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THE AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1969 AND PROGRAMME FOR 1969-74

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THE AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH
THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS

The General Conference,

- (a) Noting that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons provides that potential benefits from any peaceful applications of nuclear explosions will be made available under appropriate international observation and through appropriate international procedures, and contemplates that such benefits will be obtainable through an appropriate international body with adequate representation of non-nuclear-weapon States,^{1/}
- (b) Recalling that the Agency, whose membership already includes more than 90 non-nuclear-weapon States, was established to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world while ensuring, so far as it is able, that assistance provided by it is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose,^{2/}
- (c) Recognizing that during the last decade the Agency has acquired experience and competence that are contributing to the attainment of these objectives,

(d) Bearing in mind that this unique experience and competence are directly relevant to the peaceful use of nuclear explosions, and that the Agency therefore can effectively perform the role envisaged under the provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and

(e) Bearing in mind also that a number of signatories to the Treaty have expressed the view that the Agency should perform that role,

1. Requests the Director General to initiate studies of the procedures that the Agency should employ in performing such a role; and
2. Requests the Board of Governors to review the results of these studies and to report thereon to the General Conference in 1969 at its thirteenth regular session.

1/ Article V of the Treaty.

2/ See the Statute, Article II.