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Chair: Mr CSERVENY (Hungary)

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¹ GC(67)/24

Abbreviations used in this record

CSA comprehensive safeguards agreement

USA United States of America

– General comments

1. The CHAIR said that although consultations on the three outstanding draft resolutions had made considerable progress, the draft resolution on nuclear and radiation safety, in particular, required some more time. He therefore proposed that the Committee convene when agreement was reached.
2. It was so agreed.

The meeting was suspended at 10.20 p.m. and resumed at 1.50 a.m.

13. Nuclear and radiation safety (resumed)

(GC(67)/13; GC(67)/INF/2; GC(67)/COM.5/L.12/Rev.3)

3. The CHAIR said that the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/COM.5/L.12/Rev.3 had been distributed. It struck a delicate balance after intensive consultations.
4. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN said that his delegation required time to check the correctness of the revised draft resolutions.

The meeting was suspended at 1.55 a.m. and resumed at 2.05 a.m.

5. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN said that the word “voluntary” was missing from paragraph 22; the agreed wording had been “the voluntary and non-legally binding Code of Conduct”.
6. The CHAIR said that the wording would be amended accordingly.
7. He took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/COM.5/L.12/Rev.3, as amended.
8. It was so decided.

14. Nuclear security (resumed)

(GC(67)/14; GC(67)/INF/3; GC(67)/COM.5/L.11/Rev.2)

9. The CHAIR said that the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/COM.5/L.11/Rev.2 struck a delicate balance after intensive consultations.
10. He took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/COM.5/L.11/Rev.2.
11. It was so decided.
12. The representative of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN said that his delegation required time to consider one aspect of the draft resolution on safeguards.

The meeting was suspended at 2.10 a.m. and resumed at 2.15 a.m.

17. Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of Agency safeguards (resumed) (GC(67)/16; GC(67)/COM.5/L.8/Rev.2)

13. The CHAIR took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Conference that it adopt the draft resolution contained in document GC(67)/COM.5/L.8/Rev.2.

14. It was so decided.

15. The representative of EGYPT said that, whereas his country supported the draft resolution as recommended, in connection with paragraph (g), it had strong reservations about the Safeguards Implementation Report for 2022 in terms of the changes concerning the implementation of safeguards for States with a CSA. Those changes must not have any ramifications for his country's legal rights and obligations under its CSA. Egypt had officially notified the Secretariat of its position and looked forward to engaging further on the question.

16. The representative of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA said that — in a spirit of compromise — her country had joined consensus on the draft resolution on nuclear and radiation safety, but pointed out that the wording did not fully reflect its understanding of the discussions in which it had participated or the wording to which it had agreed. The addition of the wording “gender balance” in paragraph 114 was, seemingly, a misunderstanding, and the USA did not agree with its inclusion. Her country had negotiated in good faith and was prepared to accept an imperfect document, in the spirit of Vienna; it nonetheless resolved to correct the mistake in future so as to better reflect the general sentiment rather than the views of a small group.

17. The representative of CHILE, noting that his country was a firm proponent of transparent, democratic and inclusive multilateralism, said that the solution arrived at for paragraph 114 of the draft resolution on nuclear and radiation safety — namely, the wording “gender equality or balance” — was unsatisfactory. On the basis of international principles and instruments, he understood “gender equality” and “gender balance” to be utterly distinct terms, and Chile would have preferred retaining the previously agreed wording, which had mentioned solely “gender equality”. His country would show flexibility, for the sake of consensus, but he underlined that Chile was proud to pursue a feminist foreign policy and should be included in all discussions on the topic.

18. The representative of COLOMBIA said that her country would join consensus on the draft resolution on nuclear and radiation safety. It too had a feminist foreign policy and regretted the inclusion of wording about “gender balance” in the draft resolution; it regretted even more not having been included in discussions where that wording had been agreed.

19. The CHAIR, noting that the Committee's work was complete, expressed appreciation to all those who had facilitated its deliberations, in particular his Vice-Chairs, Secretariat staff, the interpreters and the Secretary of the Committee.

The meeting rose at 2.20 a.m.