

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling its resolution GC(39)/RES/13,
- (b) Welcoming the fact that the requirements for the entry into force of the Convention on Nuclear Safety were met on 26 July 1996 by the deposit of the twenty-fifth instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval, it being also the seventeenth instrument from a State having at least one nuclear installation which has achieved criticality in a reactor core, so that the Convention will enter into force on 24 October 1996, and
- (c) Recognizing that decisions on implementation of the Convention are the responsibility of the States Parties,
1. Appeals to all Member States which have not yet done so to become Parties to the Convention so that it will obtain the widest possible adherence;
 2. Expresses its satisfaction that the Director General, in his capacity as the Depositary of the Convention, will convene a preparatory meeting of Contracting Parties at the Agency's Headquarters at a date to be agreed upon but not later than April 1997; and
 3. Requests the Secretariat to provide support to the Contracting Parties and to the signatory States in preparing for implementation of the Convention.

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