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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(XXXVIII)/7,
 - (b) Noting that document GC(XXXVIII)/7 reports on the progress made in the implementation of resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/614 and provides a status report on the Radioactive Waste Safety Standards (RADWASS) programme, and
 - (c) Reaffirming the importance to the international community of ensuring that sound practices are planned and implemented for the safe management and disposal of radioactive wastes from nuclear application technologies and nuclear power generation,
1. Stresses the vital necessity for the Agency to continue to promote, co-ordinate 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, to commence preparations for a convention on the safety of waste management and continue the process of collecting relevant background information (including appropriate RADWASS documents) that would be useful in drafting the convention, taking into account the views of Member States on the basic concept and framework of the said convention, to increase activities that assist Member States, particularly developing countries, in strengthening waste management infrastructures and to consider further measures that would enhance international co-operation in this field, including assessment of 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-ninth regular session under an agenda item entitled "Measures to resolve international radioactive waste management issues".

