

2. *Affirms its confidence* in the role of the Agency in the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;

3. *Welcomes* the measures and decisions taken by the Agency to maintain and strengthen the effectiveness and cost efficiency of the safeguards system in conformity with the Agency's statute, in particular, welcomes the establishment by the Board of Governors of a committee which began its work in July 1996 and is tasked with the drafting of a model protocol in order to strengthen the effectiveness and to improve the efficiency of the nuclear safeguards system and thereby reinforce and improve the Agency's capacity to detect any undeclared nuclear activities, and calls upon this committee to make every effort to bring its work to a successful conclusion at the earliest possible date;

4. *Urges* all States to strive for effective and harmonious international cooperation in carrying out the work of the Agency, pursuant to its statute, in promoting the use of nuclear energy and the application of the necessary measures to strengthen further the safety of nuclear installations and to minimize risks to life, health and the environment, in strengthening technical assistance and cooperation for developing countries, and in ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the safeguards systems of the Agency;

5. *Welcomes* the measures and decisions taken by the Agency to strengthen and fund its technical cooperation activities which should contribute to achieving sustainable development in developing countries, and calls upon States to cooperate in implementing the measures and decisions pursuant thereto;

6. *Commends* the Director General and the secretariat of the Agency for their continuing, impartial efforts to implement the safeguards agreement still in force between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including their efforts to monitor the freeze of specified facilities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as requested by the Security Council, expresses concern over the continuing non-compliance of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with the safeguards agreement, and urges the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to cooperate fully with the Agency in the implementation of the safeguards agreement and take all steps the Agency may deem necessary to preserve all information relevant to verifying the accuracy and completeness of the initial report of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the inventory of nuclear material subject to safeguards until the Democratic People's Republic of Korea comes into full compliance with its safeguards agreement;

7. *Also commends* the Director General of the Agency and his staff for their strenuous efforts in the implementation of Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April, 707 (1991) of 15 August and 715 (1991) of 11 October 1991, and while noting that Iraq has adopted over the last twelve months a more constructive approach, expresses concern that Iraq failed to provide immediate access on 7 July 1996 to the Agency's Action Team and that it has previously withheld from the Agency information about its nuclear weapons programme in violation of its obligations under relevant

Council resolutions, and in this context stresses the need for Iraq to cooperate fully with the Agency to resolve the remaining inconsistency concerning the full, final and complete declaration in achieving the implementation of the relevant Council resolutions, and stresses that the Agency's Action Team will continue to exercise its right to investigate further any aspects of the past nuclear weapons capability of Iraq, in particular as regards any further relevant information necessary to complete the record of the nuclear weapons programme of Iraq that it may still be withholding from the Agency;

8. *Welcomes* the entry into force on 24 October 1996 of the Convention on Nuclear Safety<sup>23</sup> and appeals to all States to become parties to it so that it obtains the widest possible adherence, and expresses its satisfaction that a preparatory meeting of the contracting parties will be convened at a date to be agreed upon, but not later than April 1997;

9. *Also welcomes* the measures taken by the Agency in support of efforts to prevent illicit trafficking in nuclear materials and other radioactive sources and, in this context, calls upon other States to join the programme for preventing and combating illicit trafficking in nuclear material agreed upon by the participants at the Moscow Nuclear Safety and Security Summit of April 1996;

10. *Takes note with appreciation* of the work of the open-ended Group of Technical and Legal Experts on a Convention on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management established by the Board of Governors of the Agency and expresses the hope that the outstanding issues will be resolved in a spirit of compromise so as to allow timely completion of the preparatory work and adoption of a convention in the near future;

11. *Notes with satisfaction* the substantial progress achieved in the negotiations to strengthen the international regime of liability and compensation for damage arising from a nuclear incident, in particular, by amending the 1963 Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage<sup>24</sup> as well as by adopting a convention on supplementary compensation, and expresses the hope that the diplomatic conference for that purpose will soon be convened;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director General of the Agency the records of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly relating to the activities of the Agency.

*43rd plenary meeting  
29 October 1996*

# **51/11. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 36/38 of 18 November 1981, 37/8 of 29 October 1982, 38/37 of 5 December 1983, 39/47 of

<sup>23</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency, INFCIRC/449.

<sup>24</sup> Ibid., INFCIRC/500.

10 December 1984, 40/60 of 9 December 1985, 41/5 of 17 October 1986, 43/1 of 17 October 1988, 45/4 of 16 October 1990, 47/6 of 21 October 1992 and 49/8 of 25 October 1994,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee,<sup>25</sup>

*Having heard* the statement made on 4 November 1996 by the Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee<sup>26</sup> on the steps taken by the Consultative Committee to ensure continuing, close and effective cooperation between the two organizations,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>25</sup>

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the continuing efforts of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee towards strengthening the role of the United Nations and its various organs, including the International Court of Justice, through programmes and initiatives undertaken by the Consultative Committee;

3. *Also notes with satisfaction* the commendable progress achieved towards enhancing cooperation between the United Nations and the Consultative Committee in wider areas;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the decision of the Consultative Committee to participate actively in the programmes of the United Nations Decade of International Law and programmes on environment and sustainable development;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on cooperation between the United Nations and the Consultative Committee;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee".

*50th plenary meeting  
4 November 1996*

#### **51/16. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 46/8 of 16 October 1991, by which it granted observer status to the Caribbean Community, and 49/141 of 20 December 1994,

*Noting with satisfaction* the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community,<sup>27</sup>

*Recalling* that the Charter of the United Nations contemplates the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters as are appropriate for regional action and other activities consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Taking into account* the reports of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace"<sup>28</sup> and "An Agenda for Development"<sup>29</sup> and the related consultations within the United Nations, including the various working groups on those subjects,

*Taking note* of the final communiqué of the twenty-second meeting of the Standing Committee of Ministers Responsible for Foreign Affairs, held at Kingston on 13 and 14 May 1996,<sup>30</sup> and the final communiqué of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held at Bridgetown from 3 to 6 July 1996,<sup>31</sup> which, *inter alia*, outlines areas of cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community and stresses the importance of furthering the possible role of the Community in the development of peace and security within the Caribbean region, and expresses appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for promoting this heightened level of cooperation,

*Recalling* the request made of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, to promote meetings between their representatives for consultations on policies, projects, measures and procedures that will facilitate and broaden cooperation and coordination between the two organizations,

*Welcoming* the inter-agency consultations between the Caribbean Community and its associated institutions, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Organization of American States and the United Nations on the first conference on governance and development in the Caribbean,

*Affirming* the need to strengthen the cooperation that already exists between entities of the United Nations system and the Caribbean Community in the areas of economic and social development, as well as of political and humanitarian affairs,

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<sup>27</sup> A/51/299.

<sup>28</sup> A/47/277-S/24111; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-seventh Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1992*, document S/24111.

<sup>29</sup> A/48/935.

<sup>30</sup> See A/51/299, para. 9.

<sup>31</sup> A/51/295, annex.

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<sup>25</sup> A/51/360.

<sup>26</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Plenary meetings*, 50th meeting, and corrigendum.