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Applications for Membership of the Agency

Application by the Cook Islands

Recommendation by the Board of Governors

1. On 5 September 2023, the following letter from HE Honourable Mark Brown, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, was communicated to the Board:

“In the name of the Government of the Cook Islands I have the honour to submit an application for membership of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

I wish to assure you, in the name of my Government, that Cook Islands is willing to carry out the obligations of membership of the Agency and to act in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.”

2. On 22 November 2023, the Board considered this application for membership of the Agency in the light of Article IV.B of the Statute, and determined that the Cook Islands is able and willing to carry out the obligations of membership of the Agency and to act in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. The Board recommends that the Conference approve the Cook Islands for membership of the Agency, and submits the draft resolution overleaf for the consideration of the Conference.

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The General Conference,

- (a) Having received the recommendation of the Board of Governors that the Cook Islands should be approved for membership of the Agency,¹ and
 - (b) Having considered the application of the Cook Islands for membership in the light of Article IV.B of the Statute,
1. Approves the Cook Islands for membership of the Agency; and
 2. Determines, pursuant to Financial Regulation 5.09², that in the event of the Cook Islands becoming a Member of the Agency during the remainder of 2024 or in 2025 it shall be assessed as appropriate:
 - (a) For an advance or advances to the Working Capital Fund, in accordance with Financial Regulation 7.04³; and
 - (b) For a contribution or contributions towards the Agency's Regular Budget, in accordance with the principles and arrangements the Conference has established for the assessment of Members for such contributions.⁴

¹ GC(68)/17 para 3

² INFCIRC/8/Rev.4.

³ INFCIRC/8/Rev.4.

⁴ Resolutions GC(III)RES/50, GC(XXI)RES/351, GC(39)RES/11, GC(44)/RES/9 and GC(47)/RES/5, as appropriate.