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By paragraph 4 of Resolution GC(VII)/RES/149 the General Conference on 1 October 1963 requested the Director General to circulate the text of Resolution 986 (XXXVI) of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, which was adopted on 2 August, to all Member States of the Agency. The text of the latter resolution is accordingly reproduced below.

986 (XXXVI). CO-ORDINATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY ACTIVITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 799 B III (XXX) of 3 August 1960,

Noting with appreciation the progress which has been achieved in the field of co-ordination of atomic energy activities between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the specialized agencies and the work of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in this respect,

Recalling that the agreement between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency recognizes that the International Atomic Energy Agency is "the agency, under the aegis of the United Nations..., responsible for international activities concerned with the peaceful uses of atomic energy",

Noting in addition that one of the functions of the Agency under its Statute "is to establish or adopt, in consultation and where appropriate in collaboration with the competent organs of the United Nations and with the specialized agencies concerned, standards of safety for protection of health and the minimization of danger to life and property (including such standards for labour conditions)",

Having regard to the relationship agreements and working arrangements already established between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the specialized agencies, which provide inter alia "that with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective constitutional instruments within the general framework established by the Charter of the United Nations they will act in close co-operation with each other and will consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest",

1. Recognizes the primary responsibility of the International Atomic Energy Agency under its Statute for work in the field of atomic energy without prejudice to the constitutional responsibilities of the specialized agencies each in its own particular field;

2. Affirms that the International Atomic Energy Agency should act as the primary sponsor, in co-operation, where appropriate, with the interested specialized agencies, of activities in which atomic energy or research relating thereto forms the major part of the subject matter;

3. Calls attention to the necessity for continuing vigilance in the area where the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency may overlap those of the specialized agencies in regard to those aspects of atomic energy which come within their particular fields of activity;

4. Invites the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to include in future reports to the Council information on activities undertaken by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the specialized agencies in the atomic energy field where questions of co-ordination may arise, and to make such proposals as it deems appropriate for improving co-ordination in this field;

5. Draws the attention of States Members of the International Atomic Energy Agency and of the specialized agencies and of the executive heads of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the specialized agencies to the need for effective co-ordination in this field and for ensuring that no proposal in which more than one agency may have an interest is approved by the governing body of any particular agency without a clear statement of the steps which have been taken to collaborate at the formative stage with the other interested agencies.