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Austria, Egypt, Germany, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Netherlands, Sweden and Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic:
draft resolution

Prohibition of attacks on nuclear facilities

The General Assembly,

Considering that attacks or threats of attack on nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes could jeopardize the development of nuclear energy,

Recalling resolution GC(XXIX)/RES/444 adopted by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency on 27 September 1985,

Also recalling resolution GC(XXXI)/RES/475 of 28 September 1987, in which the General Conference states, inter alia, that it is:

"aware of the fact that an armed attack on a nuclear installation could result in radioactive releases with grave consequences within and beyond the boundaries of the State which has been attacked,

"convinced of the need to prohibit armed attacks on nuclear installations from which such releases could occur and of the urgency of concluding an international agreement in this regard,"

1. Recognizes that an armed attack or a threat of armed attack on a safeguarded nuclear facility, operational or under construction, would create a situation in which the Security Council would have to act immediately in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, including measures under Chapter VII;

2. Encourages all States to be ready to provide immediate peaceful assistance in accordance with international law to any State, if it so requests, whose safeguarded nuclear facilities have been subjected to an armed attack, and calls upon all States to abide by any decisions taken by the Security Council in accordance with the Charter in relation to the attacking State;

3. Appeals to States that participate in the Conference on Disarmament to overcome their differences and urges the co-operation of all States for the successful resolution of this issue in the near future;

4. Calls upon all States that have not done so to become parties to the 1977 Protocol 1/ additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 (Protocol I) 2/ and upon all States Parties to that Protocol to consider, in the context of a possible diplomatic conference, how to improve the present régime with regard to the protection of nuclear facilities;

5. Notes that States, in their mutual interest, have adopted confidence-building measures, in a bilateral or regional framework, designed to promote the aim of protecting nuclear facilities, taking into account the specific characteristics of each region, and recognizes that other States may adopt similar measures, where appropriate;

6. Appeals to all States to take into account, when reviewing their military policies, the danger of radioactive releases potentially resulting from an attack on a nuclear facility;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the subject to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

1/ United Nations Treaty Series, vol. 1125, No. 17512.

2/ Ibid., vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.