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(resumed) (Cuba)

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## Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee

### Record of the 147<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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## Attendance

(The list below gives the name of the senior member of each delegation who attended the meeting, as well as that of any other member whose statement is summarized in this record.)

Mr. PETRIČ	Chairman (Slovenia)
Mr. CURIA	Argentina
Mr. SHANNON	Australia
Mr. WRABETZ	Austria
Mr. MACKAY	Belarus
Mr. BAZOBERRY	Bolivia
Ms. RICHTER RIBEIRO MOURA	Brazil
Ms. GERVAIS-VIDRICAIRE	Canada
Mr. SKOKNIC	Chile
Mr. TANG Guoqiang	China
Mr. ARÉVALO YÉPES	Colombia
Mr. HORVATIĆ	Croatia
Ms. GOICOCHEA ESTENOZ	Cuba
Mr. RAMZY	Egypt
Ms. SINEGIORGIS	Ethiopia
Ms. KAUPPI	Finland
Mr. DENIAU	France
Mr. SCHELLER	Germany
Ms. BALANOU	Greece
Mr. SHARMA	India
Mr. WIBOWO	Indonesia
Mr. AMANO	Japan
Mr. KIM Sung-Hwan	Korea, Republic of
Mr. TAJOURI	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Mr. ELOUMNI	Morocco
Mr. OSAISAI	Nigeria
Ms. VIKØY	Norway
Mr. SHAHBAZ	Pakistan
Mr. BERDENNIKOV	Russian Federation
Mr. KRIŽ	Slovenia
Mr. MINTY	South Africa
Mr. LUNDBORG	Sweden
Mr. OTHMAN	Syrian Arab Republic
Mr. PANUPONG	Thailand
Mr. MACGREGOR	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. SCHULTE	United States of America
Mr. ELBARADEI	Director General
Ms. CETTO	Deputy Director General, Department of Technical Cooperation
Mr. ANING	Secretary of the Board

**Representatives of the following Member States also attended the meeting:**

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Belgium, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Hungary, Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Yemen.

**Abbreviations used in this record:**

CPF	Country Programme Framework
LEU	low-enriched uranium
NAM	Non-Aligned Movement
NLO	National Liaison Officer
PCMF	Programme Cycle Management Framework
Revised Guiding Principles	The Revised Guiding Principles and General Operating Rules to Govern the Provision of Technical Assistance by the Agency
TCF	Technical Cooperation Fund

\* Speakers under Rule 50 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure are indicated by an asterisk.

## **2. Technical Cooperation: The Agency's proposed programme for 2007–2008 (resumed)**

(GOV/2006/59/Rev.1, Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1)

1. The CHAIRMAN, summing up, said that during discussion of the item a number of detailed and useful comments had been made, to which the Secretariat would give due consideration. The Committee had emphasized the importance of the Agency's technical cooperation activities and welcomed the information provided in documents GOV/2006/59/Rev.1, Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1. It had commended the Secretariat for its efforts in promoting technical cooperation activities, resulting in an overall increase of 10% in the programme.
2. Several members had emphasized that the Agency's technical cooperation activities constituted the main vehicle for transferring nuclear technology to developing countries for their socio-economic development, in keeping with the Agency's Statute and mandate. The basic and inalienable right of Member States to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination had been reaffirmed. Some members had emphasized that the Agency's technical cooperation programme was part of a global developmental picture and that they looked forward to the Board having the opportunity to discuss relevant aspects of the report of the High Level Panel on United Nations System-wide Coherence.
3. The Committee had noted that the proposed programme for 2007–2008 had been designed using for the first time the PCMF, supported by the web-based information technology platform, and had commended the efforts of the Secretariat in that regard. Some members had encouraged the Secretariat to make efforts to improve the services of the NLOs by empowering them with the necessary training activities and equipment support. Some had requested the Secretariat to conduct a review and provide an assessment of the effectiveness of the new system.
4. Some members had regretted the late issuance of detailed technical information. The Secretariat had explained that the time available for finalizing the programme after the General Conference had been limited and that, after having solved the technical difficulties with the new PCMF, the documents for the next programme would be delivered earlier. Several members had welcomed the increase in the number of CPFs concluded. A view had been expressed that the Secretariat should implement an effective gender policy in the programme as a priority.
5. Some members had said that a review should be conducted of the technical cooperation programme formulation process, including the criteria used therein. Some members had requested the Secretariat to revise the consultation process in order to provide all interested stakeholders with an adequate opportunity for involvement. Some proposals had been made in that regard and the Secretariat had been requested to examine the situation and to report to the Board at an appropriate time.
6. Some other members had emphasized that the Agency's technical cooperation activities were primarily designed to respond to the needs of recipient Member States. They had expressed their satisfaction at the participatory approach that had evolved between the Secretariat and project counterparts in recipient Member States in designing the programme. Some members had stressed that interference by donor Member States in the process was unacceptable.

7. Some members had emphasized the importance of the Agency's contribution to the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals and its role as an important partner for development. Some had highlighted the importance of strong operational partnerships with regional organizations, other international agencies and financial institutions in fulfilling technical cooperation objectives, and had encouraged the Secretariat to intensify its efforts and report to the Committee in that regard.

8. Several members had emphasized the importance of national and regional projects related to various sectors, in particular nuclear safety and waste management, the environment and water management, human health, including nutrition, and food production. Support had been expressed for the emphasis placed on the field of human health in the programme. Some members had noted that there was an increasing interest in projects relating to the assessment of energy needs and the use of nuclear power and had requested the strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation in those areas. Some had expressed support for projects on the conversion of research reactors to LEU fuel.

9. Several members had expressed the need for caution regarding technical cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran, in light of the recent resolutions of the Board of Governors and the Security Council. They had welcomed the assurances provided by the Secretariat that the proposed projects were in conformity with relevant Board and Security Council resolutions and in particular that they did not contribute to enrichment related or reprocessing activities in Iran and that during implementation of those projects, as with all others, all the requirements of the relevant Board and Security Council resolutions would continue to be conformed with. However, they had expressed particular concern regarding the proposed project IRA/9/019 in light of the resolutions of the Board and the Security Council. They had expressed the view that they were not in a position to join a consensus on the proposed technical cooperation programme if that project were included.

10. Several other members had expressed their confidence that the Secretariat had developed the proposed technical cooperation programme in a professional, impartial and non-discriminatory manner in line with the Agency's Statute and in accordance with the decisions of its Policy-Making Organs and of the Security Council. They had emphasized the relevance of the Revised Guiding Principles approved by the Board and contained in document INFCIRC/267. They had stressed that technical assistance should not be subject to any political, economic, military or other conditions incompatible with the Agency's Statute. They had proposed that the programme as contained in the Secretariat's documents be forwarded to the Board for approval in its entirety. Some had expressed the view that the credibility of the Agency would be damaged if double standards were applied in assessing the Agency's technical cooperation projects.

11. The importance of recommending to the Board the technical cooperation programme by consensus and the need to avoid politicization of the work of the Committee had been stressed by many members.

12. The Committee had reiterated the need for adequate, predictable and assured funding for the Agency's technical cooperation activities and urged all Member States to pay in full and on time their shares to the TCF target. Several members had encouraged the Secretariat to explore means towards that end and had expressed their readiness to engage in further consultations on the issue. Some members had emphasized that the financing of technical cooperation activities should be in line with the concept of 'shared responsibility'.

13. The Committee had noted with satisfaction the improvement in resources for the TCF for 2005 in comparison with previous years and had welcomed the fact that for the first time the rate of attainment goal of 90% had been reached. However, some members had expressed concern that \$7.5 million of the target had been neither paid nor pledged.

14. With respect to the funding of footnote a/ projects, some members had expressed the hope that resources for those projects would be forthcoming and had encouraged the Secretariat to adopt a proactive approach with traditional and non-traditional donors alike to identify financial resources for those projects and to establish a concrete strategy to address that issue.

15. The Committee had received the technical cooperation programme for 2007–2008. After considering the programme and following an exchange of views, the Committee had decided to convey the programme to the Board for its consideration.

16. He took it that his summing-up was acceptable.

17. It was so agreed.

18. The representative of CUBA, speaking on behalf of the NAM, expressed the Movement's appreciation to the Chairman for his efforts to find consensus. She recalled the NAM's principled position on the inalienable right of developing countries to engage in research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination. The NAM furthermore emphasized that the promotional activities of the Agency, which were essential in fulfilling its mandate, were accomplished through technical assistance and cooperation and without imposing conditions incompatible with the Agency's Statute.

19. Without prejudice to the assurances given by the Secretariat that all the projects included in the proposed technical cooperation programme for 2007–2008 had been formulated in conformity with the Statute and the Revised Guiding Principles as contained in document INFCIRC/267, and that the projects were not in violation of Security Council or Board of Governors resolutions, the NAM agreed that the Committee forward the proposed programme to the Board of Governors for its consideration.

20. The NAM had exhibited flexibility and readiness to cooperate with all other members on the way forward and had the expectation that when the proposed programme was considered by the Board there would be no repetition of statements and issues already discussed in the Committee. With a view to facilitating the conclusion of the work, the NAM could go along with the proposal that the Board, when it met, could decide to implement the entire programme and defer the decision on project IRA/9/019 without prejudice. The NAM hoped that all members would display a constructive spirit to enable the Agency's proposed programme for technical assistance and cooperation for the period 2007–2008 to be implemented without delay.

21. The representative of MOROCCO renewed his delegation's confidence in and support for the Secretariat's impartiality and professionalism, and called on all to refrain from taking measures that might undermine that confidence in the Secretariat. He said that it was very important for all concerned to preserve the Committee as a forum for considering issues of importance to technical cooperation.

**The meeting rose at 12.35 p.m.**