, and Armenia and Ukraine were duly elected.

The Rapporteur of the Scientific Forum made a report to the Conference.

Under item 19 of the agenda, “Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East”, the Conference began consideration of the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/L.1. Statements were made by Egypt, Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the United Arab Emirates (on behalf of the Arab Group), Indonesia, Cuba, Israel, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Iraq, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Committee of the Whole 7th meeting

The Committee continued discussions under agenda item 23, “Restoration of sovereign equality in the IAEA”, and it was decided to report to the Plenary for further decision.
Under agenda **item 15**, “Strengthening of the Agency’s technical cooperation activities”, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Conference for adoption the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/COM.5/L.7/Rev.1.

The Committee resumed discussions under agenda **item 27**, “Personnel”, and agreed to recommend to the Conference for adoption the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/COM.5/L.3/Rev.1.

The Committee also continued discussions under agenda **item 13**, “Nuclear and Radiation Safety”, on a draft resolution contained in GC(67)/COM.5/L.12/Rev.1.

Under **item 19** of the agenda “Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East”, the Conference approved by a vote operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/L.1.

The Conference also adopted by a vote the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/L.1. Statements were made by the United States of America, France, the Bahamas and Egypt.

The Conference considered **item 20** of the agenda “Israeli nuclear capabilities” and statements were made by Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the United Arab Emirates (on behalf of the Arab Group), Egypt, Lebanon, the United States of America, Cuba, Yemen, Iraq, Qatar, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Kuwait, Spain (on behalf of the European Union), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel and Georgia.

The Conference also considered agenda **item 21** “Status of Palestine in the IAEA”. Statements were made by Egypt, Indonesia, Cuba, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Israel. The conference adopted by a vote the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/L.5.

Statements were made by South Africa, Germany, the United States of America, Norway, Australia, Singapore, Algeria, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Latvia, Colombia, Yemen, Jordan and the State of Palestine.

The conference considered **item 24** of the agenda, “Transfer of the nuclear materials in the context of AUKUS and its safeguards in all aspects under the NPT”. Statements were made by China, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, South Africa, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Russian Federation, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Australia (on behalf of AUKUS), Japan, India, Zimbabwe, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Philippines, Canada, Spain (on behalf of the European Union), the Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Sudan and China.

The Conference also considered **item 25** of the agenda “Nuclear safety, security and safeguards in Ukraine”. Statements were made by Costa Rica, Spain (on behalf of the European Union), the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Poland, Zimbabwe, the Bahamas, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Ukraine.

The conference adopted by a vote the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/L.2. Statements were made by the Russian Federation, the United States of America, Mexico, China, Pakistan, South Africa, Thailand, Cuba, Brazil and the Islamic Republic of Iran.
The Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the Committee’s interim report on the outcome of deliberations and presented the Committee’s recommendations to the Conference, as follows:

— under item 9 of the agenda, “The Agency’s Financial Statements for 2022”, to adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/4;


— under item 11 of the agenda, “Amendment to Article XIV.A of the Statute”, to adopt the decision contained in document GC(67)/L.4;

— under item 12 of the agenda, “Scale of assessment of Member States’ contributions towards the Regular Budget for 2024”, to adopt the resolution on page 3 of document GC(67)/12/Rev.1;

— under item 15 of the agenda, “Strengthening of the Agency’s technical cooperation activities”, to adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/L.8; and

— under item 16 of the agenda, “Strengthening the Agency’s activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications”, to adopt the draft resolutions contained in document GC(67)/L.3.

Under item 22, “Promotion of Efficiency and Effectiveness of IAEA Decision Making Process”, the Committee agreed to provide a report to the Plenary on the discussions under this item.

Under item 26, “Amendment to Article VI of the Statute”, the Committee agreed to adopt the draft decision contained in document GC(67)/L.7; and under item 27, “Personnel”, to adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/L.9.

Under item 23, “Restoration of sovereign equality in the IAEA”, the Committee was not in a position to recommend the draft resolution outlined in document GC(67)/COM.5/L.14.

The Committee continued discussions under agenda item 13, “Nuclear and Radiation Safety”, on a draft resolution contained in GC(67)/COM.5/L.12/Rev.1.