

**STRENGTHENING NUCLEAR  
SAFETY THROUGH THE EARLY  
CONCLUSION OF A NUCLEAR  
SAFETY CONVENTION**

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling its resolutions GC(XXXV)/RES/553 and GC(XXXVI)/RES/582,
  - (b) Reaffirming the vital necessity of continuing to promote the highest level of nuclear safety in all nuclear installations worldwide and of strengthening international co-operation and harmonization in the field of nuclear safety, including where appropriate through technical co-operation,
  - (c) Considering that a nuclear safety convention coming into operation soon and adhered to by the greatest number of countries would constitute a significant step towards improving nuclear safety worldwide, and
  - (d) Reaffirming the importance to the international community of ensuring that sound practices are implemented, or planned, for the safe management and disposal of all categories of radioactive waste,
1. Takes note of the report of the Board of Governors and the Director General on the progress achieved in the implementation of resolutions GC(XXXV)/RES/553 and GC(XXXVI)/RES/582;
  2. Takes note also of the work done so far by the Group of Experts on a Nuclear Safety Convention and of the emerging agreement that the scope of application of the convention should be limited to civil nuclear power plants;
  3. Commends the Director General and his staff for the ongoing work on safety fundamentals for waste management and looks forward to a speedy completion of this task;
  4. Requests the Director General to initiate preparations for a convention on the safety of waste management as soon as the ongoing process of developing waste management safety fundamentals has resulted in broad international agreement;

5. Recognizes the usefulness of further technical work in connection with the safety of other parts of the nuclear fuel cycle, and that this work may, in time, facilitate the further development of current or future international instruments;
6. Urges the Group of Experts to continue its work on a nuclear safety convention, taking as a basis for the discussions the draft prepared by the Chairman of the Group;
7. Stresses the desirability of a diplomatic conference early in 1994 on the basis of a comprehensive draft text worked out by the Group of Experts; and
8. Invites the greatest number of countries, in particular those having nuclear installations on their territory, to become parties to the convention as soon as possible after its finalization.

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