

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

held on Monday, 20 September 2021

**Plenary
1st
meeting**

The Conference, under agenda **item 1** of the provisional agenda, “Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee”, elected by acclamation HE Mr Sadiq Marafi, Ambassador and Resident Representative of Kuwait to the IAEA, as President of the General Conference at its sixty-fifth regular session.

In line with a proposal by the President, the Conference elected: the delegates of Denmark, Ghana, Iraq, Paraguay, Poland, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam as Vice-Presidents of the Conference; the delegates of Angola, Belgium, Bulgaria, Malta and Panama as additional members of the General Committee, and Mr Alexandre Bilodeau, Deputy Resident Representative of Canada to the IAEA, as Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole.

Under agenda **item 5** of the provisional agenda, “Arrangements for the Conference”, the Conference approved arrangements contained in the annex of document GC(65)/17 so that the Conference could pursue its work in the current circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under agenda **item 2** of the provisional agenda, “Applications for membership of the Agency”, the Conference approved by acclamation the application for membership of the Agency submitted by the Federation of Saint Christopher (Saint Kitts) and Nevis.

Under agenda **item 3** of the provisional agenda, a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr António Guterres, was delivered to the General Conference by Ms Ghada Fathi Waly, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna.

Under agenda **item 4** of the provisional agenda, Mr Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director General of the IAEA, gave a statement to the Conference.

Under agenda **item 6** of the provisional agenda, “Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2022”, the President made a statement regarding the early pledging and payment of contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2022, which greatly helps the Secretariat in planning the Agency’s technical cooperation programme.

The Conference took up agenda **item 7** of the provisional agenda, “General debate and Annual Report for 2020”, and statements were made by the delegates of Honduras, Colombia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union), Saudi Arabia, Russian Federation, China, France and United States of America.

- General Committee**
- 1st meeting**
- The General Committee recommended to the Conference that:
- the agenda for the current session of the General Conference consist of all the items on the provisional agenda set forth in document GC(65)/1, Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3;
 - the allocation of items for initial discussion listed in documents GC(65)/1, Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3 be taken up for discussion as indicated in these documents;
 - the order of items be as set out in documents GC(65)/1, Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3; and
 - Friday, 24 September 2021 be set as the closing date of this session; and the General Conference start its next regular session on Monday, 19 September 2022.

Meeting as Credentials Committee, the General Committee took up the item on "Examination of delegates' credentials" and recommended to the Plenary to approve the draft resolution contained in paragraph 4 of the first Report of the Committee contained in document GC(65)/29.

- Plenary**
- 2nd meeting**
- Under **item 5**, "Arrangements for the Conference", the conference accepted the General Committee's recommendations that the agenda for the current session consist of all the items on the provisional agenda set forth in document GC(65)/1 and of all the supplementary items set forth in documents GC(65)/1/Add.1, Add.2 and Add 3 and that they be taken up for discussion in the order as set out in these documents.

The Conference accepted the General Committee's recommendation to close this session on Friday, 24 September 2021.

The Conference accepted the General Committee's recommendation to start its next regular session on Monday, 19 September 2022.

The Conference took up **item 25** of the agenda, "Examination of delegates' credentials", and considered the first General Committee's report contained in document GC(65)/29. The Conference adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 4 of the first Report of the General Committee's report contained in document GC(65)/29.

The Conference resumed agenda **item 7** of the provisional agenda, "General debate and Annual Report for 2020". Statements were made by Turkey, Sweden, Brazil, Belgium, Denmark, Slovakia, Niger, Namibia, Senegal, Malta, Finland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Egypt, Ghana, Portugal, Poland and Montenegro.

3.00 p.m.
Board
Room C

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Committee agreed to take the items referred to it, as far as possible, in the order in which they appear in document GC(65)/25.

The Committee also agreed to continue the practice, successfully implemented in recent years, of clustering, to the extent practicable, the draft resolutions submitted to the Plenary by the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee agreed to recommend the following to the Conference for adoption:

- under agenda **item 10**, "The Agency's Financial Statements for 2020", the draft resolution on page i of document GC(65)/4;



- under agenda **item 11**, “The Agency’s Programme and Budget for 2022–2023”, a draft resolution entitled “A. Regular Budget Appropriations for 2022”, a draft resolution entitled “B. Technical Cooperation Fund Allocation for 2022” and a draft resolution entitled “C. The Working Capital Fund for 2022”, contained in document GC(65)/2;
- under agenda **item 13**, “Amendment to Article XIV.A of the Statute”, the draft decision contained in document GC(65)/COM.5/L.14;
- under agenda **item 14**, “Scale of assessment of Member States’ contributions towards the Regular Budget for 2022”, the draft resolution contained in document GC(65)/8;
- under agenda **item 15**, “Nuclear and radiation safety”, the draft resolution contained in document GC(65)/COM.5/L.1;
- under agenda **item 16**, “Nuclear security”, the draft resolution contained in document GC(65)/COM.5/L.7;
- under agenda **item 17**, “Strengthening the Agency’s technical cooperation activities”, the draft resolutions contained in documents GC(65)/COM.5/L.3 and GC(65)/COM.5/L.4;
- under agenda **item 18**, “Strengthening the Agency’s activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications”, the draft resolutions contained in documents GC(65)/COM.5/L.5, GC(65)/COM.5/L.6, GC(65)/COM.5/L.8, GC(65)/COM.5/L.9, GC(65)/COM.5/L.13 and GC(65)/COM.5/L.12; and
- under agenda **item 19**, “Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of Agency safeguards”, the draft resolution contained in document GC(65)/COM.5/L.2.

**Plenary
3rd
meeting**

The Conference resumed agenda **item 7** of the provisional agenda, “General debate and Annual Report for 2020”. Statements were made by Indonesia, Japan, Bangladesh, San Marino, Estonia, Philippines, Norway, Belarus, Zimbabwe, Peru and Spain. The Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation requested the floor for rights of reply.