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**CONVENTION ON EARLY NOTIFICATION OF A NUCLEAR
ACCIDENT AND CONVENTION ON ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE OF A
NUCLEAR ACCIDENT OR RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY**

Resolution adopted on 22 September 2000 at the tenth plenary meeting

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident (the Early Notification Convention) and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency (the Assistance Convention),
 - (b) Recalling further a number of bilateral and regional agreements under those conventions,
 - (c) Noting with concern nuclear and radiation accidents in different parts of the world in recent years,
 - (d) Noting furthermore that such kinds of accidents may sometimes require an international response,
 - (e) Appreciating the work done by the IAEA in developing and implementing practical procedures with respect to the above-mentioned conventions, in particular the establishment of the IAEA Emergency Response Centre,
 - (f) Recognizing that the response capabilities of the States Parties to those conventions could be improved and made more cost-effective through international co-operation, and
 - (g) Recognizing also the need for enhanced efforts by the IAEA in preparing the co-ordination of international response and promoting regional co-operation among the States Parties for the purpose of making international response more consistent and coherent,
1. Encourages Member States to implement instruments for improving their response, in particular their contribution to international response, to nuclear and radiological emergencies;

2. Requests the Director General to continue to evaluate and, if necessary, improve the capability of the IAEA Emergency Response Centre to fulfil its role;
3. Encourages Member States to participate actively in the process of strengthening international, national and regional capabilities for responding to nuclear and radiological emergencies and to make those capabilities more consistent and coherent; and
4. Requests the Director General to report, as appropriate, to it at its forty-sixth regular session on the implementation of this resolution.