

### **SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**

#### held on Monday, 18 September 2017

### Plenary 1st meeting

The Conference, under item 1 of the provisional agenda, "Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee", elected by acclamation Her Excellency Ms Maria Zeneida Angara Collinson, Resident Representative of the Philippines to the IAEA, as President of the General Conference at its sixty-first regular session.

In line with a proposal by the President, the Conference elected the delegates of Australia, Bulgaria, Finland, Ghana, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, Mongolia and the United States of America as Vice-Presidents of the Conference. Also in line with a proposal by the President, the Conference elected His Excellency Mr Rolf Stalder, Resident Representative of Switzerland to the IAEA, as Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, and the delegates of Angola, Canada, the Czech Republic, Kuwait, Peru and the Russian Federation as additional members of the General Committee.

Under 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 Grenada.

Under 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 Mr Thomas Markram, Deputy to the United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.

Under item 4 of the provisional agenda, Mr Yukiya Amano, Director General, gave a statement.

Under item 6 of the provisional agenda, the conference approved by acclamation the appointment of Mr Yukiya Amano as Director General from 1 December 2017 to 30 November 2021.

Under item 7 of the provisional agenda, "Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2018", the President made a statement regarding the early pledging and payment of contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund for 2018, which greatly helps the Secretariat in planning the Agency's technical cooperation programme.

The Conference took up item 8 of the provisional agenda, "General debate and Annual Report for 2016", and statements were made by the delegates of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, Jordan, Estonia (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, China, Ghana, Bangladesh, Egypt, Paraguay, the Sudan, Saudi Arabia and the Niger.



## 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(61)/1 and of all the supplementary items set forth in documents GC(61)/1/Add.1, Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2;
- the allocation of items for initial discussion listed in documents GC(61)/1, Add.1 and Add.2 be taken up for discussion as indicated in these documents;
- the order of items be as set out in documents GC(61)/1, Add.1 and Add.2;
- Friday, 22 September 2017, be set as the closing date of this session;
- the General Conference start its next regular session on Monday, 17 September 2018.

## Plenary 2nd meeting

The Conference adopted the recommendations of the General Committee. The Conference resumed consideration of item 8 of the agenda, "General debate and Annual Report for 2016". Statements were made by Serbia, Ukraine, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, the Congo, Montenegro, Zambia, Lesotho, Cameroon, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Georgia, Poland, the Holy See, Panama, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Austria, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Monaco and Kenya.

# Committee of the Whole 1st meeting

The Committee elected His Excellency Ambassador Simon Madjumo Maruta of Namibia as Vice-Chair of the 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(61)/COM.5/1.

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 2016", the draft resolution on page i of the document GC(61)/2;
- under agenda item 11, "The Agency's Programme and Budget 2018–2019", a draft resolution entitled "A. Regular Budget Appropriations for 2018", a draft resolution entitled "B. Technical Cooperation Fund Allocation for 2018" and a draft resolution entitled "C. The Working Capital Fund for 2018", contained in document





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- under agenda item 13, "Amendment to Article XIV.A of the Statute", the draft decision contained in document GC(61)/COM.5/L.4;
- under agenda item 14, "Scale of assessment of Member States' contributions towards the Regular Budget for 2018", the draft resolution contained in document GC(61)/13 and Corr.1;
- under agenda item 15, "Measures to strengthen international cooperation in nuclear, radiation, transport and waste safety", the draft resolution contained in document GC(61)/COM.5/L.1;
- under agenda item 19, "Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of Agency safeguards", the draft resolution contained in document GC(61)/COM.5/L.2.