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

### Resolution adopted during the 332nd plenary meeting on 21 September 1990

#### PROHIBITION OF ALL ARMED ATTACKS AGAINST NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS DEVOTED TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES WHETHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR IN OPERATION

##### The General Conference,

- (a) Having considered the agenda item "Prohibition of all armed attacks against nuclear installations devoted to peaceful purposes whether under construction or in operation",
- (b) Recalling resolution GC(XXIX)/RES/444, in operative paragraph 2 of which the Conference 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",
- (c) Recalling also resolution GC(XXXI)/RES/475, in which the Conference states, inter alia, that it is
- aware of the fact that an armed attack on a nuclear installation could result in radioactive releases with grave consequences within and beyond the boundaries of the State which has been attacked,
  - convinced of the need to prohibit armed attacks on nuclear installations from which such releases could occur and of the urgency of concluding an international agreement in this regard, and
  - aware of the ongoing work of the Conference on Disarmament with a view to concluding an international agreement in this regard,

1. Recognizes that attacks or threats of attack on nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes could jeopardize the development of nuclear energy;
2. Considers that the safeguards system of the Agency is a reliable means of verifying the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;
3. Recognizes that an armed attack or a threat of armed attack on a safeguarded nuclear facility, in operation or under construction, would create a situation in which the United Nations Security Council would have to act immediately in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Charter;
4. Encourages all Member States to be ready to provide — if requested — immediate peaceful assistance in accordance with international law to any State whose safeguarded nuclear facilities have been subjected to an armed attack;
5. Calls upon all States to abide any decisions taken by the Security Council in accordance with the United Nations Charter in relation to the attacking State;
6. Appeals to States participating in the Conference on Disarmament to overcome their differences;
7. Urges all States to co-operate in achieving a successful resolution of the issue in the near future; and
8. Requests the Director General to inform the General Conference at its thirty-fifth regular session about developments in this area.