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MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN NUCLEAR, RADIATION AND WASTE SAFETY

THE JOINT CONVENTION ON THE SAFETY OF SPENT FUEL MANAGEMENT AND ON THE SAFETY OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Draft resolution submitted by

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America

The General Conference,

(a) <u>Recalling</u> resolution GC(40)/RES/11,

(b) <u>Expressing</u> its appreciation to the Open-ended Group of Legal and Technical Experts for the completion of its task,

(c) <u>Expressing</u> its gratitude to the Secretariat for the support it gave in the preparation of the Convention,

(d) <u>Stressing</u> the important role of the Agency in acting as a driving force in nuclear safety through its various safety programmes and initiatives, and

(e) <u>Recognizing</u> that decisions on implementation of the Convention are the responsibility of States Parties,

1. <u>Welcomes</u> the adoption of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management in Vienna on 5 September 1997;

2. <u>Appeals</u> to all States to sign and subsequently ratify, accept or approve the Convention, so that it may enter into force as soon as possible;

3. <u>Expresses</u> the hope that the Convention will obtain the widest possible adherence; and

4. <u>Requests</u> the Secretariat to give its support to signatory and other interested States in preparing for implementation of the Convention.





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Add Japan as a co-sponsor of this resolution.





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Add Hungary, the Republic of Korea, Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, and Ukraine, to Japan as co-sponsors of this resolution.