

**PLAN FOR PRODUCING
POTABLE WATER
ECONOMICALLY**

The General Conference,

(a) Recalling resolutions GC(XXXIII)/RES/515, GC(XXXIV)/RES/540, GC(XXXV)/RES/563 and GC(XXXVI)/RES/592,

(b) Noting the main conclusions of the study on the "Technical and economic evaluation of potable water production through the desalination of sea water by using nuclear energy or other means" attached to document GC(XXXVI)/1013, with the overall conclusion that the use of nuclear energy as an alternative option to the use of fossil fuelled plants for supplying energy for sea water desalination is technically feasible and in general economically competitive, and document GOV/INF/708,

(c) Stressing the importance of adequate potable water supplies for mankind and of regional and international co-operation in solving problems of potable water shortages in Member States and the interest of potential beneficiaries and technology holders in providing low-cost potable water, and

(d) Noting also the interest of a number of States in activities relating to sea water desalination using nuclear energy as reflected in document GC(XXXVII)/INF/323,

1. Requests the Director General to consult with interested States, the relevant organizations of the United Nations family and other relevant international organizations concerning the implementation of demonstration facilities and the main conclusions of the "Technical and economic evaluation of potable water production through the desalination of sea water by using nuclear energy or other means";
2. Calls upon Member States in a position to provide expert services and extrabudgetary resources in support of the activities relating to sea water desalination using nuclear energy to make such services and resources available;
3. Decides to include in the agenda for its thirty-eighth regular session an item entitled "Plan for producing potable water economically"; and
4. Requests the Director General to submit to the Conference at that session a document on which discussion can be based.

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