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MILITARY ATTACK ON IRAQI NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTRE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE AGENCY

Text of a resolution adopted by the Board of Governors
on 12 June 1981

The Board of Governors,

- (a) Recalling that according to Article II of the Statute the Agency shall seek to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world,
- (b) Recalling further that according to Article 2.4 of the Charter of the United Nations all members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,
- (c) Recognizing the inalienable right of all Member States of the Agency to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, to further their scientific, technological and economic development,
- (d) Mindful of the fact that Iraq fully subscribes to the Agency's safeguards system and is a Party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,
- (e) Noting the statement of the Director General to the effect that Iraq has fulfilled its obligations under Agency safeguards pursuant to the Non-Proliferation Treaty to the satisfaction of the Agency,
- (f) Informed that on 7 June 1981 Israel carried out a military attack on the Iraqi Nuclear Research Centre damaging the nuclear facilities and causing loss of human life,

(g) Conscious that this military action besides affecting the security and peace of the region has shown clear disregard for the Agency's safeguards regime and the Non-Proliferation Treaty and could do great harm to the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, and

(h) Gravely concerned by the far-reaching implications of such a military attack on the peaceful nuclear facilities in a Member State,

1. Strongly condemns Israel for this premeditated and unjustified attack on the Iraqi Nuclear Research Centre, which is covered by Agency safeguards;
2. Recommends to the General Conference at its forthcoming regular session to consider all the implications of this attack, including suspending the exercise by Israel of the privileges and rights of membership;
3. Reminds the Member States of the Agency of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. 35/157 calling for an end to all transfer of fissionable material and nuclear technology to Israel;
4. Recommends that the General Conference suspend provision of any assistance to Israel under Agency's technical assistance programme;
5. Urges the Agency's Member States to provide emergency assistance to Iraq to deal with the aftermath of this attack;
6. Reaffirms its confidence in the effectiveness of the Agency's safeguards system as a reliable means of verifying peaceful use of a nuclear facility; and
7. Requests the Director General to transmit this Resolution to the United Nations Security Council.