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THE SAFETY OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Resolution adopted on 22 September 2000 during the tenth plenary meeting

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling resolution GC(43)/RES/13 on “Measures to Strengthen International Co-operation in Nuclear, Radiation and Waste Safety”,
- (b) Noting with appreciation the Summary Observations, Conclusions and Recommendations of the *International Conference on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management* held in Córdoba, Spain, from 13 to 17 March 2000 (the Córdoba Conference), which are contained in document GC(44)/INF/5, and commending the organizers and hosts of and the participants in the Córdoba Conference on its success,
- (c) Recognizing the activities being carried out by the Secretariat in continuing to build an international consensus on the safety of radioactive waste management, consisting of appropriate international undertakings by States, international standards for the safety of radioactive waste management and provisions for the application of those standards at the request of any State, and
- (d) Welcoming the fact that the number of States which have ratified the *Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management* is almost at the level required for the Convention’s entry into force,
1. Invites all Member States to take the decisions necessary for the implementation of a national radioactive waste management policy, bearing in mind, inter alia, the Summary Observations, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Córdoba Conference;
 2. Appeals to all Member States which have not yet done so to take the steps necessary for becoming party to the *Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management*;
 3. Requests the Secretariat to prepare a report on the *Safety of Radioactive Waste Management* and to submit it to the Board of Governors for its consideration, with the objective of assessing the implications for the Agency’s programme of work of the Summary

Observations, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Córdoba Conference and of assisting Member States, and, if appropriate, to propose actions, within existing resources; and

4. Requests the Director General to report to it, as appropriate, at its forty-fifth (2001) regular session on the implementation of this resolution.