The General Conference,

(a) Considering the grave risk to mankind inherent in the unsafeguarded or uncontrolled disposal of radioactive nuclear wastes,

(b) Noting with profound concern the progressive increase in the quantities of such radioactive wastes disposed of finally and without control, as well as the risk inherent in the growing amounts of waste that will ultimately have to be stored, and

(c) Bearing in mind the increasing tendency on the part of the international community to entrust regulatory matters to international organizations,

Entrusts the Secretariat of the Agency with the presentation, at the Conference on Radioactive Waste Management referred to in Annex I to document GC(XXVI)/666, of a study aimed at demonstrating the possibility of assigning responsibility for the final disposal of radioactive nuclear wastes to the Agency itself and at facilitating a decision in the matter, due account being taken of the active role so far played, in relation to contamination, by the United Nations Environment Programme.