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STRENGTHENING OF THE AGENCY'S TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES

Resolution adopted on 22 September 2000 at the tenth plenary meeting

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling resolution GC(43)/RES/14 on “Strengthening of the Agency’s technical co-operation activities”,
- (b) Noting that the objectives of the Agency as stated in Article II of the Statute are “to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world” and to ensure that the assistance provided is not used “to further any military purpose”,
- (c) Noting also that one of the statutory functions of the Agency is to “encourage and assist research on, and development and practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful uses throughout the world”,
- (d) Recalling that the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons commended the Agency for its efforts to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Agency’s technical co-operation programme,
- (e) Considering that an expansion of technical co-operation activities relating to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy will contribute to the well-being and help enrich the quality of life of the peoples of the world, and particularly those of developing Member States of the Agency,
- (f) Stressing the importance of the transfer of nuclear technology to the developing countries for enhancing their scientific and technological capabilities and thereby generating economic development,
- (g)

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Conscious of the great potential of nuclear power for meeting energy requirements in a number of countries and the need to protect the environment, and considering the ongoing discussions on the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) of the Kyoto Protocol,

(h) Conscious of the need for the internationally recognized standards of safety to be applied in all uses of nuclear technology in order to protect mankind and the environment,

(i) Desiring that the Agency's resources for technical co-operation activities be assured, predictable and sufficient to meet the objectives mandated in Article II of the Statute, and recalling that the Board of Governors approved recommendations to that effect contained in document GOV/1998/36,

(j) Emphasizing the need to maintain an appropriate balance between the promotional activities and other statutory activities of the Agency,

(k) Recognizing that human resources development, expert services and appropriate equipment supply continue to be important components of technical co-operation activities to ensure sustainability, and

(l) Taking note with appreciation of the different activities carried out by the Secretariat to implement the Technical Co-operation Strategy (GOV/INF/824), as outlined in document GC(44)/INF/3, including holding regional meetings for planning purposes, carrying out Country Programme Frameworks and Thematic Planning, and efforts to ensure that projects match the national government priorities of Member States,

1. Stresses the need to strengthen technical co-operation activities, including the provision of sufficient resources, and to continually enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the programmes and, in this regard, expresses appreciation to the Secretariat for elaboration of the Technical Co-operation Strategy;

2. Requests the Director General to facilitate cost-sharing, outsourcing and other forms of Partnership in Development by reviewing, amending or simplifying, as appropriate, relevant financial and legal procedures;

3. Requests the Director General to continue to take account of the views of the General Conference when requesting Member States to pledge their respective shares of the Technical Co-operation Fund targets and to make timely payments to the Fund;

4. Urges all Member States to make every effort to pay in full and on time their voluntary contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund and reminds Member States of their obligation to pay their Assessed Programme Costs;

5. Requests the Director General to pursue, in consultation with Member States, efforts to strengthen the technical co-operation activities of the Agency through the development of effective programmes aimed at improving the scientific, technological and regulatory capabilities of developing countries, account being taken of the infrastructure and the level of technology of the countries concerned, by continuing to assist them in their (a) peaceful

applications of atomic energy and nuclear techniques in the fields of *inter alia* food and agriculture, human health, industry, water resource management, environment and (b) nuclear energy production for those States pursuing it as a component of their energy mix in the 21st century, through relevant areas of importance as identified by Member States;

6. Emphasizes that these programmes should contribute to the achievement of national goals for sustainable development in developing countries, and particularly in the least developed countries;

7. Emphasizes further the need to understand the marketplace for nuclear technology and to develop mechanisms and best practices for working with the private and the public sector;

8. Requests the Director General to continue consultations and interactions with interested States, the competent organizations of the United Nations system, multilateral financial institutions, regional development bodies and other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies to ensure co-ordination and optimization of complementary activities;

9. Requests the Director General to help interested Member States (a) to obtain access to relevant information on the role of nuclear power in mitigating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, guided by the objective of sustainable development; and relatedly (b) to implement national case studies, and (c) to prepare potential projects;

10. Requests the Director General to continue the Agency's efforts of working with Member States within relevant regional groups to identify Regional Resource Centres (RRCs) and refining outsource mechanisms in the context of enhancing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC); and

11. Requests the Director General and the Board of Governors to remain seized of this matter and further requests the Director General to report to the Board of Governors periodically and to the General Conference at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of this resolution under an agenda item entitled "Strengthening of the Agency's technical co-operation activities".