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STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM

Draft resolution recommended by the Committee of the Whole

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling resolutions GC(XXXV)/RES/559, GC(XXXVI)/RES/586, GC(XXXVII)/RES/619 and GC(XXXVIII)/RES/10 on the strengthening of safeguards,
- (b) Convinced that the Agency's safeguards can promote greater confidence among States and thus contribute to strengthening collective security,
- (c) 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 outcome of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,
- (d) Noting decisions adopted by the Board of Governors aimed at further strengthening the effectiveness of IAEA safeguards should be supported and implemented, and the IAEA's capability to detect undeclared nuclear activities should be increased, and
- (e) Stressing that the strengthening of the safeguards system should not entail a decrease in the resources available for technical assistance and co-operation and that it should be compatible with the Agency's function of encouraging and assisting the development and practical application of atomic energy for peaceful uses and with adequate technology transfer,

1. Stresses the need for effective safeguards in order to prevent the use of nuclear energy for prohibited purposes in contravention of safeguards agreements entered into by States and underlining the vital importance of effective safeguards for facilitating co-operation in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy;
2. Affirms that increasing the Agency's capability to detect undeclared nuclear activities in contravention of safeguards agreements will contribute to strengthening the effectiveness of safeguards;
3. Endorses the decision of the Board of Governors to authorize the Secretariat to implement at an early date, after consultations between the Secretariat and individual Member States, the first part of the measures it has proposed;
4. Confirms its resolve to maintain and strengthen the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of the safeguards system in conformity with the Agency's Statute and calls upon all States to co-operate with the Agency in implementing the decisions taken by the Board of Governors to that end;
5. Requests the Director General to continue to develop the measures proposed under Programme 93+2, in order to bring about a more effective and efficient system covering all nuclear material in all peaceful nuclear activities within the territory of a State which has concluded a comprehensive safeguards agreement, and to make arrangements to implement at an early date the measures outlined in Part 1 of document GOV/2807 after consulting individual States;
6. Also requests the Director General, taking account of the views on Part 2 of Programme 93+2 expressed in the Board of Governors and at the General Conference's thirty-ninth regular session and the outcome of the consultations with Member States individually or collectively, to put before the Board of Governors as soon as possible clear proposals for the measures proposed in Part 2; and
7. Further requests the Director General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the General Conference at its fortieth regular session.