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

LIABILITY FOR NUCLEAR DAMAGE

Draft resolution recommended by the Committee of the whole

The General Conference

- (a) Recalling its resolutions GC(XXVIII)/RES/431 and GC(XXXII)RES/491,
- (b) Recalling its resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/553, in which it reiterated the priority it attaches to the consideration of all aspects of the question of liability for damage arising from a nuclear accident, especially in the light of the requests from Parties to the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage (Vienna Convention) that a revision conference be convened;
- (c) Reaffirming that further strengthening of the liability regime for nuclear damage is essential to the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes,
- (d) Noting that to date there are 15 Contracting Parties to the Vienna Convention and that the Republic of Lithuania deposited its instrument of accession on 15 September 1992,
- (e) Noting with satisfaction that the Joint Protocol relating to the Application of the Vienna Convention and the Paris Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy (Paris Convention) entered into force on 27 April 1992,
- (f) Recognizing that further acceptances of the Vienna Convention and the Joint Protocol would contribute to the development of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy,

(g) Taking note of the report by the Director General on the work of the Standing Committee on Liability for Nuclear Damage contained in document GC(XXXVI)1009,

1. Continues to express its hope that the Vienna Convention and the Joint Protocol will obtain the widest possible adherence;
2. Considers that international co-operation in nuclear safety would benefit from a wide and early acceptance of an effective regime of liability for nuclear damage; and
3. Expresses the hope that the Standing Committee on Liability for Nuclear Damage will complete its preparatory work soon, so that a revision conference on the Vienna Convention may then be convened.