SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Nuclear and radiation safety

SUBMITTED TO: The International Atomic Energy Agency

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Reaffirming the 1979 Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, the 1982 Convention on the Law of the Sea, the 1944 Convention on International Civil Aviation, the 1974 Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea and IAEA STI/PUB/1798 Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material,

Noting the harmful impacts of radiological hazardous materials on humans and the environment,

Further noting the global and transboundary risks associated with the transport of nuclear materials by land, air and sea,

Solemnly recognizing the possible disaster that would result from a transport incident of nuclear materials and its impacts on not only the local area of the incident but the global impacts on health, transport and trade and the economy,

Appreciating that there has never been a transport incident that has caused a significant radiological hazard to people or the environment in over 50 years,

1. Directs the Department of Technical Cooperation to develop, manage and monitor a Technical Cooperation Project to study the risks associated with transporting nuclear material differently by land, air or sea;

2. Calls for a revision of the Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material to include an advisory listing of best practices and preferences of transportation methodologies to be used based on the scientific findings of the Technical Cooperation Project;

3. Requests that the findings of the Department of Technical Cooperation establishing which method of transportation has been determined to hold the most risk be reported by the President of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions