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THE AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1966

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THE APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY TO THE DESALTING OF WATER

The General Conference,

- (a) Recognizing the important role nuclear energy may play in achieving the economic desalination of water,
- (b) Noting Resolution 1069 (XXXIX) of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in which the Secretary-General is requested "to explore further possibilities, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned and the International Atomic Energy Agency, for accelerating progress in the overall water desalination effort and its practical application in water-short areas",
- (c) Noting the increasing number of studies being undertaken in Member States concerning desalination,
- (d) Noting with satisfaction that the Agency is being requested to participate in many of these activities,
- (e) Noting with satisfaction the Agency's series of panel meetings on the use of nuclear energy for desalting,
- (f) Noting further that a number of Member States, including the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, have initiated exchanges of information on desalination^{1/} and have arranged for the Agency and its Members to receive benefits in full measure from this co-operation, and

(g) Aware that the important growth of interest in this field will be reflected in the Agency's programme in future years,

1. Requests the Director General, in concert with the United Nations and specialized agencies concerned, to initiate a study as to how the Agency might intensify its efforts and play an increasingly useful role in the development of water desalination, and to keep the Board of Governors informed of developments;
2. Further requests the Director General, in preparing the draft biennial programme for 1967-68, to reflect any conclusions from this study which have been reached early enough to be included; and
3. Requests the Member States of the Agency to continue to report to the Director General all significant developments relative to the use of nuclear energy in desalination so that he may promptly communicate this information to other Member States.

1/ See document INFCIRC/60.