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Note by the Director General

On 23 September 1986, the Board of Governors took note of and decided to transmit to the General Conference, for consideration at its special session, the attached draft text prepared on an informal basis by an open-ended group of Resident Representatives.

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The General Conference, at its Special Session on Nuclear Safety and Radiological Protection:

Role of Nuclear Energy

- Recognizes that nuclear power will continue to be an important source of energy for social and economic development.
- Emphasizes that the highest level of nuclear safety will continue to be essential to the use of this energy source.

Responsibility of States

- Reaffirms that each country engaged in nuclear energy activities is itself responsible for ensuring the nuclear and radiation safety, physical security and environmental compatibility of its nuclear facilities and activities.

International Co-operation

- Appeals for a strengthening of international co-operation, at both the bilateral and the multilateral level, with regard to nuclear safety, radiological protection, physical security and environmental compatibility.

Role of the IAEA

- Reaffirms the central role of the IAEA, under its Statute, in encouraging and facilitating international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, including nuclear safety and radiological protection.

- Reaffirms the usefulness of the Agency's continuing programmes for enhanced nuclear safety and radiological protection, and urges all Members to co-operate fully in the implementation of these programmes.
- Underlines the importance of and need for future increased efforts within the Agency, and in co-operation with other concerned international organizations, to promote the safe application of nuclear power.

Post-Accident Review

- Expresses its satisfaction with the Post-Accident Review Meeting conducted from 25 to 29 August 1986 under the auspices of the IAEA.
- Expresses its appreciation to the participating experts from the Soviet Union for providing, in the context of this Meeting, valuable information for understanding the accident.
- Takes note of the report of the Post-Accident Review Meeting and requests the Board of Governors to consider carefully any proposals for enhanced nuclear safety and radiological protection activities in its future review of the regular IAEA programme, taking into consideration - inter alia - the valuable information and recommendations resulting from that Meeting.

Conventions on Notification and Assistance

- Adopts the texts of the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and of the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency, which are attached, and decides to open the Conventions for signature on 26 September 1986.

- Takes note of the statements made by several States as to the need for early notification of all nuclear accidents with radiological safety significance and of the declarations made by several States on their readiness to notify also nuclear accidents other than those specified in Article 1 of the Convention on Early Notification.
- Recognizes the role entrusted to the IAEA in the implementation of the Conventions.
- Appeals to all States to sign and become party to the Conventions as promptly as possible.
- Appeals to all Signatory States for which the Conventions will not enter into force immediately to declare, whenever possible, that they will provisionally apply either or both of the Conventions pending their entry into force for such States.