

34/63. Peaceful use of nuclear energy for economic and social development

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1978,²⁰

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/4 of 2 November 1978,²¹

Recognizing again the importance of enhancing the role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the promotion of the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and of augmenting its resources for technical assistance to the developing countries in this field,

Having in mind the increasing significance of nuclear energy for economic development and, in particular, its important role in accelerating the development of the developing countries,

Recalling the principles and provisions of its resolution 32/50 of 8 December 1977 concerning international co-operation for the promotion of the transfer and utilization of nuclear technology for economic and social development, especially in the developing countries,

Recalling the relevant paragraphs of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,²²

Taking note of the support of the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979, for the convening of an international conference for the promotion of international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy,²³

1. *Decides* to convene the International Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy under the auspices of the United Nations system, with the International Atomic Energy Agency fulfilling its appropriate role, in principle by 1983, in accordance with the objectives of General Assembly resolution 32/50;

2. *Invites* all States to communicate to the Secretary-General their views on the agenda, date and duration of the Conference and other matters relevant to its preparation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to urge all States to communicate to him their views on the matters referred to in paragraph 2 above and requests him to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

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34/64. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3026 A (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 3187 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, 3391 (XXX) of

19 November 1975, 31/40 of 30 November 1976, 32/18 of 11 November 1977 and 33/50 of 14 December 1978,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,²⁴

Aware of the importance attached by the countries of origin to the return of cultural property which is of fundamental spiritual and cultural value to them, so that they may constitute collections representative of their cultural heritage,

Reaffirming that the return or restitution to a country of its *objets d'art*, monuments, museum pieces, manuscripts, documents and any other cultural or artistic treasures constitutes a step forward in the strengthening of international co-operation and the preservation and further development of cultural values,

Supporting the solemn appeal launched on 7 June 1978 by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the return to those who created it of an irreplaceable cultural heritage,²⁵

1. *Commends* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the work it has done in connexion with the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its valuable efforts to find suitable solutions for the problems relating to the return or restitution of cultural property and urges Member States to co-operate closely with that organization in this field;

3. *Invites* Member States to take all necessary steps for the return or restitution of cultural property through, *inter alia*, bilateral arrangements;

4. *Welcomes* the establishment by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twentieth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation;²⁶

5. *Invites* all Governments to accede to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property,²⁷ adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14 November 1970;

6. *Appeals* to Member States to encourage the mass information media and educational and cultural institutions to strive to arouse a greater and more general awareness with regard to the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to associate the United Nations with the activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization directed towards the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin, including the mobilization for that purpose of the information media of the United Nations;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a re-

²⁰ International Atomic Energy Agency, *The Annual Report for 1978* (Austria, August 1979); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/497).

²¹ A/34/197 and Add.1.

²² Resolution S-10/2.

²³ See A/34/542, annex, sect. I, para. 233.

²⁴ A/34/529 and Corr.1, annex.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 5.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, annex, appendix I.

²⁷ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Sixteenth Session*, vol. 1, *Resolutions*, pp. 135-141.