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PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The General Assembly, in its resolution 35/112 of 5 December 1980, decided "to establish a Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, composed of 70 Member States and, on an equal footing, other Member States which may express their interest in participating in the work of the Committee", and requested the President of the General Assembly "to appoint the members of the Committee, in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical representation, not later than 1 July 1981". In the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Preparatory Committee "to hold, at Vienna, an organizational session not exceeding one week in length during the second half of 1981, primarily for the purpose of preparing its programme of work, and to submit its report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session".

In accordance with the above provisions of resolution 35/112, the Committee had its first session at the Vienna International Centre from 3 to 7 August 1981.

In its resolution 36/78 of 9 December 1981, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee contained in the annex to its report and, inter alia, requested the President of the General Assembly "to finalize the appointment of members of the Preparatory Committee in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical representation not later than 30 April 1982". The President of the General Assembly has consulted with the chairmen of the regional groups, and additional appointments of members of the Preparatory Committee will be made as soon as these consultations are concluded.

At its first session, the Preparatory Committee, inter alia, decided that in 1982, it would hold a second session from 21 to 25 June at Vienna, with the possibility of a further one-week session at Vienna in the latter part of the year if it deemed necessary and that a decision about this meeting would be taken by the Committee at its second session in the light of its programme of work. In paragraph 5 of its resolution 36/78, the General Assembly recognized that "the Preparatory Committee, in order that it may advance its work, including as appropriate the preparation of documents for submission to and approval by the Conference, may need to extend the duration of its second session, to be held at Vienna in 1982, and also to hold a further session of appropriate duration in 1982".

The provisional agenda for the second session of the Committee as contained in the present document was approved by the Committee at the fifth meeting of its first session on 6 August 1981. In the same context, it was understood that the role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the preparation for and in the proceedings of the Conference would be discussed at the second session of the Committee.

The Committee may wish to decide on the organization of the work of the session in the light of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution

36/78 and taking into account relevant decisions adopted at its first session, and, in that context, to take a decision concerning the need to extend the duration of the second session.

2. Preparation of the Conference: report of the Secretary-General

In its resolution 35/112, the General Assembly, inter alia, decided to convene in 1983 the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy. In its resolution 36/78, the Assembly decided that the Conference should be held at Geneva from 29 August to 9 September 1983.

In the preambular part of resolution 36/78, the General Assembly, inter alia, reaffirmed the principles and provisions of its resolution 32/50 of 8 December 1977 on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy for economic and social development and stressed in particular the relevance of the principles set forth in paragraph 1 of resolution 32/50 for the preparation of the Conference and for the Conference itself. 1/ In the same resolution, the Assembly considered that the outcome of the Conference should be embodied in suitable documents, in an appropriate format,

1/ Paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 32/50 reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

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"1. Declares that:

"(a) The use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes is of great importance for the economic and social development of many countries;

"(b) All States have the right, in accordance with the principle of sovereign equality, to develop their programme for the peaceful use of nuclear technology for economic and social development, in conformity with their priorities, interests and needs;

"(c) All States, without discrimination, should have access to and should be free to acquire technology, equipment and materials for the peaceful use of nuclear energy;

"(d) International co-operation in the field covered by the present resolution should be under agreed and appropriate international safeguards applied through the International Atomic Energy Agency on a non-discriminatory basis in order to prevent effectively proliferation of nuclear weapons;

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pertaining, inter alia, to ways and means of promoting international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The Assembly also reaffirmed its decision to take account of the results of the Committee on Assurances of Supply.

In paragraph 9 of resolution 36/78, the Assembly urged all States to contribute to the successful preparation of the Conference by, inter alia, making available in conformity with international obligations, information on their scientific and technological achievements and practical experiences in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy. In paragraph 10 of the same resolution, the Assembly called upon all States which had not yet done so to communicate to the Secretary-General, not later than 30 April 1982, their views on the matters relevant to the preparation and organization of the Conference. 2/

In paragraph 11 of the resolution, the Assembly invited the International Atomic Energy Agency to fulfil its appropriate role within the scope of its responsibilities at all stages of preparation of the Conference, and during the Conference itself, by contributing to the discussion of relevant issues, by providing technical data and documentation as needed, particularly in relation to the progress of the work of the Committee on Assurances of Supply, and by participating in the secretariat of the Conference. In paragraph 12 of the same resolution, the Assembly invited specialized agencies and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system to contribute effectively to the preparations for the Conference by, inter alia, making available studies, reports and other appropriate documents concerning the applications of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, as well as the results and future prospects of such applications.

In resolution 36/78 the General Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the establishment, at the appropriate time, of a small secretariat for the Conference, to be headed by a Secretary-General of the Conference. The Secretary-General was requested to submit to the Preparatory Committee all the communications received from Member States and to assist the Committee by providing it with all necessary facilities for its work.

The Preparatory Committee may wish to review the Secretary-General's report on the preparations for the Conference and decide or make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Assembly on further preparations for the Conference in the light, inter alia, of the views submitted by States and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 36/78 referred to above.

2/ The Preparatory Committee had before it at its first session a report of the Secretary-General transmitting replies received from Governments pursuant to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/112 inviting all States "which have not yet done so to communicate to the Secretary-General, not later than 30 June 1981, their views on the opening date, duration, venue and agenda of the Conference and on other matters relevant to its preparation and organization" (A/CONF.108/PC/2 and Add.1 and 2). Views received by the Secretary-General from Governments pursuant to the provisions of resolution 36/78 quoted above will be issued in further addenda to that document.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Conference
(A/CONF.108/PC/4)

Report of the Secretary-General transmitting Governments' views on the opening date, duration, venue and agenda of the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy and on other matters relevant to its preparation and organization
(A/CONF.108/PC/2 and Add.1-3) 2/

3. Draft rules of procedure of the Conference

The Preparatory Committee, at its fifth meeting, on 6 August 1981, requested the Secretariat to prepare draft rules of procedure of the Conference for consideration by the Committee at its second session, taking fully into account similar rules of procedure adopted by other recent United Nations conferences.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on draft rules of procedure for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (A/CONF.108/PC/5)

4. Draft provisional agenda of the Conference

The report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session states, inter alia, that "in the course of the informal consultations, a number of delegations stressed the importance they attached to the content of the agenda of the Conference and expressed their views on that subject. They emphasized the need to promote international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy for the benefit of the international community, and in particular of developing countries. A number of delegations put forward preliminary suggestions for the agenda of the Conference, whilst some other delegations were of the view that it was premature for the Committee, at this session, to consider the agenda of the Conference, and believed that the second session of the Committee would be the most appropriate time to deal with that question". 3/

The Preparatory Committee may wish to continue its consideration of, and recommend to the General Assembly a provisional agenda for the Conference, in the light, inter alia, of the views communicated by States and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 36/78 (see annotations to agenda item 2 above).

3/ "Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy" (A/36/48).

5. Documentation for the Conference

The Preparatory Committee may wish to consider what documentation will be required for the Conference, bearing in mind, inter alia, the views communicated by States and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 36/78, including in particular the invitations addressed to States in paragraph 9 of the resolution and those addressed to respectively, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the specialized agencies and other relevant organizations in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the resolution (see annotations to agenda item 2 above). Account will also need to be taken in this context of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 36/117 D of 10 December 1981 concerning the control and limitation of documentation for special conferences.

6. Schedule of and provisional agenda for the third session of the Committee

The Preparatory Committee may wish to take a decision on the holding of a third session of the Committee in the light of decisions adopted at the first session and operative paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 36/78 (see annotations to agenda item 1 above).

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 34/63 of 29 November 1979, the Committee will, in that context, need to consider a draft provisional agenda and proposed documentation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda and documentation for the third session of the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.108/PC/L.2) 4/

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee

The General Assembly, in its resolution 36/78, decided to include in the provisional agenda for its thirty-seventh session an item entitled "Preparation of the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy". Accordingly, the Preparatory Committee will submit its report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

4/ To be issued during the second session in light of the deliberations of the Preparatory Committee at that session.