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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DISASTER AT CHERNOBYL

Belarus, Ukraine, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:
draft resolution

Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination
of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences
of the Chernobyl disaster

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 45/190 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1990/50 of 13 July 1990
and 1991/51 of 26 July 1991,

Taking note with appreciation of the decisions adopted by the organs,
organizations and programmes of the United Nations system in the
implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/190 and the decisions of
other international organs and organizations,

Recalling International Atomic Energy Agency resolution GC (XXXV)/RES/553
of 20 September 1991,

Expressing profound concern about the ongoing effects on the lives and
health of people, especially children, in affected regions of Belarus, Ukraine
and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, of the disaster at
Chernobyl, which have had serious consequences of an unprecedented scale,

Aware of the need to continue to coordinate the increasing efforts
carefully to study, mitigate and minimize the radiological, medical,

socio-economic, psychological and environmental consequences of that disaster, including its possible long-term effects,

Stressing the importance of providing extensive information on all aspects of the unprecedented disaster for the purpose of avoiding similar calamities in future,

Welcoming the growing international solidarity with the victims of Chernobyl, the large-scale efforts made by the United Nations and the organizations of its system, as well as the contribution made by Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, charity foundations, the business community, scientific bodies and individuals in the development of cooperation to mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster,

Noting the various assessments of the radiological consequences of the Chernobyl accident, in particular the report of the International Advisory Committee presented and discussed at the conference that took place at Vienna from 21 to 24 May 1991, and recognizing the need for further study,

Noting that it is essential to achieve and maintain the highest available standards of safety of nuclear power generation and to encourage cooperation to this end throughout the world and in particular, in Central and Eastern Europe,

Taking note with interest of the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the International Conference on the Safety of Nuclear Power, held in Vienna from 2 to 6 September 1991, 1/

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/190 2/ and endorses recommendations contained in that report;

2. Welcomes the practical measures that have been taken by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation for Chernobyl to strengthen and coordinate the international efforts in that area, inter alia, in the setting up of the corresponding Inter-Agency Task Force and the preparation of the Joint Plan of international cooperation to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

3. Notes with appreciation the results of the United Nations Pledging Conference to mobilize support for extending international cooperation to mitigate the consequence of the Chernobyl disaster;

1/ IAEA-CN-57.

2/ A/46/215 and Rev.1-E/1991/76 and Rev.1.

4. Appeals to all Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, charity foundations, the business community, scientific bodies and individuals to extend generous financial support, special and other assistance, with particular reference to the activities elaborated by the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, and presented by the Secretary-General in the Joint Plan of international cooperation, taking into account the nature of the radiation and environmental disaster and the emergency situation that has developed in the areas most affected;

5. Requests the organs, specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations to continue the consideration of possible technical and other specialized assistance for the areas most affected by the accident, particularly in Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, and, in close cooperation with the United Nations Coordinator, to take appropriate concrete steps, taking into account the Joint Plan, as presented by the Secretary-General at the Chernobyl Pledging Conference;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the activities related to the coordination of efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster".
