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## APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

### Draft resolution submitted by Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates

The General Conference,

- (a) Recognizing the importance of the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons - both globally and regionally - in enhancing international peace and security,
  - (b) Mindful of the usefulness of the Agency's safeguards system as a reliable means of verification to ensure the promotion of peaceful uses of nuclear energy,
  - (c) Concerned by the grave consequences, endangering peace and security, of the presence in the Middle East region of nuclear activities not wholly devoted to peaceful purposes.
  - (d) Welcoming the initiatives regarding the establishment of a zone free of all weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons, in the Middle East and recent initiatives regarding arms control in the region.
  - (e) Commending the efforts of the Agency concerning the application of safeguards in the Middle East, including its recent organization of a workshop on "The Modalities for the Application of Safeguards in a Future Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in the Middle East", and the positive response of some States in concluding a full-scope safeguards agreement, and
  - (f) Recalling its resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/601,
1. Takes note of the Director General's report in document GC(XXXVII)/1072 and the proposals contained therein:

2. Affirms the urgent need for all States in the Middle East to forthwith accept the application of full-scope Agency safeguards to all their nuclear activities as an important confidence-building measure among all States in the region and as a step in enhancing peace and security in the context of the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone (NWFZ);
3. Urges all parties directly concerned to consider seriously taking the practical and urgent steps required for the implementation of the proposal to establish a NWFZ in the region of the Middle East in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and, as a means of promoting this objective, invites the countries concerned to adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
4. Requests the Director General, on the basis of his report contained in document GC(XXXVII)/1072, to continue consultations with the States of the Middle East to facilitate the early application of full-scope Agency safeguards to all nuclear activities in the region as relevant to the preparation of model agreements, as a necessary step towards the establishment of a NWFZ in the region, referred to in resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/601;
5. Calls upon all States in the region to extend their fullest co-operation to the Director General in the fulfillment of the tasks entrusted to him in the preceding paragraph;
6. Further calls upon all States in the region to take measures, including confidence-building and verification measures, aimed at establishing a NWFZ in the Middle East;
7. Calls upon all other States, especially those with a special responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, to render all assistance to the Director General by facilitating the implementation of this resolution; and
8. Requests the Director General to submit to the Board of Governors and to the General Conference at its thirty-eighth regular session a report on the implementation of this resolution and to include in the provisional agenda for that session an item entitled "Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East".