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

Resolution adopted during the 321st plenary meeting on 29 September 1989

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) Recalling that the two Conventions have entered into force,
- (f) Noting with appreciation the report by the Director General contained in documents GC(XXXIII)/INF/271 and 271/Add.1,
- (g) Noting that the Agency's Emergency Response System has been put into operation this year, and

(h) Noting that as of 31 July 1989 there were 72 signatories of and 39 parties to the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and 70 signatories of and 34 parties to the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency,

1. Welcomes the activities and arrangements of the Agency in connection with the implementation of the Conventions;
2. Appeals to the States parties to the two Conventions and to those States which are applying the Conventions provisionally 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;
3. Calls upon those States which have not yet done so to become parties to the two Conventions as early as possible; 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.