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STATUS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CONVENTIONS FOR WHICH THE AGENCY IS DEPOSITARY

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

CONVENTION ON EARLY NOTIFICATION OF A NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

CONVENTION ON ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE OF A NUCLEAR ACCIDENT OR RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

The General Conference,

- (a) Recognizing that nuclear power will continue to be an important source of energy for social and economic development,
- (b) Emphasizing that the highest level of nuclear safety will continue to be essential to the use of this energy source,
- (c) Recalling the resolutions concerning measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear safety and radiological protection adopted at its previous sessions,
- (d) Recalling the adoption, on 26 September 1986, of the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency,
- (e) Noting with appreciation the information provided by the Director General on the signature and ratification status of the two Conventions,

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(f) Noting that to date there are 72 signatories and 31 ratifications of the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and 70 signatories and 26 ratifications of the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency, and

(g) Noting that the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident entered into force on 27 October 1986 and that the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency entered into force on 26 February 1987,

1. Welcomes the activities and arrangements undertaken by the Agency to implement the provisions of the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency;
2. Calls upon those States which have not yet done so to become parties to the two Conventions as early as possible;
3. Appeals to the States parties to the two Conventions to make known to the Agency and to the other States parties without delay their Competent Authorities and Points of Contact in compliance with Article 7 of the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and Article 4 of the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency; and
4. Requests the Director General to report to the General Conference at its next regular session on the status and implementation of the two Conventions.