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## THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS

### The General Conference,

(a) Considering:

- (i) That the promotion of knowledge of theoretical physics, which has played a basic role in the development of atomic energy, is an essential condition for enlarging the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world,
- (ii) That the promotion of such knowledge takes place mainly through the stimulation provided by continuing contacts between qualified scientists without involving capital investments for laboratories and expensive apparatus,
- (iii) That in many States Members of the Agency and in particular those that are less developed, theoretical physicists are few and widely scattered, so that the conditions for such continuing contacts do not exist or exist only to a limited extent, and
- (iv) That the Agency is authorized by its Statute to encourage and assist research on atomic energy for peaceful uses throughout the world, to foster the exchange of scientific and technical information, and to encourage the exchange of scientists,<sup>1/</sup> and

(b) Recognizing that it is desirable for nuclear scientists from different parts of the world to have an international center where they may work together for limited periods on such subjects as nuclear theory, reactor theory, theoretical high energy physics, the theory of plasma physics and thermonuclear fusion,

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<sup>1/</sup> Article III.A.

Requests the Director General to study, in consultation with appropriate international organizations, the various aspects of the question of establishing an international center for theoretical physics, and to transmit the result of his study to the Board of Governors for its earnest and early consideration.