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STRENGTHENING OF THE AGENCY'S PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Draft resolution submitted by Chile on behalf of the Group of 77

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling that the objectives of the Agency as stated in Article II of the Statute are "to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world", subject to safeguards against misuse for any military purpose,
- (b) Recalling also that one of the statutory functions of the Agency is to "encourage and assist research on, and development and practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful uses throughout the world",
- (c) Considering that expansion of such promotional activities in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy will contribute to the well-being of the peoples of a majority of the Member States of the Agency,
- (d) Stressing the importance of the transfer of nuclear technology to the developing countries for enhancing their scientific and technological capabilities and thereby generating rapid industrial development,
- (e) Conscious of the vast potential of nuclear power for meeting the energy requirements of the developing countries and the need to protect the environment,
- (f) Concerned that the Agency's resources for promotional activities have not been assured and sufficient, and
- (g) Noting the need to achieve a balance among the main activities of the Agency,

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1. Affirms the principle that a strict balance should be maintained at all times between the Agency's regulatory and promotional activities in order to better fulfil the objectives of the Agency;
2. Requests the Director General to prepare a draft Medium-Term Plan of the Agency based on the above principle, so that equal importance is attached in the Plan to promotional and regulatory activities;
3. Further requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to allocate a greater share of the Agency's resources to promotional activities so as to achieve a balance with the share of safeguards activities;
4. Requests the Director General to enhance technical co-operation activities through the development of effective programmes for the transfer of technology to the developing countries aimed at improving their scientific and technological capabilities in the fields of peaceful applications of nuclear energy and achieving sustainable development; and
5. Decides that the Board of Governors should report on compliance with this resolution at the thirty-sixth session of the General Conference.