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## American Model United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency

IAEA/II/4

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear

science, technology and applications

SUBMITTED TO: The International Atomic Energy Agency

The International Atomic Energy Agency,

Having examined a need for international cooperation and active engagement with other Member States, as emphasized in the IAEA Technical Cooperation Program (TCP),

Noting with appreciation the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, and the Additional Protocol in their complementary efforts to ensure proper stewardship of nuclear technologies, ,

Observing the importance and effectiveness of triangular cooperation and the benefits it provides to developing Member States,

Considering accessibility for equitable nuclear science, technology and applications regarding radioactive safety in healthcare infrastructure,

Recognizing the accumulating levels of Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) across the globe,

- 1. Noting with appreciation the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, and the Additional Protocol in their complementary efforts to ensure proper stewardship of nuclear technologies, ;
- 2. *Invites* the expansion of multilateral nuclear material management programs facilitated by the IAEA by:
  - (a) Supporting waste management standards and partnerships that already exist such as the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management and the TCP by clarifying language and making suggestions on how to improve existing systems;
  - (b) Urging the IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety and Security and its subgroups to monitor and enforce the promotion of management of radioactive resources;
  - 3. Urges Member States to follow the standards of safety as defined by the World Nuclear Association (WNA) and the IAEA to maintain international safety standards, as laid out in Specific Safety Guide No. SSG-15, Nuclear Energy Series No. NF-T-3.3, WNA Document on Storage and Disposal of Radioactive Waste, and the WNA Document on Radioactive Waste Management with the recommendation that:
  - (a) Member States form new standards as nuclear technology innovates and new reactor prototypes are developed and built;
  - 4. Appeals to the IAEA's Department of Safeguards to provide modernized inspections and reporting systems, accessible to Member States via:
  - (a) Technological modernization, including implementation of advanced technology, e.g. robotic inspection of spent fuel pools and electronic seals for remote monitoring of nuclear material, adequate digital indicators for disparate reactor functions;
  - (b) Enhanced information analysis, via legal frameworks, including the full utilization of legal authorities provided by the Additional Protocol, granting inspectors expanded access to information and locations, including entire sites and nuclear-related research and development activities;

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- 5. Further requests the collaboration of the UN Security Council and the Conference of Radiation Program Directors (CRCPD) to stand behind the creation of concrete, stable facilities for nuclear waste, acknowledging these organizations can aid in further developing activities related to nuclear science, technology, and management:
- (a) Using existing environmental frameworks such the Site and External Events Design Review Service (SEED) to investigate continue looking for locations for several large scale long term storage facilities;
- (b) Additionally using Integrated Review Service for Radioactive Waste and Spent Fuel Management, Decommissioning and Remediation (ARTEMIS) and the Underground Research Facilities Network for Geological Disposal (URF Network) to locate geographically and geopolitically stable regions for large scale, long-term nuclear storage;
  - (i) Should a geographical or geopolitical issue or other detrimental material fact prevent compliance with IAEA standards regarding storage, the above programs (under the IAEA Division of Radiation, Transport, and Waste Safety) are suggested to facilitate trade of nuclear waste to compliant Member States until adequate storage solutions are developed;
- (c) The delegations hosting the storage sites to work with the Technical Working Group on Nuclear Power Infrastructure (TWG-NPI) shall assist Member Nations in on-the-ground development and construction of short and long term nuclear waste processing, decontamination, and storage;;
  - (i) The appropriate stewardship regarding the creation of short-term ("wet") nuclear storage for SNF;
  - (ii) Requests Member States to consider the needs of future generations in developing long-term ("dry"), low-maintenance nuclear storage, mainly Deep Geological Repositories (DGRs) with additional Multi-barrier Facility models;
  - (iii) Strongly emplores irradiated material be contained or destroyed in an adequate matter as to prevent orphan source and containment breach incidents, the development of appropriate facilities is to be delegated to Member States to be used on a regional basis;
- (d) Recommending the adoption of a regional approach within all relevant organizations and IAEA subgroups that seeks to meet the specific environmental, geographical, political, energy needs of Member States;
- (e) Requesting the International Decommissioning Network (IDN), International Catalogue of Sealed Radioactive Sources and Devices (ICSRS), International Low Level Waste Disposal Network (DISPONET), and Practical Illustration and Use of the Safety Case Concept in the Management of Near-Surface Disposal (PRISM) to work with developing Member States to ensure proper containment, security, and safety;
- 6. Further requests the collaboration of the Security Council and the Conference of Radiation Program Directors (CRCPD) to stand behind the creation of concrete, stable facilities for nuclear waste, acknowledging these organizations can aid in further developing activities related to nuclear science, technology, and management.

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