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THE AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

Report by the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

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1. At its eighty seventh and eighty eighth meetings on 25 and 26 September 1969 the Committee considered item 15 of the agenda - The Agency's responsibility to provide services in connection with nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes. It had before it a report by the Board of Governors on the subject^{1/}, a note and two memoranda from the resident representative of Mexico^{2/} and a draft resolution presented jointly by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.
2. In the course of the discussion the United Arab Republic submitted an amendment to the draft resolution. Acknowledging, however, that several delegations had not had time for consultation on the amendment, the delegate from the United Arab Republic announced that he did not wish to press the amendment to a vote, being content to have his proposal included in the record.
3. At the conclusion of its debate the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America was adopted without a vote. The Committee accordingly recommends the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution presented in the Annex hereto.

1/ GC(XIII)/410.

2/ GC(XIII)/411.

A N N E X

THE AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE
OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling its Resolution GC(XII)/RES/245,
 - (b) Having examined the report on the Agency's responsibility to provide services in connection with nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes submitted by the Board of Governors in response to that Resolution^{1/},
 - (c) Noting with satisfaction that this report was prepared with the assistance of an ad hoc committee in which all Members of the Agency were invited to participate,
 - (d) Noting further that in the preparation of this report, the Board and the ad hoc committee benefited from a preliminary analysis provided by the Director General and the comments made by 31 Members of the Agency,
 - (e) Expressing the view that additional studies will be required to elaborate further the Agency's activities in this field, and
 - (f) Being aware that the General Assembly of the United Nations will consider the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General in response to the Assembly's Resolution 2456 C (XXIII) on "the establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes, under appropriate international control",
1. Endorses the report by the Board of Governors on the Agency's responsibility to provide services in connection with nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes^{1/};
 2. Requests the Director General and the Board to continue their studies in this field, taking into account the observations made by the General Assembly of the United Nations during its consideration of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to Resolution 2456 C (XXIII); and

^{1/} GC(XIII)/410.

3. Also requests the Director General to transmit the present resolution, together with the records of the relevant discussions at its thirteenth regular session, to the Secretary-General for communication to the General Assembly.