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**Adopted by the Board of Governors of the IAEA at its 12th meeting, on
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The Board of Governors,

Expressing deep concern about the current crisis in the Middle East,

Stressing that a regional comprehensive peace settlement is the most important aim in the Middle East in order to prevent further crises and to create stability throughout this region,

Reaffirming the recommendations for establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone (NWFZ) in the Middle East and therefore *recalling* the resolutions GC (49)/RES/15; A/RES/60/52 and GOV/2005/53-GC(49)/18,

Noting with concern that no progress in creating a NWFZ in the Middle East has been reached so far, although all concerned States have in principle agreed on this issue,

Bearing in mind that a Permanent Committee on Nuclear Policy could strengthen the efforts to create a NWFZ in the Middle East,

Convinced that such a permanent committee could contribute to solve conflicts on the nuclear policy in the Middle East,

Keeping in mind the importance of creating a regional committee where negotiations/talks on nuclear issues relating to the States of the Middle East could take place,

Reaffirming the inalienable right of every Member State of the Treaty of Non-Proliferation, according to Article IV of this treaty, to develop nuclear programs for peaceful purposes,

Emphasizing that the proliferation of nuclear weapons constitutes a grave and growing threat to international peace and stability,

1. *Strongly recommends* the states of the Middle East as defined according to the document IAEA XXXIII 1887/1989 to create a Permanent Committee on Nuclear Policy in the Middle East;

2. *Declares* that such a Permanent Committee on Nuclear Policy should have the task to co-ordinate the political, technical and entrepreneurial areas of the nuclear sector among the countries of the Middle East;

3. *Further declares* that every State of the Middle East should appoint at least two representatives in order to represent its country at the committee sessions;

4. *Calls upon* the IAEA to appoint two representatives in order to assure technical assistance and scientific knowledge;

5. *Requests* that the representatives of the IAEA in the committee regularly report to the Board of Governors and the permanent five about the progress and discussed issues treated in the Committee;

6. *Recommends* the participating states in the Committee to take into consideration issues of co-operation, regional stability and security and the idea of a NWFZ;

7. *Encourages* all States of the Middle East to see such a Committee as a confidence building measure, as a chance to strengthen the co-operation between the countries of the Middle East and also as a chance to discover common interests;

8. *Invites* all States, and especially the permanent members of the Security Council, to support the creation of a Permanent Committee on Nuclear Policy in the Middle East;

9. *Stresses* that the Committee could decide - on a case-by-case basis - whether they wish that the Nuclear-Weapon-States should join the negotiations in the Committee;

10. *Encourages* that the Permanent Committee agrees upon a treaty about a relationship with the IAEA similar to the relationship that existed between the IAEA and the Permanent Committee, which was established between Brazil and Argentina;

11. *Urges* the Permanent Committee to create, at its first meeting, a statute which should at least clarify the issues, the rules of procedure and its function, and *suggests* that

- a) the chairmanship should be headed by a representative of the IAEA which stays in action until the next session,
- b) there should be at least four meetings at the IAEA in Vienna per year, in order to discuss topics of common interest in the nuclear field,
- c) there could be more than four meetings per year if the member States, under the requirement of a single majority, think it would be useful to meet more often;

12. *Requests* that this statute should be passed in consensus with all members;

13. *Suggests* utilizing the experience of parties to already existing NWFZs, as this would greatly contribute to the efficiency of this Committee.