

## American Model United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Nuclear security

SUBMITTED TO: The International Atomic Energy Agency

The International Atomic Energy Agency,

Declaring the importance of preventing nuclear materials from falling into the hands of non-state actors and Member States not currently armed with nuclear weapons but seeking to develop such,

Confirming that the proliferation of nuclear weapons by States violates existing United Nations Treaties, including the 1970 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,

Recognizing existing and growing instability in Member States around the globe due to interstate conflict, civil war, terrorism, violent extremism, and climate change,

Emphasizing the importance of transparency, openness, and accountability in conflict areas to prevent nuclear disasters and ensure the continued efficacy, safety, and security of nuclear sites,

Aware of the immediate and international danger posed by State and non-state actors, should they gain control of nuclear waste, material, byproduct, and/or sites,

Alarmed by the information gap in nuclear capabilities that prevents inter-state cooperation from seeing greater success, as seen in the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research Report on Weapons of Mass Destruction,

Fully believing in the success of statewide and regional non-proliferation agreements, such as the Regional Cooperation Agreement (1972), the Treaty of Pelindaba (1996), the Strategic Trade Management Act (2015), the 1979 Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials and its 8 July 2005 amendment, and the 2003 Megaports Initiative focusing on improving the implementation of nuclear material detection technology through the education and training of operators of this technology,

Celebrating the success of the Comprehensive Safeguard Agreements and insure safe management and expansion of nuclear capabilities of Member States in cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA),

Fully aware of the further myriad, international, and lingering dangers present in the nuclear industry from illicit trafficking networks and cyberwarfare, to mundane safety standards, safe (short and long term) waste storage, transport, and containment,

Aware that the myriad threats facing the nuclear sector, ranging from illicit trafficking networks to cyberwarfare to waste storage, transport, and containment, carries international consequences,

- 1. Urges Member States to participate in international transparency in order to maintain the nuclear peace and mitigate tensions between Member States by:
- (a) Encouraging Member States to engage in greater cooperation with each other particularly as it relates to the relationship between established nuclear powers and those developing their nuclear capabilities for civilian energy production;
- (b) Recommending the monitoring and integration of IAEA's Incident and Trafficking Database (ITDB) with the law enforcement systems of the Member States by;
- (c) Implementing specialized training courses in radiation safety and Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) framework as per the IAEA standards to provide means to Member

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State stability in nuclear aspects including regular multi-agency tabletop and field exercises to ensure coordinated response capabilities;

(d) Conducting training courses and safety courses in participating Member States at appropriate IAEA-approved locations;

- (e) Developing standardized information-sharing protocols between Member States and international nuclear authorities and law enforcement to improve rapid reporting, threat flagging and cross-border tracking of illicit nuclear activities;
- (f) Urging the expansion of capacity-building programs for developing States to improve cyber-nuclear security, border detection technology proficiency, and incident-response preparedness;
- (g) Advocating for transparency regarding enrichment levels and methods of enrichment, setting limits on amount and efficiency of gas centrifuges and types of water type reactor systems;
  - (h) Establishing uniform safeguard procedures as mentioned in IAEA RES 1/1 for monitoring heavy-water production, storage, and transfer between facilities to ensure that materials cannot be diverted for unauthorized enrichment activities;
  - (i) Enhancing testing requirements for civilian enrichment facilities, particularly those capable of producing enriched uranium suitable for medical, industrial, or research purposes, to ensure that enrichment levels remain within declared civilian thresholds;
  - (j) Expanding routine IAEA checks on safeguards and production of fissile materials to ensure that no Member State produces nuclear weapons secretly or at all, and requires States to share with the IAEA occasions when uranium is mined or civilian uranium processing enterprises are expanded;
    - 2. Calls Member States to promote nuclear security through regional cooperation, by:
  - (a) Calling upon International United Nations organizations as outlined in Clause 3b to complete comprehensive testing, maintenance, and use protocols under fair and impartial bodies;
  - (b) Member States found to not be in accordance with these guidelines will face censure by those bodies within discretion and purview, able to restrict funding and bring other critique until such a time where guidelines are followed;
    - (i) If external factors determined not to be the fault of the Member State are discovered, it is recommended that adequate resources and assistance are delegated to resolve any standing issues;
  - (c) Insisting Member States further engage with and strengthen regional and global agreements such as existing treaties and programs including the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR), United Nations Panel of External Auditors (UNPEA), United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (UNJIU), and the Treaty of Tlatelolco for ensuring the efficacy and transparency of funds;
    - (i) Establishing the standards based on development, transparency, stability for States to receive funding for nuclear energy;
    - (ii) Regulates the necessary training for safe nuclear procedures, providing assistance for their facilitation:
    - (iii) Calls for the establishment of transparent multilateral oversight mechanisms that prevent any single country from exerting disproportionate control over nuclear technologies, decision making processes, or resource distribution;
  - (d) Encouraging bilateral and multilateral exercises between Member States to promote readiness and establish contingencies against the danger of civilian or military nuclear incidents;

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- (i) Endorses the fair oversight, organization, and review of exercises by international bodies like the IAEA, following the Emergency Preparedness Exercises for Nuclear Facilities: Preparation, Conduct and Evaluation;
- (ii) Authorizes the public release of exercise results to be shared with other Member States and international organizations, to be appreciated and used to further nuclear safety;
- (e) Urging the creation of Regional Nuclear Security Networks to enhance security especially with the increasing rapid developments upcoming in such States, developments that should not be overlooked;
  - (i) Ensuring the swift detection of incidents and recovery at nuclear sites via the above;
  - (ii) Approving the regional handling of safe nuclear waste storage between Member States along lines of handshake beneficiality for the purposes of reprocessing, recycling, decommission and storage;
  - (iii) Lines include economic/trade agreements, geographic boundaries, and development balance/inbalance;
  - (iv) Encourages the use of TRACE, FINAS, M-INSN, and other mechanisms in order to bolster security in the transit of fissile materials and monitor the movement of these materials;
- (f) Further recommending technology transfer with regard to the infrastructure and education required for creation and maintenance of nuclear material detection technology;
- 3. Calls upon all Member States to expand usage and strength of the Comprehensive Safeguard Agreements between Member States and the IAEA and other non-proliferation treaties such as the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of 1968, and encourages a mandate for their universal usage by:
- (a) Facilitating IAEA task forces to assist Member States in clean up or containment efforts under the purview of the Comprehensive Safeguard Agreements;
- (b) Encouraging Member States within the confines of Comprehensive Safeguard Agreements to allow staffing of Nuclear Power Plants at risk of meltdown or within active conflict between State and non-state actors;
- (c) Urging Member States to establish procedures and means to mitigate and respond to civilian accidents or sabotage in Comprehensive Safeguard Agreements;
- 4. *Urges* all Member States to establish national protocols and practices in order ensure transparency with the international community and compliance with the IAEA by:
- (a) Requesting that all Member States implement policies similar to the Strategic Trade Management Act (STMA) to regulate the trade of fissile materials;
- (b) Urging further development of the Nuclear Security Series' guidance on implementation of measures on combatting cyberwarfare and uncrewed vehicles;
  - (c) Expanding the development of Nuclear Security Series' like Nuclear Security Implications of Uncrewed Aerial, Ground, and Maritime Systems (J02018) to continuously update the IAEA's ability to combat the development of Artificial Intelligence and other technologies that are used in cyberwarfare.

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