

country, and, in general, a process of sustained economic and social recovery and development so that the peace and democracy already achieved become irreversible;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on the action taken to implement the present resolution;

10. *Decides* to consider this issue on a biennial basis, under the item entitled "Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions".

*41st plenary meeting
25 October 1996*

51/9. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the first report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,¹¹

Approves the first report of the Credentials Committee.

*43rd plenary meeting
29 October 1996*

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the second report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,¹²

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.

*87th plenary meeting
17 December 1996*

51/10. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1995,¹³

Noting the statement of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 28 October 1996,¹⁴ in

¹¹ A/51/548, para. 19.

¹² A/51/548/Add.1, para. 11.

¹³ International Atomic Energy Agency, *The Annual Report for 1995* (Austria, July 1996) (GC(40)/8); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note by the Secretary-General (A/51/307).

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Plenary meetings*, 42nd meeting, and corrigendum.

which he provided additional information on the main developments in the activities of the Agency during 1996,

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Agency in promoting the further application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes as envisaged in the statute of the Agency and in accordance with the inalienable right of States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons¹⁵ and other relevant internationally legally binding agreements that have concluded relevant safeguards agreements with the Agency to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with articles I and II of the Treaty, with other relevant articles and with the objectives and purposes of the Treaty,

Conscious of the importance of the work of the Agency in the implementation of the safeguards provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and other international treaties, conventions and agreements designed to achieve similar objectives, as well as in ensuring, as far as it is able, that the assistance provided by the Agency or at its request or under its supervision or control is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose, as stated in article II of its statute,

Reaffirming that the Agency is the competent authority responsible for verifying and assuring, in accordance with the statute of the Agency and the Agency's safeguards system, compliance with its safeguards agreements with States parties undertaken in fulfilment of their obligations under article III, paragraph 1, of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, with a view to preventing diversion of nuclear energy from peaceful uses to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and also reaffirming that nothing should be done to undermine the authority of the Agency in this regard and that States parties that have concerns regarding non-compliance with the safeguards agreement of the Treaty by the States parties should direct such concerns, along with supporting evidence and information, to the Agency to consider, investigate, draw conclusions and decide on necessary actions in accordance with its mandate,

Noting the statement by the President of the fortieth regular session of the General Conference of the Agency, issued under item 23 concerning the application of Agency safeguards in the Middle East, that:

"The General Conference requests the Director General to invite experts from the Middle East and other areas to a technical workshop on safeguards, verification technologies, and related experience. It calls on the Director General to commence with preparations, in consultation with the parties concerned, with a view to developing an agenda and modalities that would help ensure a successful workshop",

Again stressing the need for the highest standards of safety in the design and operation of nuclear installations and in peaceful nuclear activities so as to minimize risks to life, health and the environment,

¹⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.