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## THE AGENCY'S RELATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

### Representation at regular sessions of the General Conference

#### Recommendation by the Board of Governors

1. The Agency has co-operation agreements with four intergovernmental organizations[1] which entitle them to be represented at regular sessions of the General Conference, and the Board of Governors is now recommending the Conference to approve a fifth agreement of this type[2]. There are, however, other such organizations concerned with developing uses of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes or with research in the nuclear sciences, whose work has a bearing on that of the Agency and whose representation at the Conference's sessions from time to time may therefore be in the Agency's interest.

2. In this connection the Conference will recall that each year for many years it has authorized the Board to invite certain intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers at its subsequent session[3]. This the Conference has done on the basis of an annual recommendation by the Board[4].

3. The Board now wishes to suggest that time and money would be saved at future sessions of the Conference, as well as by the Secretariat and the Board itself each year, if steps were taken to dispense with further repetition of what has become a routine exercise. This could conveniently be done if the Conference were to give the Board standing authorization to convey the invitations in question each year until such time as it saw fit to make other arrangements. In anticipation of the Conference's finding the foregoing suggestions acceptable, the Board presents for its consideration the draft resolution set forth below.

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[1] The agreements, which are reproduced in documents INFCIRC/25, Add. 2 and Add. 3, are with the Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission of the Organization of American States, with the League of Arab States, with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (for co-operation between the Agency and the European Nuclear Energy Agency) and with the Organization of African Unity (for co-operation between the Agency and the Organization's Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission).

[2] See document GC(XVI)/481, to which is annexed a draft agreement with the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America.

[3] See, for example, Resolution GC(XV)/RES/277.

[4] See, for example, document GC(XV)/461.

REPRESENTATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AT  
REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference,

- (a) Considering it to be in the Agency's interest to provide, as it has in the past, for the representation at the Conference's regular sessions of certain categories of intergovernmental organizations[\*],
- (b) Taking into account the fact that not all the organizations in question have co-operation agreements with the Agency entitling them to be so represented,

Requests the Board of Governors to invite those intergovernmental organizations that do not have co-operation agreements with the Agency but are concerned with developing uses of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes or with research in the nuclear sciences, which it may from year to year decide it would be in the Agency's interest to invite, to be represented by observers at regular sessions of the General Conference.

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[\*] See, for example, Resolution GC(XV)/RES/277.