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STRENGTHENING OF THE AGENCY'S MAIN ACTIVITIES

Resolution adopted on 23 September 1994, during the ninth plenary meeting

STRENGTHENING OF THE AGENCY'S TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling that the objectives of the Agency as stated in Article II of the Statute are "to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world" and to ensure that the assistance provided is not used to further any military purpose,
- (b) Recalling also that one of the statutory functions of the Agency is to "encourage and assist research on, and development and practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful uses throughout the world",
- (c) Considering that an expansion of technical co-operation activities relating to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy will contribute to the well-being of the peoples of a majority of the Member States of the Agency,
- (d) Stressing the importance of the transfer of nuclear technology to the developing countries for enhancing their scientific and technological capabilities and thereby generating rapid industrial development,
- (e) Conscious of the great potential of nuclear power for meeting energy requirements in many countries and the need to protect the environment,
- (f) Desiring that the Agency's resources for technical co-operation activities be assured and sufficient, and

(g) Taking note of the report by the Director General contained in document GOV/2749-GC(XXXVIII)/11,

1. Stresses the need, in conformity with the Statute, to strengthen technical co-operation activities and also their effectiveness and efficiency;
2. Requests the Director General to present, in consultation with Member States, new initiatives to strengthen the technical co-operation activities of the Agency through the development of effective programmes aimed at improving the scientific and technological capabilities of developing countries in the fields of peaceful applications of nuclear energy and achieving sustainable development;
3. Further requests the Director General to continue to take follow-up actions on initiatives mentioned in paragraph 2 above and approved by the Board and the General Conference, including the model project approach;
4. Requests the Director General to take account of the view of the Conference on this question when asking Member States to increase their contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund; and
5. Requests the Director General and the Board of Governors to remain seized of this matter and also requests the Director General to report periodically to the Board of Governors and to the General Conference at its thirty-ninth regular session on the implementation of this resolution under an agenda item entitled "Strengthening of the Agency's technical co-operation activities".