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## **Preventing the risk of radiological terrorism**

The General Assembly,

*Recognising* the essential contribution of radioactive materials and sources to social and economic development, and the benefits of their use for all states,

*Recognising* the determination of the International community to combat terrorism, as evident in relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions,

*Deeply concerned* by the threat of terrorism, and the risk that terrorists may acquire, traffic in or use radioactive materials or sources in radiological dispersion devices,

*Recalling* the importance of international conventions aiming at preventing and suppressing such a risk, in particular the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism<sup>1</sup> adopted on 13 April 2005,

*Noting* that actions of the international community to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and prevent the access by non state actors to weapons of mass destruction and related material, notably UNSC resolution 1540, constitute contributions to the protection against nuclear and radiological terrorism,

*Stressing* the importance of the role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in promoting and reinforcing the safety and security of radioactive materials and sources, in particular through supporting the improvement of national and legal regulatory infrastructures,

*Taking note* of the importance of the Joint Convention on the safety of Spent Fuel Management and the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management<sup>2</sup> with respect to the safety of the end of life of radioactive sources,

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<sup>1</sup> See resolution 59/290

*Taking note* of the importance of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources as a valuable instrument for enhancing the safety and security of radioactive sources while recognizing that the code is not a legally binding instrument, and of the revised IAEA Action Plan for the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources, and of the IAEA nuclear security plan for 2006/2009,

*Taking note* of resolutions GC(49)/RES/9 and GC(49)/RES/10 adopted by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its forty-ninth regular session, which address measures to strengthen international cooperation in nuclear, radiation and transport safety and waste management, and measures to protect against nuclear and radiological terrorism,

*Welcoming* the ongoing individual and collective efforts by member States to take into account in their deliberations the dangers posed by the lack, or insufficiency of, control over radioactive materials and sources, and recognizing the need for states to take more effective measures to strengthen those controls in accordance with their national legal principles and consistent with international law,

*Welcoming* the fact that member States have undertaken multilateral actions to address this issue, as reflected in United Nations General Assembly resolution 57/9 adopted on 11 December 2002,

*Welcoming* the contribution of the IAEA International conference on the safety and security of radioactive sources held in Bordeaux (France) from 27 June to 1 July 2005 to the IAEA's activities on these issues,

*Mindful* of the need for addressing within the United Nations framework and through international cooperation, this arising concern to international security,

1. *Calls upon* member States to support international efforts to prevent the acquisition and the use by terrorists of radioactive materials and sources, and if necessary suppress such acts, in accordance with their national legal principles and consistent with international law;
2. *Urges* member States to take and strengthen national measures, as appropriate, to prevent the acquisition and the use by terrorists of radioactive materials and sources as well as terrorist attacks on nuclear plants and facilities which would result in radioactive releases, and if necessary suppress such acts, in particular by taking effective measures to account for, secure and physically protect such high risk materials, in accordance with their international obligations;
3. *Invites* all Member States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism;
4. *Invites* Member States to support and endorse the IAEA's efforts to enhance the safety and security of radioactive sources, as describe in the IAEA nuclear security plan for 2006/2009, and calls on all States to work towards following the guidance contained in the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources<sup>3</sup> including, as appropriate, the guidance on the import and export of radioactive sources, noting that the guidance is complementary to the code, and encourages Member States to notify the IAEA Director General of their intention to do so pursuant to IAEA General Conference resolutions GC (48)/RES/10, and recognizes the value of information exchange on national approaches to controlling radioactive sources, and encourages consultations by the secretariat of the IAEA with its Member States with a view to establishing a formalized process for a periodic exchange of information and lessons learned and for the evaluation of progress made by States towards

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<sup>2</sup> See JNFCICR/546, IAEA, Vienna (1991)

<sup>3</sup> resolution GC(47)/RES/ 7B and GC(48)/RES/10

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implementing the provisions of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources.

5. *Encourages* cooperation among and between Member States and through relevant international and, where appropriate, regional organisations for strengthening national capacities in this regard;
6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty second session an item entitled "Preventing the risk of radiological terrorism".