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## ARTICLE VI OF THE STATUTE

Resolution adopted on 3 October 1997 during the 9th plenary meeting

### AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI OF THE STATUTE

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling its resolutions GC(XXI)/RES/353, GC(XXII)/RES/361, GC(XXIII)/RES/370, GC(XXIV)/RES/378 and GC(XXV)/RES/389 concerning the amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute,
- (b) Bearing in mind the fundamental structural changes that have taken place in the past two decades in international relations, particularly in the nuclear community resulting in the under-representation of other areas on the Board of Governors of the IAEA,
- (c) Noting the interest of Member States of all regions in considering Board membership in the light of present-day geopolitical and technical realities and recognizing that there is a widely held view to expand the size and composition of the Board,
- (d) Convinced of the urgent need to implement all relevant General Conference resolutions and decisions relating to amendment of Article VI, and especially resolution GC(40)/RES/20, which calls for the submission of a finalized formula to be approved by the General Conference at its forty-first regular session in accordance with Article XVIII of the Statute,
- (e) Taking note with appreciation of the efforts undertaken by the Chairpersons of the Open-ended Consultative Group and of the progress achieved in this regard,
- (f) Noting with regret that the Board of Governors at its June and September sessions was not in a position to submit a report on a finalized formula for amending

Article VI for consideration and approval by the General Conference, as requested in resolution GC(40)/RES/20, and

(g) Confident that the General Conference will implement its resolutions and decisions relating to the amendment of Article VI at its forty-second regular session at the latest,

1. Expresses appreciation for the efforts of the Chairman of the Board of Governors and takes note of the reports contained in documents GC(41)/23 and GC(41)/24;
2. Welcomes the proposal submitted by Sudan on behalf of the African Group as contained in Appendix IV to document GC(41)/11, the proposal submitted by Canada as contained in Appendix II to document GC(41)/11 (as part of the Chairman's package), and the proposal submitted by Morocco as contained in Appendix V to document GC(41)/11 and recognizes the urgent need to take fully into consideration the momentum they have brought to the consultation process;
3. Requests the Board of Governors to develop within a timetable a process of negotiations among Member States, taking account of the above proposals, and to submit its report on a finalized formula for approval by the General Conference at its forty-second regular session in accordance with Article XVIII of the Statute; and
4. Invites the Director General to report to the Board of Governors and to the General Conference at its forty-second session on the result achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.