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APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Draft resolution submitted by
Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,
Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic,
Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen

The General Conference,

- (a) Recognizing the importance of the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons - both globally and regionally - in enhancing international peace and security,
- (b) Stressing the importance of the Agency's safeguards system as a reliable means of verification of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy,
- (c) Concerned by the grave consequences, endangering peace and security, of the presence in the Middle East region of nuclear activities not under IAEA safeguards,
- (d) Welcoming the initiative regarding the establishment of a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East,
- (e) Recalling that the Security Council, in a statement made in January 1992, has affirmed that the proliferation of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction constitutes a threat to world peace and security,
- (f) Recalling its relevant resolutions concerning the application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East, the latest of which is resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/21 of 23 September 1994, and noting the danger of nuclear proliferation especially in areas of tension,
- (g) Noting resolution Conf.1995/L8 on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference without a vote,

- (h) Recognizing that full realization of these objectives should be promoted by all States of the region, and
- (i) Commending the efforts of the Agency concerning the application of safeguards in the Middle East and the positive response of some States in concluding full-scope safeguards agreements,
1. Takes note of the Director General's report in document GC(39)/20;
 2. Notes with concern the continued operation of unsafeguarded sensitive nuclear facilities in Israel;
 3. Reaffirms the urgent need for Israel to accept forthwith the application of full-scope Agency safeguards to all its applicable nuclear activities as an important confidence-building measure among all States in the region and as a step in enhancing peace and security in the context of the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone (NWFZ);
 4. Calls upon all parties directly concerned to consider seriously taking the practical and appropriate steps required for the implementation of the proposal to establish a NWFZ in the region and further calls upon all States of the Middle East that have not yet done so without exception to accede to the NPT immediately;
 5. Requests the Director General in accordance with paragraph 12 of his report (GC(39)/20) to renew consultations with the States of the Middle East to facilitate the early application of full-scope Agency safeguards to all nuclear activities in the region as relevant to the preparation of model agreements, as a necessary step towards the establishment of a NWFZ in the region, referred to in resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/627;
 6. Further requests the Director General, pursuant to the workshop held by the Agency in May 1993 on the modalities for the application of safeguards in a future NWFZ in the Middle East, to invite experts from the region to assist in the preparation of the proposed draft model agreements;
 7. Calls upon all States in the region to extend their fullest co-operation to the Director General in the fulfillment of the tasks entrusted to him in the preceding paragraphs;
 8. Further calls upon all States in the region to take measures, including confidence-building and verification measures, aimed at establishing a NWFZ in the Middle East;
 9. Calls upon all States, especially those with a special responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, to render all assistance to the Director General by facilitating the implementation of this resolution; and
 10. Requests the Director General to submit to the Board of Governors and to the General Conference at its fortieth regular session a report on the implementation of this resolution and to include in the provisional agenda for that session an item entitled "Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East".