The General Conference,

(a) Seeking, in accordance with Article II of the Statute, to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world,

(b) Believing that the tragedy of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, subjected to atomic bombing twenty years ago, should never happen again,

(c) Being deeply aware of the danger of the continued nuclear armaments race, which gravely affects progress in the peaceful uses of atomic energy for the good of mankind,

(d) Having in mind that the Agency is a member of the United Nations family, and recalling the provisions of the declaration on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons contained in General Assembly resolution 1653 (XVI), particularly its provisions to the effect that the use of nuclear weapons is a direct violation of the Charter of the United Nations, is contrary to the rules of international law and to the laws of humanity, is directed against mankind in general and must be considered as a crime against mankind and civilisation,

(e) Whereas Article III.B.1 of the Statute lays down that the Agency must conduct its activities in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations to promote peace and international co-operation, and in
conformity with policies of the United Nations furthering the establishment of safeguarded world-wide disarmament and in conformity with any international agreements entered into pursuant to such policies, and,

(f) Believing that this Conference, at which an overwhelming majority of the nations of the world is represented, could greatly contribute to the cause of universal peace;

Appeals to all Member States:

(a) To refrain unconditionally from the use of nuclear weapons in their international relations;

(b) To take steps to accelerate the conclusion of an international agreement on the prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons; and

(c) To render assistance in every possible way to the success of the negotiations for general and complete disarmament, and for the prohibition and destruction of nuclear weapons.