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PROGRAMME, BUDGET AND WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR 1959

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ASSISTANCE TO LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

The General Conference,

- (a) Considering that production and consumption of power are among the decisive factors in increasing national income and raising standards of living;
- (b) Considering that the less developed countries are those which are most in need of increasing their production of power quickly as an important element in the promotion of their economic development enabling them to meet the pressure of population growth;
- (c) Considering that these countries are generally poor in conventional sources of energy;
- (d) Considering that States which are more developed and richer in energy resources have given an important place in their programmes of energy development to generation of electric power from nuclear origin, especially by means of large power reactors;
- (e) Considering that one of the Agency's primary functions under the Statute is to assist the less developed countries, and
- (f) Considering that the main need of the less developed countries will be for medium and small power reactors to develop their economies;
1. Recommends that the Board of Governors should give earnest and early consideration to:

(a) Initiating action for a survey to be made of the needs of the less developed countries with their consent, in the matter of nuclear power generation plants suitable for their specific circumstances;

(b) Adopting measures so that a continuing study be made of the development of the technology and economics of small and medium scale nuclear power reactors which may be best suited for the economic development of less developed countries;

(c) Disseminating to all Member States the information collected by the Agency under (a) and (b) above; and

(d) Assisting the less developed countries in planning and implementing their training programmes at their request so that they may have, as soon as possible, adequate numbers of scientists, technicians and engineers, to take full advantage of the developments in the technology and utilization of small and medium scale power reactors:

2. Requests the Board of Governors to report to the third regular session of the General Conference on the steps taken to implement this resolution.
