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NUCLEAR LIABILITY
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The General Conference,

- (a) Recognizing that a nuclear accident may have serious transboundary consequences,
 - (b) Recognizing also the need for internationally binding arrangements concerning nuclear liability in the event of a nuclear accident,
 - (c) Taking into account that at present international nuclear liability is governed by two different international conventions -- namely, the OECD or Paris Nuclear Liability Convention and the IAEA or Vienna Nuclear Liability Convention,
 - (d) Noting that some countries with nuclear programmes are not signatories of any of these conventions,
 - (e) Recognizing that the IAEA and OECD are together studying the possibility of simultaneous application of the two Conventions,
1. Urges the IAEA to continue, together with OECD, the study on the harmonization of the two Conventions with renewed vigour with the ultimate objective of establishing a common protocol;
 2. Calls upon all States which have not yet done so to become party to one of these Conventions; and
 3. Requests Governments, especially those operating nuclear facilities, to consider whether additional steps may be necessary in order to arrive at adequate international legal arrangements concerning nuclear liability.

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