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

Resolution adopted during the 332nd plenary meeting on 21 September 1990

NUCLEAR SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR NUCLEAR-POWERED VESSELS

The General Conference,

- (a) Recognizing the role of the Agency in the area of nuclear safety and radiological protection,
 - (b) Recognizing likewise the co-ordinating role of the International Maritime Organization in the area of maritime safety,
 - (c) Concerned that nuclear accidents involving any reactor, wherever located, can have potentially harmful consequences,
 - (d) Recalling the Code of Safety for Nuclear Merchant Ships (Nuclear Ships Code), which was adopted by the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization on 19 November 1981, at its 12th session (resolution A.491(XII), part A),
 - (e) Recognizing that all standards of nuclear safety should be reviewed from time to time in the light of technological progress,
1. Requests the Director General to consult, within the framework of programme priorities, with the International Maritime Organization with a view to ascertaining:
 - the plans of the international maritime community regarding civilian nuclear-powered ships,
 - the need to review the Code of Safety for Nuclear Merchant Ships in the light of existing nuclear safety technology, and

- whether the Code at present applies to all existing and projected civilian nuclear-powered ships, and if not, the implications of extending the Code to all such ships;

2. Requests the Director General to report to the Board of Governors on the results of such consultations.