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

Draft resolution submitted by Belgium, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The General Conference.

Recalling its resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/489,

1. Reaffirms the vital necessity to continue to promote the highest level of nuclear safety worldwide and to strengthen international co-operation in the field of nuclear safety and radiological protection;
2. Invites the Board and the Director General to maintain the emphasis given to nuclear safety and radiological protection, to review the results of the Agency's activities in this area so far and to consider what further measures should be taken to enhance international co-operation in nuclear safety and radiological protection;
3. Takes note of the progress report on the implementation of General Conference resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/490 on the dumping of nuclear wastes and requests the Director General to present a further report to its thirty-fourth session;
4. Takes note of the report by the Board of Governors on liability for nuclear damage pursuant to its resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/491 and requests the Board to present a further report on this matter to its thirty-fourth session;

5. Draws the attention of Member States to the NUSS Codes as adopted by the Board and to the Basic Safety Principles for nuclear power plants drawn up by the International Nuclear Safety Advisory Group and requests the Director General to report through the Board to its thirty-fourth session on the information received from Member States in connection with paragraph 5 of resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/489;
6. Invites Member States to continue to use, on a voluntary basis, the Agency's Operational Safety Review Teams (OSARTs) and requests the Director General to report through the Board to the General Conference on the general experience and lessons gained so far from the use of OSARTs;
7. Requests the Director General to consult with Member States on further international research on new types of power reactor models and systems, and particularly on their safety features;
8. Invites Member States to continue to make use as appropriate of the Agency's Radiation Protection Advisory Teams (RAPATs);
9. Takes note with satisfaction of and commends to Member States the Safety Standards document entitled "Safety Principles and Technical Criteria for the Underground Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes" as approved by the Board of Governors;
10. Takes note of the report by the Director General on the status and implementation 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, invites Member States which have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Conventions and also invites Member States which have not yet done so to take appropriate measures in order to ensure that the Agency's Emergency Response System (ERS) can function properly in the case of an emergency; and
11. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to report on the implementation of this resolution to its thirty-fourth session.