MEASURES TO RESOLVE INTERNATIONAL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Draft resolution recommended by the Committee of the Whole

The General Conference,

(a) Welcoming the information on the Agency's radioactive waste management programme provided in document GC (XXXVII)/INF/320,

(b) Taking note of the international co-operation activities co-ordinated by the Agency in the field of radioactive waste management, and especially activities relating to Radioactive Waste Safety Standards (RADWASS), and

(c) Reaffirming the importance to the international community of ensuring that sound practices are implemented, or planned, for the safe management and disposal of all categories of radioactive waste,

1. Stresses the importance and the vital necessity of the Agency's continuing to promote and strengthen international co-operation in the field of radioactive waste management;

2. Invites the Board of Governors and the Director General to maintain the emphasis given to radioactive waste management, especially with regard to RADWASS, and to consider what further measures should be taken to enhance international co-operation activities in this field, including assessing the impact of the land and sea disposal of wastes; and

3. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the Conference at its thirty-eighth regular session under an agenda item entitled "Measures to strengthen international co-operation in matters relating to nuclear safety and radiological protection" as a sub-item entitled "Measures to resolve international radioactive waste management issues".