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

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The General Conference,

Taking note with appreciation of the reports of the Board of Governors and the Director General in documents GC(XXXVI)/1009, GC(XXXVI)/1020, GC(XXXVI)/1021 and GC(XXXVI)/INF/309 submitted in response to resolution GC(XXXV)RES/553,

1. Reaffirms the vital necessity of continuing to promote the highest level of nuclear safety and radiological protection worldwide and of strengthening international co-operation and harmonization in the fields of nuclear safety and radiological protection, including radioactive waste management, taking into account, inter alia, the major findings of the 1991 Conference on the Safety of Nuclear Power: Strategy for the Future;
2. Welcomes the initiatives undertaken by the Secretariat in fulfilling the tasks assigned to it in resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/553;
3. Urges the Board of Governors and the Director General to intensify the actions outlined in the above-mentioned reports, in particular by:
 - (i) continuing the process of developing a common basis on which the acceptable level of safety of all operating nuclear power plants built to earlier standards can be judged,

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- (ii) considering a more thorough and transparent nuclear safety overview process with the objective of achieving a high safety performance in all operating nuclear installations; and
- (iii) continuing the process of developing safety principles for future reactors;

4. Recommends to Member States that they avail themselves fully of the Agency's services for advancing operational safety, including OSART and ASSET missions, and of the Incident Reporting System and - for communication to the public - the International Nuclear Event Scale;

5. Takes note of the work done so far by the Group of Experts for the drafting of a nuclear safety convention and urges the Group to continue its work taking into account the comments made by Member States during this Conference and the vital necessity of a continuing effort to raise the general level of nuclear safety worldwide;

6. Invites the Board of Governors and the Director General to seek that appropriate resources are made available within the financial framework of the Agency's biennial programmes, in order that the strengthening of international co-operation in matters relating to nuclear safety and radiological protection can be achieved effectively; and

7. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to report on the progress achieved in the implementation of resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/553 and of this resolution to the General Conference at its thirty-seventh regular session.