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

Draft resolution recommended by the Committee of the Whole

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling its resolution GC(XXXIII)/RES/508,
 - (b) Welcoming the adoption of the Code of Practice on the International Transboundary Movement of Radioactive Waste,
 - (c) Noting the importance to the international community of ensuring that all nuclear installations are safe, well regulated and environmentally sound, and that firm plans are in place for the disposal of radioactive waste,
1. Reaffirms the vital necessity of continuing to promote the highest level of nuclear safety worldwide and of strengthening international co-operation in the field of nuclear safety and radiological protection;
 2. Takes note with appreciation of the report, contained in document GC(XXXIV)/919, by the Board of Governors and the Director General in the implementation of resolution GC(XXXIII)/RES/508 and urges the Secretariat and the Board to pursue the strategy outlined in the report, along with other, equally important programmes and activities of the Agency in the normal budgetary process, taking into account the overall resource situation;
 3. Welcomes in this context the agreement in the Board of Governors to convene, without budgetary implications, a high-level international conference on nuclear safety in 1991 in order to provide an opportunity to the international community to define the nuclear safety agenda for the decade and invites Member States and international organizations to participate fully in the preparation of this conference and in the conference itself;

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4. (a) Takes note of the report of the Director General on the experience of Member States with the revised NUSS Codes (document GC(XXXIV)/INF/282);

(b) Notes that the views expressed by Member States indicate a consensus that the revised Codes are suitable for use by, or provide useful guidance to, Member States in the development or revision of national legislation and regulations;

(c) Invites Member States to continue, as appropriate, to use the NUSS Codes in the further development of their national safety rules and regulations;
5. Recommends to Member States that they avail themselves fully of the Agency's services for advancing operational safety, including the OSART service, the ASSET methodology, and the Incident Reporting System; and welcomes the introduction, on a trial basis, by the IAEA, together with the Nuclear Energy Agency of OECD, of an International Nuclear Events Scale;
6. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Board of Governors on liability for nuclear damage, reiterates the priority it attaches to the consideration of the question of liability for damage arising from a nuclear accident and requests the Board to report at its thirty-fifth regular session on the progress made;
7. Notes with appreciation and endorses the proposed project for international assistance in assessing, following requests by several Member States, the safety of some of their nuclear reactors - at this moment WWER-440/230 reactors - and invites Member States to contribute to this project through voluntary contributions;
8. Welcomes and endorses the project to assess comprehensively the radiological consequences of the Chernobyl accident in the USSR;
9. Takes note of the report of 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 and requests the Director General to pursue further his efforts to promote the effective implementation of the two Conventions; and
10. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to report on the implementation of this resolution and of resolution GC(XXXIII)/RES/508 at its thirty-fifth regular session.