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REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The enclosed addendum to the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly is submitted at the request of the Director General of the Agency.
2. The addendum reproduces the resolution of the Board of Governors establishing an Advisory Group on Nuclear Explosions for Peaceful Purposes and setting forth its terms of reference.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 11 JUNE 1975 BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
ADVISORY GROUP ON NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

The Board of Governors,

(a) Deeply conscious of the importance of the objective of the Agency set forth in Article II of its Statute to seek to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world,

(b) Mindful that, under that Article, the Agency shall ensure, so far as it is able, that assistance provided by it or at its request or under its supervision or control is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose,

(c) Desirous that any benefits which may accrue from the use of nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes (PNE) may also be available to non-nuclear-weapon States, and

(d) Recalling:

- (i) Resolution 2829 (XXVI) of the General Assembly of the United Nations, regarding the establishment within the framework of the Agency of an international service for PNE [1];
- (ii) Article V of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons [2] and Article I of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water [3];
- (iii) Its report to the General Conference in 1969 on the Agency's responsibility to provide services in connection with PNE [4] and the guidelines for the international observation by the Agency of PNE which it approved in 1972 [5];
- (iv) Its resolution of 13 September 1974 on PNE [6] and the approach it has decided should be adopted by the Agency in responding to requests for PNE-related services [7];
- (v) Resolution 3261 D (XXIX) in which the General Assembly requested the Agency to continue its studies on the peaceful applications of nuclear explosions, their utility and feasibility, including legal, health and safety aspects [8]; and
- (vi) The views of the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, held in 1975, regarding Article V of the Treaty, as expressed in the Final Declaration of the Conference,

1. Decides to establish an advisory group under the aegis of the Board, open to participation by interested Members of the Agency, to be known as the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Nuclear Explosions for Peaceful Purposes and having the following terms of reference:

- (a) To examine the aspects of nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes (PNE) coming within the Agency's sphere of competence, with particular reference to:

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- (i) Procedural aspects relating to possible requests for PNE-related services;
- (ii) Legal aspects and treaty obligations;
- (iii) Health and safety matters; and
- (iv) Economic aspects, including comparisons with non-nuclear alternatives,

taking fully into account the work already done in these fields by technical committees under the auspices of the Agency;

- (b) To advise the Board on the factors involved in the establishment and operation of an international service for PNE as envisaged in paragraph 1(c) of its resolution on PNE of 13 September 1974 [6]; and
 - (c) To advise the Board, within the Agency's sphere of competence, on the structure and content of agreements necessary under Article V of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons [2];
2. Requests the Director General to arrange for the Ad Hoc Advisory Group to begin work after the General Conference's session in 1975;
 3. Directs the Ad Hoc Advisory Group to elect a chairman and two vice-chairmen;
 4. Requests the Director General:
 - (a) To transmit the text of this resolution to all Members of the Agency, inviting them to communicate to him information and views within its context;
 - (b) To prepare and circulate a compilation of the information and views received, with such comment as he may deem appropriate, as a basis for the Ad Hoc Advisory Group's work; and
 - (c) To furnish the Ad Hoc Advisory Group with any expert assistance it may require, and to co-ordinate the Agency's programme in the field of PNE with the work of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group;
 5. Requests the Ad Hoc Advisory Group to submit a final report to the Board, if possible within eighteen months, submitting interim reports if deemed appropriate;
 6. Requests the Director General to bring this resolution to the notice of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for communication to the General Assembly; and
 7. Authorizes the Ad Hoc Advisory Group to invite States party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons but not members of the Agency which would wish to do so to participate in the Ad Hoc Advisory Group's work.

[1] Official records, Twenty-sixth session, Supplement No. 29 (A/8429).

[2] Reproduced in document INFCIRC/140.

[3] Reproduced in United Nations Treaty Series, Vol. 480, under No. 6964.

[4] GC(XIII)/410.

- [5] Reproduced in document INFCIRC/169.
 - [6] Reproduced in United Nations document A/9722/Add.1, Annex I.
 - [7] Ibid., Annex II.
 - [8] See operative para. 2 of the text set forth in United Nations document A/RES/3261 (XXIX).
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