

**STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S RESPONSIBILITIES  
AND  
CONFIRMATION OF THE ACCOUNTS WITH THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1998**

**The Director General's Responsibilities**

The Director General is required by the Financial Regulations to maintain such accounting records as are necessary with due regard to the United Nations system accounting standards and to prepare annual accounts showing the income and expenditure of all the International Atomic Energy Agency's Funds during the financial year and their respective financial positions at the end of the year and the status of Regular Budget appropriations of the Agency. He is also required to give such other financial information as the Board may require or as he may deem necessary or useful.

To lay the foundations for the financial statements, the Director General is responsible for establishing detailed Financial Rules and procedures to ensure effective financial administration, the exercise of economy, and the effective custody of the Agency's assets. The Director General is also required to maintain an internal financial control which shall provide an effective examination of financial transactions to ensure: the regularity of the receipt, custody and disposal of all funds and other financial resources of the Agency; and the conformity of expenditures with the appropriations approved by the General Conference, the decisions of the Board on the use of funds for the Technical Co-operation Programme or other authority governing expenditures from extrabudgetary resources; and the economic use of the resources of the Agency.

**Confirmation of the Accounts with the Financial Regulations**

We hereby confirm that the following appended accounts, comprising Statements I to IV, Schedules S1 to S12 and supporting Notes, were properly prepared in accordance with Article XI of the Financial Regulations, with due regard to the United Nations system accounting standards.

(signed) MOHAMED ELBARADEI  
Director General

(signed) ABRAHAM E. ESPINO  
Director, Division of Budget and Finance

Vienna, Austria, 18 March 1999