

**STRENGTHENING THE
EFFECTIVENESS AND
IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY
OF THE SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM**

The General Conference,

- (a) Convinced that Agency safeguards can promote further confidence among States and thereby help to strengthen their collective security,
- (b) Noting the constructive comments on safeguards in the Director General's address to the Conference, and
- (c) Emphasizing that the strengthening of the safeguards system should not lead to a diminution of the resources available for technical assistance and co-operation and that it should be consistent with the function of the Agency to encourage and assist the development and practical application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and with an adequate transfer of technology,
1. Underlines the central importance of effective safeguards for the prevention of misuse of nuclear energy for non-peaceful purposes and for the promotion of co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;
 2. Confirms its resolve to maintain and strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of the safeguards system in conformity with the Statute;
 3. Welcomes the report of the Director General on measures taken to implement resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/586, notes decisions taken by the Board of Governors over the past 12 months to strengthen the safeguards system and calls on Member States to co-operate with the Agency in implementing those decisions;
 4. Requests the Director General to continue and intensify his efforts towards improving the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of the safeguards system, and in particular to pursue the effort of re-examination of safeguards implementation, having the benefit of the report by SAGSI subject to the Board's deliberations, in order that a more effective and cost-efficient system may be achieved, covering all nuclear material in all peaceful nuclear activities within the territory of a State with a comprehensive safeguards agreement; and
 5. Requests the Director General to report to the Board of Governors periodically and to inform the General Conference at its thirty-eighth regular session of the action taken.

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