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## STRENGTHENING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTRES IN THE AREA OF THE PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

Resolution adopted on 22 September 2000 at the tenth plenary meeting

## The General Conference,

- (a) Recognizing that the Agency plays an important role in promoting international co-operation in the fields of nuclear science, technology and applications,
- (b) <u>Conscious of</u> the importance of nuclear research centres (NRCs) in training scientists and engineers who are involved with the development of nuclear power reactors and the promotion of their safety or with the improvement of nuclear applications, and in facilitating the commercial exploitation of nuclear technology,
- (c) <u>Noting with satisfaction</u> the efforts made by the Agency, during the past decades, for enhancing the capabilities of NRCs, and
- (d) <u>Considering</u> that NRCs must continue to respond to the needs and priorities of their environment, such as governments, industries, universities/research institutes and the public,
- 1. <u>Encourages</u> the Secretariat to assist NRCs in developing programmes compatible with the needs and priorities of their environment;
- 2. <u>Requests</u> the Secretariat to play an active role in collecting, compiling and providing information on nuclear technology and to assist NRCs in communicating such information to their stakeholders:
- 3. <u>Also requests</u> the Secretariat to take measures with a view to facilitating interaction among NRCs and between NRCs and other nuclear-related international organizations on joint projects of mutual interest in the area of nuclear technology development and applications;

- 4. <u>Calls upon</u> the Secretariat to co-operate with NRCs in promoting their contributions to other international organizations' activities related to areas such as the global environment, health and safety; and
- 5. <u>Requests</u> that the actions of the Secretariat referred to in paragraphs 1-4 above be carried out within available resources and with a view to promoting the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.