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Applications for Membership of the Agency

Application by the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Recommendation by the Board of Governors

1. On 31 August 2012, the following letter from HE Mr Winston Dookeran, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, was communicated to the Board:

“I have the honour, in the name of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, to submit an application for membership of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Trinidad and Tobago recognises the importance of maintaining a robust international regulatory structure to ensure the peaceful exploitation of atomic energy for the benefit of mankind, in an environment which prioritizes the promotion of human security, peace and development. In this regard, I wish to assure you that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago applauds the goal of the International Atomic Energy Agency “*to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world*” and is, consequently, committed to fulfilling the obligations of membership of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago pledges, in a spirit of cooperation, to participate actively in the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in fulfilment of its commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.”

2. On 10 September 2012, the Board considered this application for membership of the Agency in the light of Article IV.B of the Statute, and determined that the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago was able and willing to carry out the obligations of membership of the Agency and to act in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. The Board recommends that the Conference approve the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for membership of the Agency, and submits the draft resolution overleaf for the consideration of the Conference.

Application by the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for Membership of the Agency

The General Conference,

- (a) Having received the recommendation of the Board of Governors that the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago should be approved for membership of the Agency,¹ and
 - (b) Having considered the application of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for membership in the light of Article IV.B of the Statute,
1. Approves the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for membership of the Agency; and
 2. Determines, pursuant to Financial Regulation 5.09², that in the event of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago becoming a Member of the Agency during the remainder of 2012 or in 2013, it shall be assessed as appropriate:
 - (a) For an advance or advances to the Working Capital Fund, in accordance with Financial Regulation 7.04³; and
 - (b) For a contribution or contributions towards the Agency's Regular Budget, in accordance with the principles and arrangements the Conference has established for the assessment of Members for such contributions.⁴

¹ GC(56)/18 para 3

² INFCIRC/8/Rev.3.

³ INFCIRC/8/Rev.3.

⁴ Resolutions GC(III)/RES/50, GC(XXI)/RES/351, GC(39)/RES/11, GC(44)/RES/9 and GC(47)/RES/5.