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PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS  
DEVOTED TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES AGAINST ARMED ATTACKS

Explanatory memorandum submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran  
pursuant to Rule 20 of the General Conference's Rules of Procedure

1. The Islamic Republic of Iran,
  - (a) Bearing in mind that it is consistent with its statutory provisions for the Agency to promote the development, without obstacle, of the peaceful uses of atomic energy and to take decisions relating thereto;
  - (b) Recalling that Article 56 of the 1977 Protocol I Additional to the 1949 Geneva Convention states that "Works or installations containing dangerous forces, namely dams, dykes and nuclear electrical generating stations, shall not be made the object of attack, even where these objects are military objectives, if such attack may cause the release of dangerous forces and consequent severe losses among the civilian population.";
  - (c) Recalling General Conference resolution GC(XXVII)/RES/409;
  - (d) Considering the significance of the contents of General Conference resolution GC(XXVII)/RES/407;

- (e) Recalling that on 19 February 1985 the Director General stated in the Board of Governors that "One of the most serious problems facing the Agency in recent years had been the threat of armed attacks on peaceful nuclear facilities, and how to provide assurances against such attacks. The General Conference had urged both Governments and the Agency, through its Director General, to act on that matter and it was his sincere hope that joint efforts could be made in the current year. In view of proposals to construct nuclear power reactors in several countries of the Middle East, those countries and indeed the world at large would naturally require without delay firm assurance that such peaceful facilities would be immune from attack.";
- (f) Recalling that item 11 of the agenda for the twenty-eighth regular session of the General Conference was inconclusively discussed and hence postponed to a later session; and
- (g) Considering the lack of implementation of General Conference resolution GC(XXVII)/RES/407 and the postponement of consideration of the draft resolution proposed by the Islamic Republic of Iran in document GC(XXVIII)/742, which together have led to escalating occasions of military attack,

believes that armed attacks against peaceful nuclear installations, whether under construction or in operation, are a serious threat to the role and activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the development and further promotion of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

2. Consequently, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran urges all Member States to adopt binding rules and regulations enforceable within the framework of the Agency's Statute and prohibiting any form of armed attacks against nuclear installations devoted to peaceful purposes throughout all stages of project implementation.