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Article III (3) and article IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5: cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy**Working paper by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, and Sweden (“the Group”)**

1. The 1968 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons fosters the development of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy by providing a framework of confidence that is a precondition for those uses. The Group expresses the view that — for the purposes of article IV of the Treaty — “nuclear energy” embraces both power and non-power applications. By aiming to ensure that nuclear materials and facilities do not contribute to nuclear proliferation, the Treaty creates the necessary environment for technological transfer and cooperation.
2. Nothing in the Treaty shall be interpreted as affecting the inalienable right of all the States parties to the Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with articles I, II and III of the Treaty. The Group recognizes that this right constitutes one of the fundamental objectives of the Treaty. States may choose individually not to exercise all their rights, or to exercise those rights collectively.
3. While maintaining an overall commitment to article IV of the NPT, the Group regards universal adherence to, and compliance with, the non-proliferation and verification requirements of the Treaty as a precondition for cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. In this regard, universal adherence to the Additional Protocol to States’ Safeguards Agreements is a requirement for a stable, open and transparent international security environment, in which peaceful nuclear cooperation can take place.
4. The Group considers that States parties should not engage in active nuclear cooperation with those States parties that are in non-compliance with the terms of their Safeguard Agreements with the IAEA, as established by the IAEA Board of Governors.



5. All States parties to the Treaty have undertaken to facilitate, and have the right to participate in, the fullest possible exchange of equipment, material, services, and scientific and technological information for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy in a safe and secure environment. The Group notes the contribution that such exchanges can make to progress in general.

6. In all activities designed to facilitate the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the Group affirms that an INFCIRC/153 (Corrected) Safeguards Agreement together with an Additional Protocol (INFCIRC/540 (Corrected)) represent the Agency's safeguards system pursuant to article III.1 of the Treaty.

7. The Group underlines the essential role of the IAEA in assisting developing States parties in the peaceful use of nuclear energy through the development of effective programmes aimed at improving their scientific, technological and regulatory capabilities.

8. The Group commends the IAEA Secretariat for its efforts to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of the Agency's Technical Cooperation Programme and to ensure the continuing relevance of the programme to the changing circumstances and needs of recipient IAEA Member States. In this context, the Group stresses the importance for technical cooperation of the present IAEA Medium Term Strategy, which seeks to promote major priorities of each recipient, through model project standards and expanded use of country programme frameworks and thematic plans as well as through ensuring government commitment as a prerequisite for such cooperation. The Group recommends that the IAEA continue taking this objective — and the needs of developing countries, notably least developed countries — into account when planning its future activities.

9. Technical cooperation activities can be properly assured only in the long term when the financial requirements for all statutory activities of the IAEA are fully met. In this context, the Group stresses the importance of the IAEA's resources for technical cooperation activities being assured, predictable and sufficient to meet objectives mandated by article IV, paragraph 2, of the Treaty and article II of the IAEA Statute, and urges IAEA Member States to make every effort to contribute to the Agency's Technical Cooperation Fund as well as to honour their obligations to pay their Assessed Programme Costs, as well as their National Participation Costs.