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APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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The General Conference,

- (a) Recognizing the importance of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons – both globally and regionally – in enhancing international peace and security,
- (b) Mindful of the usefulness of the Agency's safeguards system as a reliable means of verification to ensure the promotion of peaceful uses of nuclear energy,
- (c) Concerned by the grave consequences endangering peace and security of the presence in the region of nuclear activities not wholly devoted to peaceful purposes,
- (d) Welcoming the recent initiatives on arms control in the region and on the establishment therein of a zone free of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons, and
- (e) Taking note of the efforts of the Agency concerning the application of Agency safeguards in the Middle East,

1. Affirms the urgent need for all States in the Middle East to forthwith accept the application of full-scope Agency safeguards to all their nuclear activities as an important confidence-building measure among all States in the region and as a step in enhancing peace and security in the context of the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone;

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2. Requests the Director General to take such measures as are necessary to facilitate the early application of full-scope Agency safeguards to all nuclear activities in the Middle East, and in particular to prepare a model agreement taking into account the views of the States in the region, as a necessary step towards the creation of a nuclear-weapon-free zone;
3. Calls upon all States in the region to extend their fullest co-operation to the Director General in the fulfilment of the tasks entrusted to him in the preceding paragraph;
4. Further calls upon all States in the region to take measures, including confidence-building and verification measures, aimed at establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East;
5. Calls upon all other States, especially those with a special responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, to render all assistance to the Director General to facilitate the implementation of this resolution; and
6. Requests the Director General to submit to the Board of Governors and to the General Conference at its thirty-sixth regular session a report on the implementation of this resolution and to include in the provisional agenda for that session an item entitled "Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East".