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The General Conference,

- (a) Convinced that Agency safeguards can promote further confidence among States and thereby help to strengthen their collective security,
- (b) Noting the constructive comments on safeguards in the Director General's address to the Conference,
- (c) Emphasizing that the strengthening of the safeguards system should not lead to a diminution of the resources available for technical assistance and co-operation and that it should be consistent with the function of the Agency to encourage and assist the development and practical application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and with an adequate transfer of technology, and
- (d) Considering the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean and the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty and the Agency's essential role in applying safeguards in accordance with the relevant articles of these treaties and noting the 1995 Conference on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,

1. Underlines the central importance of effective safeguards for the prevention of misuse of nuclear energy for non-peaceful purposes and for the promotion of co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;
2. Confirms its resolve to maintain and strengthen the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of the safeguards system in conformity with the Statute;
3. Welcomes the report of the Director General on measures taken to implement resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/619, notes decisions taken by the Board of Governors to strengthen the safeguards system and calls on Member States to co-operate further with the Agency in implementing those decisions;
4. Requests the Director General to continue with the assessment and development and, on a voluntary basis, testing of the measures being considered under "Programme 93+2" in order that a more effective and cost-efficient system may be achieved, covering all nuclear material in all peaceful nuclear activities within the territory of a State with a comprehensive safeguards agreement; and
5. Requests the Director General to present to the Board of Governors in March 1995 proposals for a strengthened and more cost-efficient safeguards system, together with an evaluation of their technical, legal and financial implications, and to inform the General Conference at its thirty-ninth regular session of the action taken.