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## Applications for Membership of the Agency Application by the Republic of Maldives Recommendation by the Board of Governors

1. On 6 November 2024, the following letter from HE Mr Abdulla Khaleel, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives, was communicated to the Board:

"I wish to express the interest of the Government of Maldives to join the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) as a Member State at the earliest given opportunity.

As a nation committed to sustainable development and peaceful use of nuclear technology, membership in the IAEA will enhance our capacity to benefit from and contribute to international efforts in nuclear safety, security and non-proliferation. The Maldives is eager to engage with other Member States and international partners to leverage best practices in nuclear safety and regulatory frameworks.

I assure you, that the Government of Maldives is committed to carrying out the obligations of membership of the Agency and to acting in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations".

2. On 20 November 2024, the Board considered this application for membership of the Agency in the light of Article IV.B of the Statute, and determined that the Republic of Maldives 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 Republic of Maldives for membership of the Agency, and submits the draft resolution overleaf for the consideration of the Conference.

## Applications for Membership of the Agency

The General Conference,

(a) <u>Having received</u> the recommendation of the Board of Governors that the Republic of Maldives should be approved for membership of the Agency,<sup>1</sup> and

(b) <u>Having considered</u> the application of the Republic of Maldives for membership in the light of Article IV.B of the Statute,

1. <u>Approves</u> the Republic of Maldives for membership of the Agency; and

2. <u>Determines</u>, pursuant to Financial Regulation  $5.09^2$ , that in the event of the Republic of Maldives becoming a Member of the Agency during the remainder of 2025 or in 2026 it shall be assessed as appropriate:

(a) For an advance or advances to the Working Capital Fund, in accordance with Financial Regulation 7.04<sup>3</sup>; 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.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> GC(69)/14 para 3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> INFCIRC/8/Rev.4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> INFCIRC/8/Rev.4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Resolutions GC(III)RES/50, GC(XXI)RES/351, GC(39)RES/11, GC(44)/RES/9 and GC(47)/RES/5, as appropriate.