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## STRENGTHENING OF THE AGENCY'S TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES

Resolution adopted on 21 September during the tenth plenary meeting

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling resolution GC(44)/RES/18 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) 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,
- (e) Stressing the importance of the transfer of nuclear technology to the developing countries for sustaining and further enhancing their scientific and technological capabilities and thereby enhancing economic development,
- (f) Conscious of the great potential of nuclear power for meeting energy requirements and the need for sustainable development including climate protection in a number of countries and recognizing the contribution of nuclear energy in reducing greenhouse gases (GHG),
- (g) Also 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,

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- (h) 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,
- (i) Expressing appreciation to those Member States that have contributed to the Technical Co-operation Fund (TCF) their full TCF target shares in a timely manner, but recognizing that some other Member States do not contribute their full TCF target shares or do not contribute to the TCF at all,
- (j) Emphasizing the need to maintain an appropriate balance between the promotional activities and other statutory activities of the Agency,
- (k) Emphasizing the importance of the technical co-operation activities of the Agency, the financing of which should be guaranteed by, inter alia, results-based budgeting and the appropriate use of the Regular Budget in managing and supporting those activities,
- (l) 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
- (m) 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(45)/INF/4, 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, and of document GC(45)/INF/4 describing further steps taken by the Secretariat in strengthening the Agency's technical co-operation activities, particularly through technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC), regional resource centre partnerships in development, and greater outreach and in-house co-ordination,
- (n) Reiterating the need to strengthen technical co-operation activities and to continuously enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the programmes according to the needs of Member States,
- (o) Appreciating that these programmes contribute to the achievement of national goals for sustainable development in developing countries, and particularly in the least developed countries, and
- (p) Also recognizing that national nuclear entities are important partners in the implementation of technical co-operation programmes in Member States and promote the use of nuclear technologies by relevant institutions for achieving national development objectives,

1. Requests the Director General to continue to further develop and facilitate cost-sharing, outsourcing and other forms of Partnership in Development by reviewing, amending or simplifying, as appropriate, relevant financial and legal procedures in consultation with the Board of Governors;

2. Also requests the Director General to continue to take account of the views of the General Conference when requesting Member States to pledge and pay their respective

shares of the TCF targets and to make timely payments to the TCF in accordance with resolution GC(44)/RES/8;

3. Urges Member States to pay in full and on time their voluntary contributions to the TCF, and reminds recipient Member States of their obligation to pay their Assessed Programme Costs;
4. 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 requests the Secretariat to continue to refine the technical co-operation strategy in consultation with Member States;
5. Also 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 promoting and 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 peaceful, safe and regulated applications of atomic energy and nuclear techniques in the fields of - inter alia - (a) food and agriculture, human health, industry, water resource management and environment, and (b) nuclear energy production for those States pursuing it as a component of their energy mix in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, through relevant areas of importance as identified by Member States;
6. 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;
7. Requests the Director General to help interested Member States (a) to obtain access to relevant information on the role of nuclear power in mitigating GHG emissions, guided by the objective of sustainable development, (b) to provide factual input to the forthcoming World Summit on Sustainable Development, and (c) to prepare potential projects;
8. 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;
9. Requests the Director General to continue the Agency's efforts to work with Member States within relevant regional groups in identifying Regional Resource Centres and in developing and refining outsourcing mechanisms in the context of enhancing TCDC;
10. Requests the Director General to promote, within the framework of the technical co-operation programme, activities supporting self-reliance, sustainability and further relevance of national nuclear entities in Member States, particularly in developing countries, including encouraging regional and interregional co-operation on this issue; 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-sixth session on the implementation of this resolution under an agenda item entitled "Strengthening of the Agency's technical co-operation activities".