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STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION  
OF EFFORTS TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES  
OF THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER

Belarus, Russian Federation and Ukraine: 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 resolutions 45/190 of 21 December 1990 and 46/150 of  
18 December 1991,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1990/50 of  
13 July 1990, 1991/51 of 26 July 1991 and 1992/38 of 30 July 1992,

Taking note of the decisions adopted by the organs, organizations and  
programmes of the United Nations system in the implementation of General  
Assembly resolutions 45/190 and 46/150,

Taking note with appreciation of the contribution made by Member States  
and by organizations of the United Nations system in the development of  
cooperation to mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl  
disaster, and encouraging further contributions,

Bearing in mind the appeal of the Heads of State of Belarus, the Russian  
Federation and Ukraine to the United Nations concerning provision of  
assistance in mitigating the consequences of the Chernobyl catastrophe, of

20 March 1992, 1/ in particular to the international community to give renewed impetus to the international programme to mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power station,

Expressing profound concern about the ongoing effects on the lives and health of people, especially children, in the affected areas of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine and also in other countries affected by the Chernobyl disaster,

Taking note with concern of the recent reliable findings of the World Health Organization relating to the health effects of the Chernobyl radioactive fallout,

Stressing the responsibility of each State, particularly through its safety authorities and its plant operators, for the safety of its nuclear power plants, encouraging cooperation to this end throughout the world, in particular in Central and Eastern Europe, and emphasizing the high priority that should be given by the countries concerned to eliminating the above-mentioned dangers through improvements in safety and other appropriate measures with the support of the international community,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/150, 2/ and endorses the proposals contained therein on priority areas of international cooperation in studying, mitigating and minimizing the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the activities related to the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 45/190 and 46/150, taking into consideration the subsequent social, economic and other changes that have occurred in the countries most affected by the Chernobyl disaster;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and the ones mentioned above and to include an analytical review of programmes of the United Nations system and their implementation in the most affected countries;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 for consideration during its coordination segment a progress report on implementation of the request contained in paragraph 3 of the present resolution.

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1/ A/47/132, annex.

2/ A/47/322-E/1992/102 and addenda.