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GENERAL COMMITTEE

RECORD OF THE SIXTY-THIRD MEETING

Held at the Austria Center Vienna on Wednesday, 23 September 1992, at 3.10 p.m.

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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Chairman

Mr. ADEKANYE (Nigeria), President of the General Conference

Members

- Mr. KARIM, representing Mr. SIRCAR (Bangladesh), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. VILAIN XIIII (Belgium), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. WAGNER (Czechoslovakia), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. VILLAMIL de la CADENA (Ecuador), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. LEE, representing Mr. KIM (Republic of Korea), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. BISLEY (New Zealand), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. PAVLINOV, representing Mr. MIKHAILOV (Russian Federation), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. LAWRENCE, representing Mr. SELIN (United States of America), Vice-President of the General Conference
- Mr. EL-SAIEDI (Egypt), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole
- Mr. CODORNIU PUJALS, representing Mr. GARCIA DE LA CRUZ (Cuba),
 Additional Member
- Mr. JAMAL (Qatar), Additional Member
- Mr. ARIAS-SALGADO, representing Mr. CLAUDIO ARANZADI (Spain), Additional Member
- Mr. KOSTENKO, representing Mr. SHTEYNBERG (Ukraine), Additional Member
- Mr. CLARK, representing Mr. EGGAR (United Kingdom), Additional Member

Chairman of the Board of Governors

Mr. MONDINO (Argentina)

Secretariat

Mr. SANMUGANATHAN, Secretary of the Committee

PARTICIPATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

- 1. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> announced that since the Committee's previous meeting, the United Nations General Assembly had adopted resolution A/RES/47/1 concerning the participation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in the work of the Assembly. He had thought it prudent to inform the Committee of the adoption of that resolution in view of the General Conference's decision at its 343rd plenary meeting to await a decision by the General Assembly before taking any action concerning the participation of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in the work of the Conference and perhaps the Board.
- 2. It was his understanding that some delegations would like a Board meeting to be convened urgently to discuss the matter and make a recommendation to the General Conference.
- Mr. CLARK (United Kingdom), speaking on behalf of the European 3. Community and its twelve member States, suggested that the Agency's action should parallel that taken in the United Nations General Assembly. European Community had consistently maintained that until a decision had been taken by the General Assembly, any participation or action by the so-called Federal Republic of Yugoslavia must be without prejudice to any decisions that might subsequently be taken. Following the decision by the General Assembly, a possible draft resolution similar to the one adopted by the General Assembly had accordingly been prepared. Consultations with a number of other delegations and the Secretariat suggested that the most appropriate way of proceeding with it would be to convene an urgent meeting of the Board of Governors to consider the matter and make a recommendation to the General Conference. The draft resolution proposed that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) should not "take any further part in the work of the Board and the General Conference". That wording had been chosen to enable the Yugoslav delegation to continue to carry out its day-to-day business with the Agency's Secretariat and to communicate with other Missions resident in Vienna.
- 4. <u>Mr. LAWRENCE</u> (United States of America) supported the proposal made by the United Kingdom delegation on behalf of the European Community that the matter should be referred to the Board of Governors. His delegation had

prepared a draft resolution similar to that distributed by the delegation of the United Kingdom.

- 5. Mr. PAVLINOV (Russian Federation), noting that he had not yet received instructions from his Government regarding its position on the matter, said that he was somewhat surprised at the haste with which the Committee was attempting to deal with it. He would prefer not to take an immediate decision on the matter. In any case, the General Assembly resolution did not make it clear that similar action had automatically to be taken by all related agencies.
- 6. Mr. LAWRENCE (United States of America) said, by way of clarification, that the proposal was for the General Committee to refer the matter to the Board of Governors for it to make a recommendation, and that since the General Conference was currently in session, time was of the essence.
- 7. Mr. KOSTENKO (Ukraine) thanked the United Kingdom delegation for distributing the draft resolution. He agreed that the convening of an urgent meeting of the Board was an appropriate way to proceed and that the matter had to be resolved during the current session of the General Conference.
- 8. The <u>CHAIRMAN</u> said he took it that the Committee generally supported the convening of an urgent meeting of the Board of Governors to consider the matter and make a recommendation to the General Conference.
- 9. It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 3.25 p.m.