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MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN NUCLEAR SAFETY AND RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION

Resolution adopted during the 311th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1988

MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN NUCLEAR SAFETY AND RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling resolution GC(SPL.I)/RES/1, in which it reaffirmed that each country engaged in nuclear energy activities is itself responsible for ensuring the nuclear and radiation safety, physical security and environmental compatibility of its nuclear facilities and activities, and in which it at the same time appealed for a strengthening of international co-operation, at both the bilateral and the multilateral level, with regard to nuclear safety, radiological protection, physical security and environmental compatibility,
- (b) Taking note of the report by the Board of Governors and the Director General contained in document GC(XXXII)/840 and prepared in response to resolution GC(XXXI)/RES/473,
- (c) Welcoming the revised NUSS Codes and their adoption by the Board,
- (d) Referring to the letter of 15 August 1988 in which the Director General invited Resident Representatives to inform him about their Governments' policies in relation to the NUSS Codes, and
- (e) Taking note of the report by the International Nuclear Safety Advisory Group containing proposed basic safety principles for nuclear power plants,

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1. Expresses its appreciation for the work in the area of nuclear safety done so far by the Board of Governors, the Secretariat and relevant Advisory Groups since its thirty-first regular session;
2. Welcomes and endorses the wish of the Board of Governors to maintain the emphasis given to nuclear safety and radiation protection;
3. Considers that the NUSS Codes are international guides for assisting, as appropriate, States with a nuclear power programme in place or in preparation in the formulating and implementing of national regulations and in carrying out actions concerning the safety of nuclear power plants;
4. Invites Member States to inform the Agency, on a voluntary basis, whether or to what extent the relevant requirements of their national legislation and regulations are consistent with the revised Codes;
5. Requests the Director General to inform Member States regularly, as appropriate, about the information received in connection with paragraph 4;
6. Expresses the need to monitor future developments in nuclear science and technology and, if warranted by such developments, to review and update the NUSS Codes;
7. Invites all those involved in nuclear power plant safety to give careful consideration to the INSAG report containing proposed basic safety principles for nuclear power plants and to communicate to the Secretariat any comments or proposals they may have; and
8. Invites Member States to use, on a voluntary basis, the Operational Safety Review Team (OSART) programme, which provides assistance, on request, in enhancing the safe operation of nuclear facilities.