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PROHIBITION OF ALL ARMED ATTACKS AGAINST
NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS DEVOTED TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES
WHETHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR IN OPERATION

Explanatory memorandum submitted by
the Islamic Republic of Iran

1. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran,
 - (a) considering the recurrence of military attacks on nuclear installations intended for peaceful applications during the past several years,
 - (b) bearing in mind that the existing resolutions and conventions prohibiting military attacks on nuclear installations intended for peaceful purposes have not been effective deterrents,
 - (c) considering that any military attack on nuclear installations at any stage of implementation constitutes a setback to the peaceful nuclear programmes of the owner countries and that, in view of the capital-intensiveness of such ventures, military attacks may cause irreparable damage to peaceful nuclear programmes,

- (d) recalling that, as spelled out in Article II of the Statute, the Agency has the statutory objective of accelerating and enlarging "the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world",
- (e) recalling preambular paragraph (e) of resolution GC(XKIX)/RES/444, which states that the General Conference considers "... that any attacks or threats of attack against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes jeopardize the development and further promotion of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and therefore the achievement of one of the main objectives of the International Atomic Energy Agency", and
- (f) recalling preambular paragraph (g) of resolution GC(XKIX)/RES/444, which states that the General Conference is aware "... that all States developing nuclear energy for peaceful purposes need assurances against armed attacks on peaceful nuclear facilities",

believes that military attacks against all nuclear facilities and installations intended for peaceful applications at any stage of construction, at any time during the suspension of construction activities or at any stage of utilization and/or operation should be prohibited.

2. Consequently, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran requests the General Conference to include the subject as an item of the agenda and subsequently to adopt an appropriate resolution which not only prohibits military attacks on nuclear installations, as indicated above, but also contains provisions - specifying types of penalty and procedures for their imposition - for the penalization of any Member State found in violation of the adopted resolution.

3. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran believes that, until such definitive and all-encompassing resolutions are adopted, all countries engaged in peaceful nuclear programmes are in constant danger of military attack and that serious deterrents are required in order to alleviate such dangers for the sake of peace and the prosperity of mankind and for the preservation of the statutory integrity of the Agency.

