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SAFETY OF TRANSPORT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

Draft resolution submitted by Turkey

The General Conference,


(b) Noting that preambular paragraph (xvi) of the Joint Convention reads "Recognizing the desirability of strengthening the international control system applying specifically to radioactive materials as referred to in Article 1(3) of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal (1989)",

(c) Recalling resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/530, by which the General Conference adopted the Code of Practice on the International Transboundary Movement of Radioactive Waste and in which it referred to the desirability of concluding, under the Agency’s auspices, a legally binding instrument on the international transboundary movement of radioactive waste,

(d) Taking into account the fact that the off-site transportation of radioactive waste and spent fuel is excluded from the scope of application of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management,
(e) Further taking into account the Resolution Relating to Transboundary Movement of Radioactive Waste and Spent Fuel adopted by consensus by the Diplomatic Conference convened to adopt a Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, and

(f) Aware of the concerns of some States about the safety of transport of radioactive materials,

1. Requests the Secretariat to prepare, for the June 1998 session of the Board of Governors, a report on legally binding and non-binding international instruments and regulations concerning the safe transport of radioactive materials and their implementation, to serve as the basis for further consideration and possible action; and

2. Requests the Board of Governors and the Director General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the General Conference at its forty-second regular session under an agenda sub-item entitled "Safety of transport of radioactive materials".
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Add Chile, Morocco and the Philippines as co-sponsors of this draft resolution.