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THE AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1976

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THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL

The General Conference,

- (a) Recognizing the accelerated and widespread growth in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy throughout the world and the consequent increase in the number of facilities and quantities of nuclear materials involved in these uses,
- (b) Conscious of the potential hazards to the health, safety and welfare of the public and to the environment that could arise from interference with nuclear facilities or the unauthorized use of nuclear materials as a result of acts of theft, vandalism, terrorism and hijacking,
- (c) Mindful of the urgent need to minimize the possibility of sabotage of nuclear facilities and of clandestine or overt theft or of unauthorized use of nuclear materials by assuring the physical protection of nuclear facilities and of nuclear materials during storage, use or transit, and
- (d) Aware that the responsibility for the adoption and implementation of physical protection systems rests with the authorities of individual Member States and that the specific measures to be applied may vary according to particular circumstances in different States,

1. Commends the Director General for his timely action in dealing with the matter of the physical protection of nuclear facilities and materials;
2. Notes with satisfaction the publication of the booklet entitled "The Physical Protection of Nuclear Material"^{1/} which contains recommendations and explanations as to what can be done by Member States to establish their national systems for the physical protection of nuclear facilities and materials or to improve the quality and effectiveness of such systems;
3. Welcomes the intention of the Director General to review and bring up to date those recommendations regularly to reflect advances made in the state of the art or the introduction of new types of facilities;
4. Endorses the intention of the Director General to assist Member States at their request in the development and strengthening of their national systems for physical protection;
5. Urges all Member States to take appropriate steps to review and, if necessary, strengthen their physical protection systems for nuclear facilities and materials to assure that the measures employed will be effective against the full range of potential threats; and
6. Calls upon Member States and the Director General to consider ways and means of facilitating international co-operation in dealing further with problems of the physical protection of nuclear facilities and materials which are common to Member States, such as those relating to the international transfer of nuclear materials.

^{1/} INFCIRC/225.