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PLAN FOR PRODUCING POTABLE WATER ECONOMICALLY

Draft resolution recommended by the Committee of the whole

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling resolutions GC(XXXIII)/RES/515, GC(XXXIV)/RES/540 and GC(XXXV)/RES/563,
- (b) Noting the main conclusions of the "Technical and economic evaluation of potable water production through desalination of sea water by using nuclear energy or other means" attached to document GC(XXXVI)/1013, with the overall conclusion that the "use of nuclear energy as an alternative option to the use of fossil fuelled plants for supplying energy for sea water desalination is technically feasible and in general economically competitive",
- (c) Stressing the importance of adequate potable water supplies for mankind and of regional and international co-operation in solving problems of potable water shortages in Member States and the interest of potential beneficiaries and technology holders in providing low-cost potable water, and
- (d) Noting also that in the draft Agency programme for 1993-94 (document GC(XXXVI)/1006) it is foreseen that activities relating to sea water desalination using nuclear energy will be financed from extrabudgetary resources,

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1. Requests the Director General to convey to the relevant organizations of the United Nations family and to other relevant international organizations the main conclusions of the "Technical and economic evaluation of potable water production through desalination of sea water by using nuclear energy or other means";
2. Calls upon Member States in a position to provide expert services and extrabudgetary resources in support of the activities relating to sea water desalination using nuclear energy which are foreseen in the draft Agency programme for 1993-94 to make such services and resources available;
3. Decides to include in the agenda for the thirty-seventh regular session an item entitled "Plan for producing potable water economically"; and
4. Requests the Director General to submit to the Conference at that session a document on which discussion can be based.