

The General Conference endorsed the following statement made by the President:

"The General Conference takes note of the Report by the Director General on Composition of Regional Groups under the agenda item 'Amendment of Article VI of the Statute' as contained in the Attachment to document GC(40)/11. It reiterates the principle of the sovereign equality of all Member States of the Agency, as provided for in Article IV.C of the Statute. It affirms that this principle requires that each Member State of the Agency be within one of the areas listed in Article VI.A.1 of the Statute. Recalling the draft resolution contained in document GC(39)/COM.5/10 dated 19 September 1995 and resolution GC(39)/RES/22 dated 22 September 1995, the Conference requests that the Chairman of the Board of Governors consult with Member States not yet listed in a regional area as well as with other Member States, including representatives of the regional areas, and that he report for consideration of the forty-first General Conference specific proposals to include each Member State within the appropriate area at the time of the Conference in September 1997."

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