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AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI.A.2 OF THE STATUTE

Report by the Board of Governors

1. In resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/542, the General Conference last year requested the Board of Governors "to continue to conduct consultations with Member States and to submit its observations and recommendations on proposed amendments regarding this matter for approval by the General Conference at its thirty-fifth regular session".
2. The Board, at its meeting following the Conference's 1990 session, agreed that the Chairman would undertake consultations on its behalf and report to it at an appropriate time, taking into account the relevant, though separate, discussions in the informal working group on the revision of Article VI of the Statute as a whole^{1/}.
3. In the Chairman's consultations, the view was expressed by the representatives of some Member States that major political changes taking place in the world had created a climate more favourable to consideration of the question of the Board's membership from an aspect wider than – and

^{1/} Re-established pursuant to General Conference resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/543.

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independent of – that of the representation of particular groups. This latter question might accordingly be considered also within the framework of the discussions on Article VI as a whole, in the hope that these discussions, thus broadened, would lead to generally acceptable proposals.

4. At its meetings preceding this year's regular session of the General Conference, the Board discussed the matter in the light of a report by the Chairman on his consultations and also taking into account the report of the informal working group on the revision of Article VI of the Statute^{2/}. Several members urged that a conclusion be reached on an issue which had been under discussion for many years.

5. The Board agreed that the summary record of its discussion under the item "Amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute" should be transmitted to the General Conference for consideration at its thirty-fifth regular session.

6. The summary record of the Board's discussion on 13 September 1991 will be issued in an Addendum to the present document.

^{2/} Contained in document GC(XXXV)/977.