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## **SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**

**held on Thursday, 21 September 2017**

**The General  
Committee  
2nd meeting**

The General Committee met as a Credentials Committee and examined credentials of all delegates. The Committee recommended the adoption by the Conference of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 8 of its report, with the reservations and positions expressed in the report.

**Plenary  
7th meeting**

The Conference concluded consideration of item 8 of the agenda, “General debate and Annual Report for 2016”.

Statements were made by Nepal, Senegal, Palau, Uruguay, Afghanistan, Palestine, the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom), the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), the Brazilian–Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC), the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM), the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) and the Arab Atomic Energy Agency.

Under item 12, “Appointment of the External Auditor”, the Audit Board of Indonesia was appointed for the financial years 2018 and 2019.

Under item 28 of the agenda, “Examination of delegates’ credentials”, on which the General Committee presented its report contained in document GC(61)/29, the conference adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 8 of the General Committee’s report.

Under item 9, “Election of Members to the Board of Governors”, the following Member States were elected to serve on the Board of Governors during the period 2017–2019: Chile, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Belgium, Portugal, Armenia, Serbia, Kenya, the Sudan, the Republic of Korea and Jordan. For the “floating seat” Indonesia was elected.

The Conference adopted the recommendations on the agenda items concluded thus far by the Committee of the Whole as presented by the Chairperson in his interim oral report:

— under item 10, “The Agency’s Financial Statements for 2016”, the draft resolution contained in document GC(61)/2;

— under 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



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Allocation for 2018” and a draft resolution entitled “C. The Working Capital Fund for 2018”, contained in document GC(61)/4;

— under item 13, “Amendment of Article XIV.A of the Statute”, the draft decision contained in document GC(61)/L.7;

— under item 14, “Scale of assessment of Member States’ contributions towards the Regular Budget for 2018”, the draft resolution contained on page 3 of document GC(61)/13 and Corr.1;

— under item 15, “Measures to strengthen international cooperation in nuclear, radiation, transport and waste safety”, the draft resolution contained in document GC(61)/L.1;

— under item 16, “Nuclear security”, the draft resolution contained in document GC(61)/L.5;

— under item 18, “Strengthening the Agency’s activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications”, the draft resolution contained in document GC(61)/L.3;

— under item 19, “Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of Agency safeguards”, the draft resolution contained in document GC(61)/L.2;

— under item 23, “Promotion of efficiency and effectiveness of the IAEA Decision Making Process”, the Conference took note of the report of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole;

— under item 24, “Amendment to Article VI of the Statute”, the draft decision contained in document GC(61)/L.8;

— under item 25, “Personnel”, the draft resolution contained in document GC(61)/L.4;

— under item 26, “Election to the Agency’s Staff Pension Committee”, Mr Seán Ó Riain from the delegation of Ireland and Ms Maria Luz Melon from the delegation of Argentina were elected.

### **Plenary 8th meeting**

The Rapporteur of the Scientific Forum made a report to the Conference.

Under agenda item 21, “Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East”, the Conference approved operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document GC(61)/L.6. The Conference also adopted the draft resolution contained in document GC(61)/L.6.

Under agenda item 22 “Israeli nuclear capabilities”, document GC(61)/17 and the explanatory memorandum contained in document GC(61)/1/Add.1, statements were made by Iraq (on behalf of the Arab Group), the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Cuba, Iraq, Lebanon, Kuwait, Indonesia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Yemen, the United States of America, Algeria, Estonia (on behalf of the



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European Union) and Israel.

Under agenda item 27, “Term of Office of the External Auditor”, the recommendation in document GC(61)/7 was adopted by the Conference.

**Committee  
of the Whole  
6th meeting**

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

— under agenda item 17, draft resolution GC(61)/COM.5/L.11/Rev.1 entitled “Strengthening of the Agency’s technical cooperation activities”.