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

Resolution adopted during the 341st plenary meeting on 20 September 1991

THE AGENCY'S CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/494 of 23 September 1988 entitled "The Agency's Contribution to Sustainable Development",
- (b) Supporting the objectives of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), which will take place from 1 to 12 June 1992, and noting the relevance of the Agency's activities and environmental programmes to those objectives,
- (c) Taking into account the importance of developing environmentally sound energy systems to respond to both developmental and environmental concerns,
- (d) Stressing the importance of internationally agreed recommendations in the area of nuclear safety and radioactive waste management and welcoming new initiatives in this regard, and
- (e) Recognizing the importance of close co-operation with other organizations in the areas of electricity generation and the environment, environmental assessment, environmental monitoring and research,

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1. Requests the Director General to transmit the following documentation to the Secretary General of UNCED for UNCED's information and in order to obtain the support of UNCED for the Agency's continued work in these fields:

- (a) The key issues and findings and conclusions of the Senior Expert Symposium on Electricity and the Environment, held from 13 to 17 May 1991 in Helsinki, Finland;
- (b) The conclusions and recommendations of the International Conference on the Safety of Nuclear Power held in Vienna from 2 to 6 September 1991, and the subsequent decisions taken at the September 1991 meetings of the Board of Governors and the General Conference;
- (c) The Code of Practice on the International Transboundary Movement of Radioactive Waste, along with views of Member States on its implementation; and
- (d) An updated version of the document "The Agency's Contribution to Sustainable Development";

2. Recommends that Member States take account of the conclusions contained in the above documents during the preparatory process leading up to UNCED with a view to encouraging greater inter-agency co-operation as a means of contributing to sustainable development.