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LONG-TERM PLANNING

Report of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

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1. At its fifty-sixth and fifty-eighth meetings held on 27 September and 30 September 1963 respectively, the Committee considered item 15 of the Agenda - Long-term planning. The Committee had before it a joint memorandum by the Board of Governors and the Director General (GC(VII)/227) including a draft resolution, and an estimate by the Director General of the financial implications (GC(VII)/INF/59).

2. The following additional documents were before the Committee:

Joint draft resolution by Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (GC(VII)/COM.1/81/Rev.1) on a programme of technical assistance to the developing countries;

Proposed amendment by Denmark, Norway and Sweden (GC(VII)/COM.1/85) to the joint draft resolution on a programme of technical assistance to the developing countries (GC(VII)/COM.1/81/Rev.1);

Joint draft resolution by Brazil, Iran, Pakistan, Tunisia and Yugoslavia (GC(VII)/COM.1/82 and Add.1) on the role of the Agency in promoting the peaceful uses of atomic energy during the Development Decade; and

Draft resolution by the Board of Governors (GC(VII)/238) on biennial programming.

3. At the suggestion of the Chairman, the Committee held a general debate on the long-term programme and then considered the draft resolutions before it, with the following results.

4. The draft resolution submitted jointly by the Board of Governors and the Director General in document GC(VII)/227 was approved unanimously.

5. The Committee then took up the joint draft resolution (GC(VII)/COM.1/81/Rev.1.) on a programme of technical assistance to the developing countries, the operative paragraphs of which read as follows:

"1. Approves the programme set out in document GC(VI)/COM.1/67/Rev.1, bearing in mind that one third of the resources required for it, amounting to 700 000 roubles (approximately US \$770 000), will be contributed by the sponsors of that draft resolution in the form of equipment and apparatus; and

"2. Urges the economically developed countries to provide the equipment, apparatus and fellowships for, or the financial resources required to implement the remaining two thirds of the programme."

6. Denmark, Norway and Sweden proposed an amendment (GC(VII)/COM.1/85) to replace paragraphs 1 and 2 by the following:

"1. Requests the Board of Governors to consider the programme set out in document GC(VI)/COM.1/67/Rev.1, bearing in mind that one third of the resources required for it, amounting to 700 000 roubles (approximately US \$770 000), will be contributed by the sponsors of that draft resolution in the form of equipment and apparatus; and

"2. Expresses the hope that further offers may be forthcoming to provide the equipment, apparatus and fellowships for, or the financial resources required to implement the remaining two thirds of the programme."

7. The sponsors accepted this amendment and the resolution, as amended, was approved unanimously.

8. The Committee then considered the joint draft resolution (GC(VII)/COM.1/82) on the role of the Agency in promoting the peaceful uses of atomic energy during the Development Decade.

9. In the course of the discussion, Yugoslavia, by request, became an additional sponsor of the draft resolution (GC(VII)/COM.1/82/Add.1). The resolution was unanimously approved by the Committee.

10. Finally, the Committee considered the draft resolution submitted by the Board of Governors (GC(VII)/238) on the introduction of biennial programming and approved it.

11. As a result of these decisions the Committee recommends to the General Conference to adopt resolutions contained in Annexes I - IV to the present report.

ANNEX I

Draft resolution

THE LONG-TERM PROGRAMME FOR THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES

The General Conference,

Recalling its request to the Board of Governors and the Director General for the preparation of a long-term programme for the Agency's activities^{1/},

1. Endorses the long-term programme for the Agency's activities annexed to document GC(VII)/227 subject to the availability of financial resources; and
2. Invites the Board of Governors and the Director General to take the long-term programme as a guide in planning and executing the Agency's work over the years, beginning in 1965.

^{1/} GC(V)/RES/105.

ANNEX II

Draft resolution

PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The General Conference,

(a) Recalling the proposal by Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, contained in document GC(VI)/COM.1/67/Rev.1, to initiate a programme of technical assistance designed to provide the developing countries with all the equipment and apparatus required for the establishment of six radiological centres and six physics laboratories, and also to make available 300 fellowships free of charge to those countries,

(b) Referring to Resolution GC(VI)/RES/131, by which the Board of Governors and the Director General were requested to make a most careful study of the proposal, in order to determine how this and other offers of a like nature might best be introduced into the over-all long-term plan, and

(c) Taking into account the information provided by the Director General concerning the results of his consultations with Member States on this question,^{1/}

1. Requests the Board of Governors to consider the programme set out in document GC(VI)/COM.1/67/Rev.1, bearing in mind that one third of the resources required for it, amounting to 700 000 roubles (approximately US \$770 000), will be contributed by the sponsors of that draft resolution in the form of equipment and apparatus; and

2. Expresses the hope that further offers may be forthcoming to provide the equipment, apparatus and fellowships for, or the financial resources required to implement the remaining two thirds of the programme.

^{1/} See document GC(VII)/INF/67.

ANNEX III

Draft resolution

ROLE OF THE AGENCY IN PROMOTING THE PEACEFUL USES OF
ATOMIC ENERGY DURING THE DEVELOPMENT DECADE

The General Conference,

(a) Notings:

(i) The priority areas in which the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) has decided that action should be taken by the United Nations family during the Development Decade^{1/} and the fact that extensive parts of the Agency's long-term programme^{2/} lie within these categories, and

(ii) The recommendations made in the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas^{3/} and the recommendation by ECOSOC that high priority be given to the application of science and technology for the benefit of such areas in the preparation of the economic and social programmes of the Members of the United Nations family,^{4/}

(b) Considering that the peaceful uses of nuclear energy have a growing role in the application of science and technology to foster economic development; and that in particular its use to produce power, as well as its other potential uses, such as to desalt water, and the use of radioisotopes to improve crops, disinfect food grains, eradicate insect pests and measure underground water, are of special interest to the developing countries, and

(c) Considering also that nuclear science centres in developing countries can help provide the qualified manpower essential for the broad advance of science in such countries,

1. Requests the Director General

- (a) to formulate, within the framework of the long-term programme, specific projects and activities, especially of a regional character, with special regard to the priorities set for the Development Decade and the fields of work referred to in paragraph (b) above;
- (b) to take such steps as he may deem necessary including appropriate administrative action and adjustment;
- (c) to keep the Board of Governors and the General Conference informed of the progress made in this respect; and
- (d) to seek effective collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Science and Technology of ECOSOC; and

2. Urges Member States to make available the resources needed to enable the Agency to make the fullest possible contribution to the objectives of the Development Decade.

1/ ECOSOC Resolution 916 (XXXIV), para. 3.

2/ GC(VII)/227.

3/ Document E/3772 and Add.1.

4/ ECOSOC Resolution 980 (XXXIV).

ANNEX IV

Draft resolution

INTRODUCTION OF BIENNIAL PROGRAMMING

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling its Resolution GC(VI)/RES/120 regarding biennial programming within the framework of annual budgets,
- (b) Bearing in mind the invitation it has addressed to the Board of Governors and the Director General to take the long-term programme for the Agency's activities^{1/} as a guide in planning and executing the Agency's work over the years beginning in 1965^{2/},
- (c) Considering that 1965 will also be the first year of the next biennial period under the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Invites the Board of Governors and the Director General to take steps to implement the proposal for biennial programming within the framework of annual budgets, beginning in 1965.

1/ INFCIRC/... (It is foreseen that the long-term programme annexed to document GC(VII)/227 will in due course be reproduced as an information circular.)

2/ GC(VII)/RES/..., para. 2. (The draft of this resolution is to be found in Annex I.)

