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STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM AND APPLICATION OF THE MODEL PROTOCOL

Draft resolution submitted by

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling resolution GC(40)/RES/16,
- (b) Convinced that the Agency's safeguards can promote greater confidence among States and thus contribute to strengthening their collective security,
- (c) Considering the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty and the Treaty establishing the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone and the Agency's essential role in applying safeguards in accordance with the relevant articles of these treaties, and noting the outcome of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,
- (d) Noting that decisions adopted by the Board of Governors aimed at further strengthening the effectiveness of Agency safeguards should be supported and implemented and that the Agency's capability to detect undeclared nuclear activities should be increased,
- (e) Stressing the importance of the Model Additional Protocol approved on 15 May 1997 by the Board of Governors aimed at strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system, and

- (f) Recalling the interpretation given to Article 1 of the Model Protocol, according to which, for States that are members of international institutions that are party to safeguards agreements with the IAEA, that text does not prejudice the legal modalities which those States and international institutions adopt regarding the conclusion of additional protocols or the division of responsibilities in their implementation,
1. Requests the Secretariat to pursue the implementation of Part 1 measures of Programme 93+2 without delay as far as available resources permit;
 2. Recalls the need for all Parties to safeguards agreements with the Agency to supply the Agency with all the information required under Part 1 of Programme 93+2;
 3. Stresses the need for effective safeguards in order to prevent the use of nuclear energy for prohibited purposes in contravention of safeguards agreements, and underlines the vital importance of effective safeguards for facilitating co-operation in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy;
 4. Affirms that strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system with a view to detecting undeclared nuclear activities must be implemented rapidly and universally by all States and other Parties in compliance with their international commitments;
 5. Requests the Director General to use the Model Protocol as a standard for additional protocols to be concluded by States and other Parties to comprehensive safeguards agreements with the Agency which should contain all the measures contained in the Model Protocol;
 6. Requests the Director General to negotiate with the nuclear-weapon States additional protocols or other legally binding agreements containing those measures from the Model Protocol which each nuclear-weapon State considers would contribute to the Protocol's objectives of non-proliferation and efficiency if they were applied within that State and which are compatible with the obligations of that said State under Article I of the NPT;
 7. Requests the Director General to negotiate additional protocols with other States which are ready to accept the measures contained in the Model Protocol in order to achieve the objectives of effectiveness and efficiency of safeguards;
 8. Requests all States and other Parties to safeguards agreements to sign their additional protocols promptly so that, once signed, they can be ratified or accepted without delay; and
 9. Requests the Director General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the General Conference at its forty-second regular session.