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Austria, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland:
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The Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States,

Recalling resolutions 2028 (XX), 2153 B (XXI), 2346 B (XXII), and 2373 (XXII) of the United Nations General Assembly,

Recognizing that many speakers have emphasized their Governments' increasing interest in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy for economic and social development, an interest further stimulated by Article IV of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and compatible with recent advances in the technology of nuclear power,

Recalling also that Article V of the Treaty calls for appropriate international procedures in order for non-nuclear-weapon States to receive the potential benefits arising from any peaceful applications of nuclear explosions,

Noting the International Atomic Energy Agency's activities to carry out the function of stimulating international exchange of scientific and technological information and its efforts to assist developing countries in their efforts to acquire technical capabilities in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear power,

Noting that the Agency during the decade of its existence has gained valuable experience in carrying out these functions and has therefore already enlarged the contribution of atomic energy for peace, health and prosperity throughout the world,

Taking note of the fact that several delegations have expressed the opinion that the membership of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency should be enlarged so as to reflect equitable geographical distribution,

Aware that Member States of the Agency have agreed to place certain amounts of fissionable materials at the disposal of the Agency, for use in Agency projects,

+ This draft resolution replaces those contained in documents A/CONF.35/C.2/L.1 and A/CONF.35/C.2/L.7.

I

Calls upon the Agency to continue its utmost efforts for compilation and dissemination of public information concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, including those related to the peaceful application of nuclear explosions;

Recommends that the Agency study appropriate international arrangements to facilitate exchange of scientific and technical information which have commercial or industrial value and are not publicly available, so as to make it possible for the countries with interest to know of the existence and outline of such information and to enable the interested parties to enter into negotiations about the purchase of such information with the owners thereof;

Invites the nuclear-weapon States to communicate to the Agency a list of scientific and technical information having become essential for the development of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, which are still classified for the reason of national security but which they may eventually declassify in view of the development of nuclear technology, and to keep under continuous review the need for such classification, bearing in mind the economic and scientific benefit to be derived from maximizing the flow of information;

II

Recommends that the Agency study further the ways and means of increasing the funds available for technical assistance, taking into full consideration the views of the interested countries, particularly those of the developing countries, expressed in this Conference;

III

Recommends that the Agency study the most effective means of ensuring access to special fissionable materials on commercial basis;

Urges the nuclear-weapon States to facilitate, to the fullest extent possible, the availability of fissionable materials for the peaceful nuclear programmes of the non-nuclear-weapon States accepting the application of safeguards by the Agency;

IV

Recommends that the Agency, in relation to the implementation of Article V of the Treaty, initiate necessary studies to ascertain its role in:

- (a) providing necessary services through international procedures,
- (b) acting as an intermediary for international transmittal of related technical information and
- (c) contributing to the conclusion of the agreements provided for in the said Article;

V

Expresses its assumption that the Agency will examine at an appropriate time its procedures and arrangements, as well as the question of the composition of the Board of Governors, with a view to adapting them as necessary in the light of its responsibilities, especially under the Treaty;

VI

Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to bring this resolution to the attention of the Agency, together with the relevant records of the proceedings of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States and the relevant proposals submitted thereto;

Invites the Agency to bear the present resolution in mind in preparing its annual reports for the General Assembly.