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## GENERAL DEBATE AND ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1990

Resolution adopted during the 342nd plenary meeting on 20 September 1991

### STRENGTHENING OF THE AGENCY'S MAIN ACTIVITIES

#### 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 technical assistance and co-operation 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,

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(e) Conscious of the great potential of nuclear power for meeting the energy requirements of the developing countries and the need to protect the environment, and

(f) Desiring that the Agency's resources for technical assistance and co-operation activities be assured and sufficient,

1. Affirms that, in order to fulfil the objectives of the Agency, an adequate balance should be achieved among the Agency's main activities, having particularly in mind safeguards and non-safeguards activities;

2. Confirms its resolve to maintain and strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of the Agency's technical assistance and co-operation activities in conformity with the Statute;

3. Requests the Director General to enhance technical co-operation activities through the development of effective programmes aimed at improving the scientific and technological capabilities of developing countries in the fields of peaceful applications of nuclear energy and achieving sustainable development; and

4. Requests the Director General to take account of the view of the Conference on this question in the preparation of a draft Medium-Term Plan; and

5. Requests the Director General to report on the implementation of this resolution at the thirty-sixth session of the General Conference.