The General Conference,

(a) Recalling that the principle of the sovereign equality of all Member States of the Agency is deeply enshrined in its Statute,

(b) Stressing that the principle of universality is observed in the United Nations specialized agencies and other international bodies, and

(c) Believing that the representation of Member States not members of the Board at the meetings of the Board is a right which should be accorded to them in implementation of the above principles,

Decides that Member States of the IAEA not members of the Board shall be allowed, as a matter of course, to attend meetings of the Board as observers without the right to vote.

*/ An explanatory memorandum submitted by the Philippines is contained in document GC(XXXII)/838.

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