The General Conference,

(a)   Recalling resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/17 of 1994 and all other relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Conference and the Board of Governors,

(b)   Welcoming the progress made towards the conclusions of a treaty on an African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone, on the basis of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa adopted by the Summit of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) at its first ordinary session, held in Cairo from 17 to 21 July 1964, and of resolution 49/138 adopted on 19 December 1994 by the General Assembly of the United Nations,

(c)   Noting resolution CM/Res.1592 (LXII)/Rev.1 adopted at the sixty-second meeting of the Council of Ministers of the OAU, which adopted the Pelindaba Text of the Treaty on an African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone on 23 June 1995, and

(d)   Welcoming the offer of the Egyptian Government to host the Treaty signing ceremony and the offer of the South African Government to host the Headquarters of the African Nuclear Energy Commission,

1.   Takes note of the report of the Director General on the establishment of an African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone contained in document GC(39)/14;

2.   Commends the African States for their united efforts directed towards the establishment of an African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone and requests the Director General to continue to assist them in this regard and report on the implementation of this resolution to the General Conference at its fortieth regular session under an agenda item entitled "An African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone";

3.   Considers that the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones, especially in the Middle East, would enhance the security of Africa and viability of the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone; and

4.   Appeals to the international community, and in particular the nuclear-weapon States, to give the necessary support to the Pelindaba Treaty, especially through their accession to the Protocols that concern them once the Treaty has been adopted.

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