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MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN NUCLEAR SAFETY AND RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION

LIABILITY FOR NUCLEAR DAMAGE

Draft resolution recommended by the Committee of the Whole

The General Conference,

- (a) Conscious of the fact that further strengthening of the liability regime for nuclear damage is essential to the development and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes,
- (b) Noting that a number of Member States are parties to the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage and the Paris Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy,
- (c) Noting with satisfaction that the Conference on the Relationship between the Paris and the Vienna Convention adopted on 21 September 1988 a Joint Protocol linking the two Conventions,
- (d) Aware of the fact that the civil liability regime established by the above-mentioned Conventions and the Joint Protocol does not cover all liability issues that might arise in the event of a nuclear accident, and

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(e) Recalling the discussions in the Board of Governors during last three years on the question of international liability, the views of Member States as contained in document GOV/INF/550, and the substantive studies carried out by the Secretariat on this subject;

1. Requests the Board of Governors to continue, as a matter of priority, consideration of the question of liability for damage arising from a nuclear accident, taking into account the above-mentioned discussions and views and the relevant documents prepared by the Secretariat;

2. Further requests the Board of Governors to convene in 1989 an open-ended working group to study all aspects of liability for nuclear damage; and

3. Requests the Board of Governors to submit to the General Conference at its thirty-third regular session a report on the progress made in this regard.