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Applications for Membership of the Agency

Application by the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

Recommendation by the Board of Governors

1. On 6 September 2013 the following letter from Hon. Frederick A. Mitchell, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, was communicated to the Board:

“I have the honour in the name of the Government and People of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to submit an application for membership of the International Atomic Energy Agency.”

“I wish to assure you, in the name of my Government, that the Commonwealth of the Bahamas is willing to carry out the obligations of membership of the Agency and to act in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations.”

2. On 9 September 2013 the Board considered this application for membership of the Agency in the light of Article IV.B of the Statute, and determined that the Commonwealth of the Bahamas was able and willing to carry out the obligations of membership of the Agency and to act in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. The Board recommends that the Conference approve the Commonwealth of the Bahamas for membership of the Agency, and submits the draft resolution overleaf for the consideration of the Conference.

Application by the Commonwealth of the Bahamas for Membership of the Agency

The General Conference,

- (a) Having received the recommendation of the Board of Governors that the Commonwealth of the Bahamas should be approved for membership of the Agency,¹ and
 - (b) Having considered the application of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas for membership in the light of Article IV.B of the Statute,
1. Approves the Commonwealth of the Bahamas for membership of the Agency; and
 2. Determines, pursuant to Financial Regulation 5.09², that in the event of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas becoming a Member of the Agency during the remainder of 2013 or in 2014, it shall be assessed as appropriate:
 - (a) For an advance or advances to the Working Capital Fund, in accordance with Financial Regulation 7.04³; and
 - (b) For a contribution or contributions towards the Agency's Regular Budget, in accordance with the principles and arrangements the Conference has established for the assessment of Members for such contributions.⁴

¹ GC(57)/23 para 3

² INFCIRC/8/Rev.3.

³ INFCIRC/8/Rev.3.

⁴ Resolutions GC(III)RES/50, GC(XXI)RES/351, GC(39)RES/11, GC(44)RES/9 and GC(47)RES/5.