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THE JOINT CONVENTION ON THE SAFETY OF SPENT FUEL MANAGEMENT AND ON THE SAFETY OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Draft resolution recommended by the Committee of the Whole

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling resolution GC(40)/RES/11,
 - (b) Expressing its appreciation to the Open-ended Group of Legal and Technical Experts for the completion of its task,
 - (c) Expressing its gratitude to the Secretariat for the support it gave in the preparation of the Convention,
 - (d) Stressing the important role of the Agency in acting as a driving force in nuclear safety through its various safety programmes and initiatives, and
 - (e) Recognizing that decisions on implementation of the Convention are the responsibility of States Parties,
1. Welcomes the adoption of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management in Vienna on 5 September 1997;
 2. Appeals to all States to sign and subsequently ratify, accept or approve the Convention, so that it may enter into force as soon as possible;

3. Expresses the hope that the Convention will obtain the widest possible adherence; and
4. Requests the Secretariat to give its support to signatory and other interested States in preparing for implementation of the Convention.