

Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Database

11 November 2005 Board of Governors Meeting

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Matters on UN and IAEA	 (GOV/COM.25/OR.1 – Para 20) [T]he Non-Aligned Movement, thanked the Chairman of the Board of Governors for holding consultations prior to convening the Committee's first meeting. She also congratulated the Chairperson of the Committee on her designation. NAM had full confidence in her ability to carry out her duties with professionalism and integrity. NAM was also grateful to the Secretariat for its presentations. (GOV/COM.25/OR.1 – Para 24) With regard to the schedule for future meetings, to allow all States to participate fully in the Committee's work there should be no overlap between Committee meetings and other scheduled United Nations-related meetings in Vienna. NAM took note of the Board's decision that the Committee would consider, and make recommendations to the Board of Governors on any Committee funding issues, and it looked forward to receiving the relevant information from the Secretariat on funding requirements. It looked forward to the wide consultations to be conducted by the Chairperson with a view to reaching agreement on all pending issues, including the detailed mandate, and the agenda, subjects and timing of future meetings. More time was needed to examine some of the concrete proposals or subjects to be considered in future meetings. (GOV/COM.25/OR.2 – Para 8) [NAM] said that the Chairperson should continue her consultations and come back to the Committee with a proposal, based on information from the Secretariat and proposals by Member States. That proposal could then be circulated by the Secretariat to all Member States for consideration and feedback and the Chairperson could then come up with a final decision. 	
	Peaceful Uses	
Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy	 (GOV/COM.25/OR.1 - Para 21) NAM supported all efforts to enhance the Agency's work in all its aspects, within the limits of its statutory responsibilities and legal authority, and bearing in mind the inalienable right of all States to carry out any activity related to research into, or development or practical application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes Furthermore, efforts should be made to strengthen all the Agency's statutory activities in a balanced manner. The Committee should not divert resources away from promotional activities and thereby impair the balance between nuclear verification and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. (GOV/COM.25/OR.1 - Para 22) The Committee should focus on 	

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- (GOV/COM.25/OR.1 Para 23) In fulfilling its mandate, the Committee should not duplicate either the responsibilities of the Director General or the work of SAGSI. It should focus on strengthening elements of the Agency's safeguards system, in particular those implemented in connection with the NPT, where appropriate and within existing legal obligations. Referring to General Conference resolution GC(49)/RES/13, she said that NAM attached great importance to the open-ended nature of the Committee and to the need for consensus on any decisions and recommendations. NAM took note of the decision of the Board that the Committee would have an initial two-year mandate. Before making any recommendations to the Board, the Committee should assess the full implementation of relevant decisions of previous General Conferences and of the Board related to strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards and verification system. NAM was confident that the Secretariat had the necessary expertise to support and facilitate the work of the Committee by preparing substantive documentation in all United Nations languages for distribution in a timely manner. The Committee should take advantage of the Secretariat's expertise in the area of safeguards and verification improvement.

Procedural Matters

Institutional Issues

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