

in June 1980 a resolution establishing a Committee on Assurances of Supply to look into ways in which the supply of nuclear technology, materials and services could be improved consistent with a set of mutually acceptable non-proliferation considerations.

*4) International plutonium storage*

This represents an attempt to establish a scheme in which plutonium will be deposited in an international depository until it is required for nuclear energy production. The international discussions have shown that there are technical and political complexities that will need to be resolved before a viable scheme could emerge.

*5) The UN Conference on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy*

In 1983, a UN Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy will be convened. In these discussions attention may well focus on the "North-South" aspects of nuclear energy (e.g. technical assistance; training; codes of conduct; technology transfers; etc.) but the nature of the non-proliferation and safeguards framework within which international nuclear co-operation should take place will also be discussed. The latter discussions will probably continue to be difficult and a major effort will be needed to try to ensure that a more effective and comprehensive international non-proliferation régime will be the result or, at the minimum, that the elements of the current régime will not be weakened.