The General Conference,

(a) Recalling the adoption in May 1963, under the auspices of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage;

(b) Noting that the Convention has been in force since November 1977 for a number of developing countries in Latin America, Europe, Africa and Asia;

(c) Noting with appreciation that, with the assistance of the Agency, several Member States not yet parties to the Convention have adopted or are preparing legislation based on the principles and provisions of the Convention;

(d) Considering that the Convention provides a worldwide framework for dealing with third-party liability issues which might arise from certain peaceful uses of nuclear energy; and

(e) Considering that further acceptances of the Convention will contribute to the development of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy throughout the world;

1. Requests the Director General to continue the Agency's efforts in assisting Member States in the field of liability for nuclear damage.

2. Expresses the hope that more Member States will give consideration to adhering to the Convention; and

3. Further requests the Director General to report to the General Conference at its next regular session on further acceptances of the Convention.