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PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS DEVOTED TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES AGAINST ARMED ATTACKS

The General Conference,

(a) Recalling that it is an objective of the International Atomic Energy Agency to "seek to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world" and that in carrying out its functions the Agency shall "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 worldwide disarmament and in conformity with any international agreements entered into pursuant to such policies",

(b) Considering that it is consistent with these statutory provisions for the Agency to promote the development, without obstacles, of the peaceful uses of atomic energy and to take decisions relating thereto,

(c) Recognizing the competence of other international organs in the field of disarmament,

(d) Taking into account the consensus among Member States of the Agency that armed attacks against peaceful nuclear installations should not only be discouraged but also explicitly prohibited,

(e) Recalling that additional Protocol 1 to the Geneva Convention of 1949 prohibits attacks on peaceful nuclear electricity generating stations while other nuclear installations also devoted to peaceful uses are not covered by that prohibition, and

(f) Believing that it would further the cause of peace to extend the prohibition of armed attack so as to protect all nuclear installations devoted to peaceful purposes,

1. Declares that all armed attacks against nuclear installations devoted to peaceful purposes should be explicitly prohibited;

2. Urges all Member States to make, individually and through competent international organs, every possible effort for the adoption of binding international rules prohibiting armed attacks against any nuclear installation devoted to peaceful purposes; and
3. Requests the Director General to keep the General Conference informed of developments in this area.