



Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Database

17 January 2006 Board of Governors Meeting

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	Safeguards
General Views on Safeguards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (GOV/COM.25/OR.3 – Para 4) ...NAM, said that in order to review the safeguards system and assess the measures needed to improve its efficiency, it was necessary to identify the gaps and obstacles in implementing pertinent resolutions of the General Conference and decisions of the Board of Governors. The Advisory Committee must discuss extensively all aspects of the item currently before it in order to reach balanced and applicable conclusions and/or recommendations. Accordingly, NAM requested the Secretariat to prepare, before the next session of the Committee, a written presentation and the necessary documentation on the status of implementation of previous resolutions, identifying any gaps or obstacles and also possible ways of addressing them. In addition, the Secretariat should provide the necessary documentation at least 15 days prior to the meeting, so as to enable Member States, including those in NAM, to prepare in advance and refer to their capitals. That had not been the case for the current meeting.• (GOV/COM.25/OR.3 – Para 5) It was important that the current meeting decide the agenda for the Committee's next meeting. She underlined the need to keep a balanced approach with respect to the Agency's activities and ensure that verification activities were not carried out at the expense of technical cooperation activities.• (GOV/COM.25/OR.3 – Para 6) NAM was pleased to note that, from 16 to 20 October 2006, the Agency would be holding an international safeguards symposium on addressing verification challenges. It encouraged the Secretariat to facilitate the participation of experts from developing countries by making funds available to help meet the cost of attendance. Further symposia should be held to enhance appreciation of current challenges to the safeguards system and to strengthen safeguards practices and approaches.
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IAEA: Programme and Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (GOV/COM.25/OR.4 – Para 24) ...[NAM] said that the issue of funding was of the utmost importance as it might set a precedent and have implications for the financial contributions of Member States and/or other activities undertaken by the Agency. She said the work of the Advisory Committee should neither entail additional financial burdens on Member States, especially the developing countries, nor divert funds already allocated for other Agency activities, especially under Major Programme 6. The issue had to be resolved by consensus, taking into consideration the concerns of all members. • (GOV/COM.25/ OR.4 – Para 25) In order to formulate informed recommendations on the financing of its meetings, the Committee should have a document setting out the available options for financing as well as their implications both for the financial contributions of Member States and for the financial resources available for other programmes and activities. It should be distributed to all Member States in a timely manner to allow adequate examination of the options. • (GOV/COM.25/OR.4 – Para 26) Also, developing Member States should be given assistance for appropriate participation in the work of the Advisory Committee. It was important that meetings of the Advisory Committee should not overlap with other scheduled United Nations meetings in Vienna since it was difficult for countries with small permanent missions, such as NAM members, to attend various meetings simultaneously. Taking into account such constraints, NAM considered that a maximum of three meetings of the Advisory Committee in 2006 would be sufficient. It was also of the view that the duration of meetings would be determined by the nature of the items to be discussed.
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