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AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI OF THE STATUTE

Draft resolution submitted by Tunisia on behalf of the African Group

The General Conference,

(a) <u>Recalling</u> its resolutions GC(XXI)/RES/353, GC(XXII/RES/361, GC(XXIII)/RES/370, GC(XXIV)/RES/378 and GC(XXV)/RES/389 concerning the amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute, and also the other pertinent resolutions aimed at increasing the representation of the areas of Africa and the Middle East and South Asia in the Board of Governors,

(b) <u>Bearing in mind</u> the fundamental structural changes that have taken place in the past two decades in international relations, particularly in the nuclear community resulting in the under-representation of some areas on the Board of Governors of the IAEA,

(c) <u>Noting</u> the interest of Member States of all regions in considering Board membership in the light of present-day geopolitical and technical realities and recognizing that there is a widely held view to expand the size and composition of the Board,

(d) <u>Convinced of</u> the urgent need to implement all relevant General Conference resolutions and decisions relating to amendment of Article VI, and especially resolution GC(40)/RES/20, which calls for the submission of a finalized formula to be approved by the General Conference at its forty-first regular session in accordance with Article XVIII of the Statute,

(e) <u>Taking note</u> with appreciation of the efforts undertaken by the Chairpersons of the Open-ended Consultative Group and of the progress achieved in this regard,

(f) <u>Taking note also</u> of the report of the Board of Governors as contained in document GC(41)/23,

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(g) <u>Noting with regret</u> that the Board of Governors at its June and September sessions was not in a position to make a consensus recommendation on any proposal for amending Article VI for consideration and approval by the General Conference, as requested in resolution GC(40)/RES/20,

(h) Noting however that differences between the recent formal proposals contained in documents GC(41)/11 are considered to be bridgeable, and

(i) <u>Confident</u> that the General Conference will implement its resolutions and decisions relating to the amendment of Article VI at its forty-first regular session at the latest,

1. <u>Welcomes</u> the proposal submitted by Sudan on behalf of the African Group as contained in document GC(41)/11 and <u>recognizes</u> the urgent need to take fully into consideration the momentum it has brought to the consultation process;

2. <u>Amends</u> Article VI of the Statute accordingly;

3. <u>Urges</u> all Member States, with due regard to Article XVIII C of the Statute, to undertake and expedite the necessary ratification procedures;

4. <u>Invites</u> the Director General to report to the Board of Governors and the General Conference at its forty-second session on the result achieved in the implementation of this resolution.