

tilateral and bilateral proposals adopted at the Tunis and Amman meetings;

8. *Takes note with appreciation* of the arrangements for the convening of a regional workshop on human resources development in the Arab region in Kuwait on 28 and 29 November 1987, in implementation of paragraph 6 (c) of resolution 41/4;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to arrange for a joint meeting in 1988 of the representatives of the United Nations system and the representatives of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in order to review and appraise progress achieved in their co-operation during the past five years, with the objective of enhancing future co-operation;

10. *Requests* both the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States to initiate consultations for the purpose of drafting an agreement of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to hold periodic consultations, as and when appropriate, between representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States on follow-up policies, projects, actions and procedures;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States".

*40th plenary meeting  
15 October 1987*

#### **42/6. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1986,<sup>15</sup>

*Taking note* of the statement of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 19 October 1987,<sup>16</sup> which provides additional information on the main developments in the Agency's activities during 1987,

*Recalling* that this year the Agency is celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of its establishment in 1957,

*Recognizing* the importance of the work of the Agency to promote further the application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, as envisaged in its statute,

*Also recognizing* the special needs of the developing countries for technical assistance by the Agency in order to benefit effectively from the application of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes as well as from the contribution of nuclear energy to their economic development,

*Conscious* of the importance of the work of the Agency in the implementation of safeguards provisions of the

<sup>15</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency, *The Annual Report for 1986* (Austria, July 1987), (GC(XXXI)/800 and Corr.1); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/42/458 and Corr.1).

<sup>16</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Plenary Meetings*, 42nd meeting.

Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons<sup>17</sup> and other international treaties, conventions and agreements designed to achieve similar objectives, as well as in ensuring, as far as it is able, that the assistance provided by the Agency or at its request or under its supervision or control is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose, as stated in article II of its statute,

*Recognizing* the importance of the work of the Agency on nuclear power, nuclear safety, radiological protection and radioactive waste management, including its work directed towards assisting developing countries in planning for the introduction of nuclear power in accordance with their needs,

*Again stressing the need* for the highest standards of safety in the design and operation of nuclear plants so as to minimize risks to life, health and the environment,

*Welcoming* the entry into force on 27 October 1986 and 26 February 1987, of the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency,<sup>18</sup> and the fact that many States have already ratified them or consented to be bound by them provisionally pending ratification,

*Noting with appreciation* the entry into force on 8 February 1987 of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material,

*Bearing in mind* resolutions GC(XXXI)/RES/470, GC(XXXI)/RES/472, GC(XXXI)/RES/473, GC(XXXI)/RES/474, GC(XXXI)/RES/475 and GC(XXXI)/RES/485 adopted on 25 September 1987 by the General Conference of the Agency at its thirty-first regular session,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

2. *Affirms* its confidence in the role of the Agency in the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;

3. *Urges* all States to strive for effective and harmonious international co-operation in carrying out the work of the Agency, pursuant to its statute; in promoting the use of nuclear energy and the application of the necessary measures to strengthen further the safety of nuclear installations and to minimize risks to health; in strengthening technical assistance and co-operation for developing countries; and in ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the Agency's safeguards system;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the records of the forty-second session of the General Assembly relating to the Agency's activities.

*43rd plenary meeting  
20 October 1987*

#### **42/7. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3026 A (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 3187 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, 3391 (XXX) of 19 November 1975, 31/40 of 30 November 1976, 32/18 of 11 November 1977, 33/50 of 14 December 1978, 34/64 of

<sup>17</sup> Resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

<sup>18</sup> See International Atomic Energy Agency, *Final Document. Resolutions and Conventions Adopted by the First Special Session of the General Conference, 24-26 September 1986*, sects. I-IV.

29 November 1979, 35/127 and 35/128 of 11 December 1980, 36/64 of 27 November 1981, 38/34 of 25 November 1983 and 40/19 of 21 November 1985,

*Recalling also* the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property<sup>19</sup> adopted on 14 November 1970 by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General submitted in co-operation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,<sup>20</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* that following its appeal other Member States have become parties to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property,

*Aware* of the importance attached by the countries of origin to the return of cultural property which is of fundamental spiritual and cultural value to them, so that they may constitute collections representative of their cultural heritage,

*Reaffirming* the importance of inventories as an essential tool for the understanding and protection of cultural property and for the identification of dispersed heritage and as a contribution to the advancement of scientific and artistic knowledge and intercultural communication,

*Deeply concerned* at the clandestine excavations and the illicit traffic in cultural property that continue to impoverish the cultural heritage of all peoples,

*Again supporting* the solemn appeal made on 7 June 1978 by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the return of irreplaceable cultural heritage to those who created it,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation on the work they have accomplished, in particular through the promotion of bilateral negotiations, for the return or restitution of cultural property, the preparation of inventories of movable cultural property, the reduction of illicit traffic in cultural property and the dissemination of information to the public;

2. *Reaffirms* that the restitution to a country of its *objets d'art*, monuments, museum pieces, archives, manuscripts, documents and any other cultural or artistic treasures contributes to the strengthening of international co-operation and to the preservation and flowering of universal cultural values through fruitful co-operation between developed and developing countries;

3. *Recommends* that Member States adopt or strengthen the necessary protective legislation with regard to their own heritage and that of other peoples;

4. *Requests* Member States to study the possibility of including in permits for excavations a clause requiring archaeologists and palaeontologists to provide the national authorities with photographic documentation of each object brought to light during the excavations immediately after its discovery;

5. *Invites* Member States to continue drawing up, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, systematic inventories of cultural property existing in their territory and of their cultural property abroad;

6. *Recommends* that Member States should ensure that inventories of museum collections include not only the items on display but also those in storage, and that they comprise all necessary documentation, particularly photographs of each item;

7. *Also invites* Member States engaged in seeking the recovery of cultural and artistic treasures from the seabed, in accordance with international law, to facilitate by mutually acceptable conditions the participation of States having a historical and cultural link with those treasures;

8. *Appeals* to Member States to co-operate closely with the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation and to conclude bilateral agreements for this purpose;

9. *Also appeals* to Member States to encourage the mass information media and educational and cultural institutions to strive to arouse a greater and more general awareness with regard to the return or restitution of cultural property to its country of origin;

10. *Requests* States parties to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property to keep the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization fully informed of the measures taken to ensure implementation of the Convention at the national level;

11. *Welcomes* the steady increase in the number of States parties to the Convention;

12. *Invites once again* those Member States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Convention;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fourth session the item entitled "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin".

47th plenary meeting  
22 October 1987

#### 42/8. Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

*The General Assembly,*

*Deeply concerned* that acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), caused by one or more naturally occurring retroviruses of undetermined origin, has assumed pandemic proportions affecting all regions of the world and represents a threat to the attainment of health for all,

*Having considered* World Health Assembly resolution WHA40.26 of 15 May 1987<sup>21</sup> on the Global Strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS and Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/75 of 8 July 1987 on the prevention and control of AIDS,

<sup>19</sup> United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Sixteenth Session*, vol. 1, *Resolutions*, p. 135.

<sup>20</sup> A/42/533.

<sup>21</sup> See World Health Organization, *Fortieth World Health Assembly, Geneva, 4-15 May 1987, Resolutions and Decisions, Annexes* (WHA.40/1987/REC/1).