



GC

International Atomic Energy Agency

# GENERAL CONFERENCE

GC(40)/23  
17 September 1996

GENERAL Distr.  
Original: ENGLISH

Fortieth regular session  
Agenda item 23  
(GC(40)/22)

## 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,  
and the United Arab Emirates

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) Mindful of the usefulness 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 wholly devoted to peaceful purposes,
- (d) Welcoming the initiatives regarding the establishment of a zone free of all weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons, in the Middle East and recent initiatives regarding arms control in the region,
- (e) Recognizing that full realization of these objectives would be promoted by the participation of all States of the region,

(f) Noting with satisfaction the successful conclusion of the signing ceremony of the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (Pelindaba Treaty) in Cairo on 11 April 1996, at which the conviction was reaffirmed that the viability of the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone would be strengthened by the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East,

(g) 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, and

(h) Emphasizing that nuclear safety has to prevail over all considerations,

(i) Recalling the report of the Director General in document GOV/2682-GC(XXXVII)/1072 of September 1993 on the application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East and the relevant workshop convened in May 1993 on "The Modalities for the Application of Safeguards in a Future Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in the Middle East",

(j) Bearing in mind the consensus reached by the General Conference at its 39th session on its resolution GC(39)/RES/24 on the application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East,

(k) Desirous to build on that consensus so that substantial progress can be made towards ensuring that the use of nuclear energy is safe, well regulated and environmentally sound, and

(l) Recalling its resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/627,

1. Takes note of the Director General's report in document GOV/2861-GC(40)/6 and GC(40)/6/Add.1;

2. Affirms the urgent need for Israel to accede to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and to forthwith accept the application of full-scope Agency safeguards to all its nuclear activities as an important measure for confidence-building 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;

3. 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 mutually and effectively verifiable nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region, and invites the countries concerned to adhere to international non-proliferation regimes, including the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, as a means of complementing participation in a zone free of all weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East and of strengthening peace and security in the region;

4. Takes note of the importance of the resumption of bilateral Middle East peace negotiations and the activities of the multilateral working group on Arms Control and Regional Security in promoting mutual confidence and security in the Middle East, including the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone, and calls on the Director General, as requested by the participants, to render all necessary assistance to the working group in promoting that objective;
5. 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 nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, to invite experts from the region to attend a workshop to be held by the Agency as a follow-up on this issue in conformity with paragraph 10 of the above-mentioned report, and further to look into the question of nuclear safety in the Middle East;
6. Further requests the Director General to commence with the preparation of procedures for this workshop as soon as possible;
7. Requests the Director General to continue 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 nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region, referred to in resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/627;
8. Calls upon all States in the region to extend their fullest co-operation to the Director General in the fulfilment of the tasks entrusted to him in the preceding paragraph;
9. Further calls upon all States in the region to take measures, including confidence-building and verification measures, aimed at establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East;
10. Calls upon all other States, especially those with a special responsibility for the maintenance of peace and security, to render all assistance to the Director General by facilitating the implementation of this resolution; and
11. Requests the Director General to submit to the Board of Governors and to the General Conference at its forty-first 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".

