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 Na-
tions to arrange for a joint meeting in 1988 of the represen-
tatives of the United Nations system and the representa-
tives 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 Na-
tions, 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 Se-
cretariat of the League of Arab States on follow-up poli-
cies, projects, actions and procedures;

12. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit
to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a pro-
gress report on the implementation of the present resolu-
tion;

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

40th plenary meeting
15 October 1987

Agency

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the International Atomic
Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year
1986,\(^{15}\)

Taking note of the statement of the Director General of
the International Atomic Energy Agency of 19 October
1987,\(^{16}\) 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 tech-
nology for peaceful purposes as well as from the contribu-
tion 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
Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons\(^{17}\)
and other international treaties, conventions and agree-
ments 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 con-
tral 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 di-
rected 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 Notifica-
tion of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assis-
tance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological
Emergency,\(^{18}\) and the fact that many States have already
ratified them or consented to be bound by them provision-
ally pending ratification,

Noting with appreciation the entry into force on 8 Febru-
ary 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 harmoni-
ous 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 instal-
lations and to minimize risks to health, in strengthening
technical assistance and co-operation for developing coun-
tries; 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 Gen-
eral 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 Decem-
ber 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, 32/50 of 14 December 1978, 34/64 of

(Austria, July 1987), (GC(XXXI)/RES 900 and Corr.1); transmitted to
the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General

\(^{16}\) See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session,
Plenary Meetings, 42nd meeting.

\(^{17}\) Resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

\(^{18}\) See International Atomic Energy Agency, Final Document,
Resolutions and Conventions Adopted by the First Special Session of the
General Conference, 24-26 September 1986, secs. I-IV.

Recalling also the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Ilicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property 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,

Noting with satisfaction that following its appeal other Member States have become parties to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Ilicit 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, libraries, manuscripts, documents and any other cultural or artistic treasures contributes to the strengthening of international cooperation and to the preservation and flowering of universal cultural values through fruitful cooperation 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 sea-bed, 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 Ilicit 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


The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned that acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), caused by one or more naturally occurring retroviruses of undescribed 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 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,

20 A/42/533.