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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE AT ITS EIGHTEENTH MEETING HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1968

The Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States,

Considering that the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons is regarded as a step towards effective nuclear disarmament and a contribution to international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy,

Recalling that both nuclear-weapon and non-nuclear-weapon States carry the responsibility of acting in accordance with the principles of the Charter, including the principle that the sovereign equality of all States should be respected,

Considering that, because of the present structure of the International Atomic Energy Agency, many countries are not adequately represented in the Board of Governors, which is the organ responsible for safeguards in that Agency,

Considering that any system of collective inspection must be based on the principle that every country inspected must be adequately represented in the body responsible for carrying out the inspections,

Considering also that it is necessary to improve and simplify the safeguards system at present being applied by IAEA so that it can better discharge its new responsibilities,

Emphasizing the desirability of promoting activities for the establishment of a modern and efficient safeguards system based on supervision of the flow of fissionable materials by means of instruments and other techniques at certain strategic points,

1. Recommends the establishment, within the International Atomic Energy Agency and under its Board of Governors, of institutional machinery on safeguards of which both countries supplying nuclear materials, as well as member countries whether possessing nuclear facilities or not, shall form part;

2. Recommends to IAEA that, in the process of improving and simplifying the safeguards system, inter alia, the following objectives be given appropriate consideration:

- (a) The safeguard procedures should be simplified by the use of instruments and other technical devices at certain strategic points of the flow of nuclear materials, with a view to restricting the safeguarding operations to the necessary minimum;
 - (b) Simplification of safeguards in respect of fissionable materials in small quantities for use in scientific research;
 - (c) Incorporation in the agreements of the rules laid down against industrial risks, including industrial espionage, by the Statute of IAEA, the decisions of the Board of Governors and directives of the Director General, particularly with regard to the possibility of challenging inspectors;
3. Urges the nuclear-weapon Powers to conclude with IAEA safeguard agreements consistent with the relevant rules;
4. Considers it essential that rules should be drawn up to avoid duplication of safeguard procedures and consequent commercial discrimination;
5. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Secretary-General of the Conference, to communicate this resolution to the International Atomic Energy Agency, together with the records of the discussions thereon and other relevant documents.
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