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

CONVENTION ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL^{1/}

Draft resolution recommended by the Committee of the Whole

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling the resolutions adopted at its nineteenth, twenty-first, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-third regular sessions regarding the physical protection of nuclear material^{2/},
- (b) Recalling the adoption, in October 1979, of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material,
- (c) Noting that to date there are 47 signatories of and 28 parties to the Convention,
- (d) Noting that the Convention entered into force in February 1987,
- (e) Referring to the recent meeting of an open-ended group of experts with the task of drafting recommendations for facilitating co-operation between the national authorities of Member States parties to the Convention in the implementation of the Convention, and

^{1/} The text of the Convention is contained in document INFCIRC/274/Rev.1.

^{2/} GC(XIX)/RES/328, GC(XXI)/RES/350, GC(XXVII)/RES/415, GC(XXVIII)/RES/424, GC(XXIX)/RES/441, GC(XXX)/RES/461, GC(XXXI)/RES/472, GC(XXXII)/RES/492 and GC(XXXIII)/RES/510.

(f) Stressing the importance of continued efforts to improve co-operation between Member States parties to the Convention in the implementation of the Convention, and with a view to the preparations for a Review Conference of the Convention to be held in 1992,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Director General for his report on the signature and ratification status and implementation of the Convention^{3/};
2. Continues to express the hope that the Convention will obtain the widest possible adherence;
3. Appeals to the States Parties to the Convention which have not already done so to identify and make known to other States Parties, directly or through the Agency, the relevant organizations specified in Article 5.1 of the Convention, identifying the relevant function/competence of each organization;
4. Requests the Director General to establish and periodically update a comprehensive list of the central authorities and points of contact referred to in Article 5.1 of the Convention, specifying the relevant competences of these national authorities; and
5. Requests the Director General to report to the General Conference at its next regular session on the signature and ratification status of the Convention.

^{3/} GC(XXXIV)/INF/284.