

The General Conference,

(a) Recalling its resolution GC(XXVII)/407 on protection of nuclear installations devoted to peaceful purposes against armed attacks,

(b) Recalling that the General Conference has declared that armed attacks must be explicitly prohibited, urged all Member States of the International Atomic Energy Agency to make individually and through competent international organs every possible effort for the adoption of binding international rules prohibiting such attacks and requested the Director General to keep the General Conference informed of developments in this area,

(c) Having considered the reports by the Director General contained in document GC(XXVIII)/721 and his statement made at the twenty-ninth regular session of the General Conference,

(d) Reaffirming its confidence in the effectiveness of the Agency's safeguards system as a reliable means of verifying the peaceful use of nuclear facilities,

(e) Considering that any attacks or threats of attack against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes jeopardize the development and further promotion of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and therefore the achievement of one of the main objectives of the International Atomic Energy Agency,

(f) Concerned that such attacks raise fears about the radiological safety of present and future nuclear facilities, and

(g) Aware that all States developing nuclear energy for peaceful purposes need assurances against armed attacks on peaceful nuclear facilities,

1. Expresses its appreciation for the steps already taken by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Committee on Disarmament in an area that the IAEA considers of fundamental importance for the promotion of peace and international co-operation, the development of peaceful uses of atomic energy, and the fulfilment of the objectives enshrined in the Statute of the IAEA;

2. Considers that any armed attack on and threat against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes constitutes a violation of the principles of the United Nations Charter, international law and the Statute of the Agency;

3. Urges once again all Member States to make, individually and through competent international organs, further continuous efforts aimed at the prompt adoption of binding international rules prohibiting armed attacks against all nuclear installations devoted to peaceful purposes;

4. Affirms the readiness of the International Atomic Energy Agency to assist the competent international organs, if they so request, in any technical and safeguards aspects of the matter;

5. Declares that in the event of any armed attack on a nuclear installation devoted to peaceful purposes the matter will be examined by the International Atomic Energy Agency in accordance with its Statute and the relevant resolutions; and

6. Requests the Director General to continue to keep the General Conference informed of further developments in this area.

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