RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE AT ITS SEVENTEENTH MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 1968

The Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States,

Considering that nuclear energy has opened up new perspectives for the progress of mankind, and especially for the economic and scientific advancement of developing countries,

Having in mind the conclusions of the Board of Governors of the IAEA, contained in the latest Report of the Agency (doc. GC(XI)/362), in which it is observed that many developing countries are not sufficiently aware of the contribution which atomic energy can bring to the development of their economies,

Believing that the peoples of the world, and especially the peoples of the developing countries, should be made fully aware of the present and potential opportunities,

Noting the interest in acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various aspects of the question of peaceful applications of nuclear energy, as reflected in the deliberations of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States,

1. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to appoint a group of experts, chosen on a personal basis, to prepare a full report on all possible contributions of nuclear technology to the economic and scientific advancement of the developing countries;

2. Recommends the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the group of experts to the desirability of taking advantage of the experience of the International Atomic Energy Agency in preparing the report;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the report to the Governments of States members of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and IAEA in time to permit its consideration at the twenty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly.

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