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MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN MATTERS RELATING TO NUCLEAR SAFETY AND RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION

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CONVENTION ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL^{1/}

The General Conference,

(a) Recalling the resolutions adopted at its nineteenth, twenty-first, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second regular sessions regarding the physical protection of nuclear material^{2/},

(b) Recalling the adoption, in October 1979, of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material,

(c) Noting that to date there are 47 signatories of and 27 parties to the Convention, and

(d) Noting that the Convention entered into force in February 1987,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Director General for his report on the signature and ratification status and implementation of the Convention^{3/};

^{1/} The text of the Convention is contained in document INFCIRC/274/Rev.1.

^{2/} GC(XIX)/RES/328, GC(XXI)/RES/350, GC(XXVII)/RES/415, GC(XXVIII)/RES/424, GC(XXIX)/RES/441, GC(XXX)/RES/461, GC(XXXI)/RES/472 and GC(XXXII)/RES/492.

^{3/} GC(XXXIII)/INF/270.

2. Continues to express the hope that the Convention will obtain the widest possible adherence;
3. Appeals to the States Parties to the Convention which have not already done so to make known to each other directly or through the International Atomic Energy Agency their central authority and point of contact having responsibility for physical protection of nuclear material and for co-ordinating recovery and response operations in compliance with Article 5 of the Convention;
4. Requests the Director General to make available, within the Agency's existing budgetary resources, meeting room facilities and administrative and clerical assistance so that the parties to the Convention may hold, in 1990, a meeting of an open-ended group of experts with the task of drafting recommendations for facilitating co-operation between the national authorities of Member States parties to the Convention in the implementation of the Convention; and
5. Requests the Director General to report to the General Conference at its next regular session on the signature and ratification status of the Convention.