

tilateral and bilateral proposals adopted at the Tunis and Amman meetings;

8. *Takes note with appreciation* of the arrangements for the convening of a regional workshop on human resources development in the Arab region in Kuwait on 28 and 29 November 1987, in implementation of paragraph 6 (c) of resolution 41/4;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to arrange for a joint meeting in 1988 of the representatives of the United Nations system and the representatives of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in order to review and appraise progress achieved in their co-operation during the past five years, with the objective of enhancing future co-operation;

10. *Requests* both the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States to initiate consultations for the purpose of drafting an agreement of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to hold periodic consultations, as and when appropriate, between representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States on follow-up policies, projects, actions and procedures;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States".

*40th plenary meeting
15 October 1987*

42/6. 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 1986,¹⁵

Taking note of the statement of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 19 October 1987,¹⁶ which provides additional information on the main developments in the Agency's activities during 1987,

Recalling that this year the Agency is celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of its establishment in 1957,

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Agency to promote further the application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, as envisaged in its statute,

Also recognizing the special needs of the developing countries for technical assistance by the Agency in order to benefit effectively from the application of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes as well as from the contribution of nuclear energy to their economic development,

Conscious of the importance of the work of the Agency in the implementation of safeguards provisions of the

¹⁵ International Atomic Energy Agency, *The Annual Report for 1986* (Austria, July 1987), (GC(XXXI)/800 and Corr.1); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/42/458 and Corr.1).

¹⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Plenary Meetings*, 42nd meeting.

Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons¹⁷ 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,

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Agency on nuclear power, nuclear safety, radiological protection and radioactive waste management, including its work directed towards assisting developing countries in planning for the introduction of nuclear power in accordance with their needs,

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

Welcoming the entry into force on 27 October 1986 and 26 February 1987, of the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency,¹⁸ and the fact that many States have already ratified them or consented to be bound by them provisionally pending ratification,

Noting with appreciation the entry into force on 8 February 1987 of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material,

Bearing in mind resolutions GC(XXXI)/RES/470, GC(XXXI)/RES/472, GC(XXXI)/RES/473, GC(XXXI)/RES/474, GC(XXXI)/RES/475 and GC(XXXI)/RES/485 adopted on 25 September 1987 by the General Conference of the Agency at its thirty-first regular session,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

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

3. *Urges* all States to strive for effective and harmonious international co-operation 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 health; in strengthening technical assistance and co-operation for developing countries; and in ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the Agency's safeguards system;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the records of the forty-second session of the General Assembly relating to the Agency's activities.

*43rd plenary meeting
20 October 1987*

42/7. 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, 33/50 of 14 December 1978, 34/64 of

¹⁷ Resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

¹⁸ See International Atomic Energy Agency, *Final Document. Resolutions and Conventions Adopted by the First Special Session of the General Conference, 24-26 September 1986*, sects. I-IV.