



## INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

IAEA/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Safety of Research Reactors

SUBMITTED TO: International Atomic Energy Agency

1 *The International Atomic Energy Agency,*

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3 *Recognizing*, as stated in the Annual Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency,  
4 that the scope of the Agency's work has continued to expand and that it has responded to the  
5 significant challenges of nuclear safety with competence,

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7 *Convinced* that the success of the Agency in responding to these challenges is a result of  
8 the Agency being guided by the principle that only through international cooperation and mutual  
9 accommodation can there be progress in dealing with the pressing issue of nuclear safety,

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11 *Recognizing* that one of these pressing issues is that of nuclear waste,

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13 *Having considered* that waste containing or contaminated with radionuclides arises from  
14 a number of activities involving the use of radioactive materials, such as the operation and  
15 decommissioning of nuclear facilities and the application of radionuclides in industry, medicine  
16 and research,

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18 *Deeply concerned* that the mismanagement and improper disposal of radioactive waste has  
19 resulted in the contamination of the respective ecosystem,

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21 1. *Encourages* all Member-States of the International Atomic Energy Agency to  
22 comply with the Code of Conduct on the Safety of Research Reactors as adopted by the  
23 Board of Governors on 8 March 2004;

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25 2. *Requests* of the Member-States of the United Nations and International Atomic  
26 Energy Agency an increase in funding for the purpose of aiding those nations having  
27 difficulty shouldering the burdens of the proper management and disposal of radioactive  
28 waste, through more training and infrastructure support;

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30 3. *Further requests* these funds be used to research the possibilities of a better  
31 kind of nuclear disposal, namely recycling;

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33 4. *Further requests* these funds be directed towards fusion research, which, if  
34 successful, will dramatically reduce the occurrence of nuclear waste while solving energy  
35 problems in many Member-States, especially developing nations.

Final Vote: (placard) 28 - 0 - 4