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## PLAN FOR PRODUCING POTABLE WATER ECONOMICALLY

## Report by the Director General to the Board of Governors and to the General Conference

## Progress after the June 1996 meeting of the Board of Governors

Since the June 1996 meeting of the Board of Governors, new developments summarized below, have taken place.

- The Options Identification Programme (OIP) has now been completed and the report has been forwarded for publication. In addition, a technical document on the status of the Small and Medium Reactors (SMRs) containing up-to-date technical information on SMRs has been completed and published as an Agency's TECDOC-881.
- The Agency has received an additional US\$ 60,000.00 as extrabudgetary funds, from Canada and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. Another US\$ 50,000.00 as extrabudgetary funds is pledged as of June 1996 by the Republic of Korea.
- An Advisory Group Meeting will be convened by the Agency in October 1996 in order to examine in details, tasks proposed in the 1997/98 Programme and Budget, suggestions from the June meeting of the Board of Governors and the 40th regular session of the General Conference, as well as findings of the OIP. The topics to be covered would include:
  - Identification of user requirements
  - Institutional aspects
  - Steps toward implementation of nuclear desalination programme
  - Further qualification of economic competitiveness
  - Development of infrastructures
  - Public acceptance