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MEETINGS

for
Wednesday, 29 September

10.00 a.m. Plenary Hall	PLENARY: General debate and Annual Report for 1998 (item 7 resumed) GC(43)/4	5 th meeting
10.00 a.m. Meeting Room B	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:	3 rd meeting
3.00 p.m.* Plenary Hall	PLENARY: General debate and Annual Report for 1998 (item 7 resumed) GC(43)/4	6 th meeting
3.00 p.m. Meeting Room B	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:	4 th meeting

* Extended session until 7.30 p.m.

FORECAST
for
Thursday, 30 September

9.15 a.m. Meeting Room M	GENERAL COMMITTEE:	2 nd meeting
10.00 a.m. Plenary Hall	PLENARY:	7 th meeting
10.00 a.m. Meeting Room B	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:	5 th meeting
3.00 p.m. Plenary Hall	PLENARY: (This meeting may be extended beyond 6.00 p.m.)	8 th meeting
3.00 p.m. Meeting Room B	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:	6 th meeting

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Plenary: 3rd meeting

Under item 5 of the provisional agenda, the President reported on the General Committee's deliberations concerning arrangements for the Conference. Upon recommendation of the Committee, the Conference adopted the agenda as document GC(43)/27. The Conference agreed that the current session would close on Friday, 1 October 1999, and that the next regular session would open on Monday, 18 September 2000. Also under item 5 of the agenda, the Conference adopted the recommendations of the General Committee regarding certain applications for the restoration of voting rights.

The Conference continued with item 7 of the agenda, "General debate and annual report for 1998". Statements were made by the delegates of Namibia, Tunisia, Germany, the Russian Federation, Nigeria, France, Bangladesh, Algeria, Senegal, Pakistan, Kuwait and Sri Lanka.

Committee of The Whole: 1st meeting

The Committee elected Mr. Richard Stratford of the United States of America and Mr. Kazimierz Tomaszewski of Poland as Vice-chairpersons of the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee dealt with item 9 of the agenda, "The Agency's accounts for 1998", and agreed to recommend the draft resolution contained in document GC(43)/5.

The Committee dealt with item 10 of the agenda, "The Agency's budget for 2000", and agreed to recommend the three draft resolutions contained in document GC(43)/6.

The Committee also disposed of item 11, “Amendment to Article XIV.A of the Statute”, and agreed to recommend the draft resolution contained in Annex 4 to document GC(43)/24.

Under item 13 of the agenda, “Scale of assessment of Members’ contributions towards the Regular Budget”, the Committee agreed to recommend the draft resolution contained in document GC(43)/15.

Under item 27 of the agenda, “Election to the Agency’s Staff Pension Committee”, the Committee recommended that Mr. Raja Adnan of Malaysia be elected as member and Ms. Carol Cliff of the United Kingdom be elected as alternate member of the Agency’s Staff Pension Committee on behalf of the General Conference.

The Committee took up item 14 of the agenda, “Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear, radiation and waste safety”, and agreed to recommend draft resolution GC(43)/L.3, “The Safety of Radiation Sources and the Security of Radioactive Materials”.

Plenary: 4th meeting

The Conference continued with item 7 of the agenda. Statements were made by the delegates of Poland, Thailand, India, Brazil, Denmark, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines, Slovenia, Norway, the Czech Republic, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Egypt, the Netherlands, Romania, Mexico, Lebanon and Croatia.

Committee of The Whole: 2nd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of item 14 of the agenda, “Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear, radiation and waste safety”, and agreed to recommend the draft resolutions contained in documents GC(43)/L.4, “Safety of transport of radioactive materials” and GC(43)/L.5, “The radiological protection of patients”.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE

INFORMAL MEETINGS

The following informal meetings have been scheduled for today (Wednesday):

Group	Time	Location
European Union	8.30 a.m.	Meeting Room N
African Group	9.00 a.m.	Meeting Room O
WEOG	9.30 a.m.	Meeting Room N

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Conference is meeting in the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Am Hubertusdamm 6, 1220 Vienna, which is located next to the Vienna International Centre (VIC). Entry to the ACV is from the Hubertusdamm. The telephone number is 212 44 00.

The starting times of each meeting will be announced in the Journal. Delegates are requested to be in their places by those times to allow meetings to start punctually. Evening meetings will be announced during the session if they become necessary.

General information about the Conference, such as the location of meeting rooms and offices, telephone extensions and the various services, may be obtained at the Information Desk (second floor, extension 2141).

CREDENTIALS

Delegates who have not yet submitted their credentials to the Director General are requested to do so immediately at the Credentials Office (second floor, extension 2092).

IDENTIFICATION BADGES

In the interest of security, conference participants are requested to wear their badges when entering the ACV and for as long as they are in the building. Members of delegations and other participants who are in possession of a valid VIC ground pass will not need additional identification. All other participants are requested to obtain their identification badges from the Registration Desk on the ground floor, at the ACV. Badges will be issued from 8.30 a.m. onward.

DELEGATES' LIST

The second official list of members of delegations was issued on Tuesday, 28 September; it contains information on the composition of delegations which had been communicated to the Secretariat before Monday, 27 September. If, during the session, changes are required in the particulars provided at the time of registration, delegates are requested to inform the Protocol Office (second floor, extension 2090), in writing, so that the list of delegation members may be brought up to date.

SPEAKERS' LIST FOR PLENARY MEETINGS

At plenary meetings the President calls upon speakers to each item in the order in which they have entered their names on a written list. Delegates wishing to speak to an item are requested to inform Mr. A. Donà, on the second floor, extension 2133, who also has a table in the Plenary Hall near the podium. Delegates of ministerial rank will be given preference.

Microphones have been placed on all tables. Delegates are requested to use them for voting by roll call, for explanation of vote, for interventions in the exercise of the right of reply and for procedural motions. At other times, and especially during the general debate, delegates are requested to deliver their statements from the rostrum. **Delegates about to make their statement are asked to come forward to the front when the preceding speaker is making his concluding remarks and wait at the table marked 'next speaker'.**

STATEMENTS OF DELEGATES

To facilitate interpretation, it would be greatly appreciated if, as in the past, the texts of statements to be delivered during the general debate were handed to the Conference Officer in advance. In order to enable the Conference to make the best possible use of the time available, delegates are urged to keep the duration of their oral presentations down to a maximum of 15 minutes.

Copies of the full texts (in the original language) will, if delegates so request, be made available to other delegates during the session.

To facilitate the preparation of records of proceedings, it would be appreciated if delegates intending to provide the Secretariat with texts of statements would have them typed double-spaced (like this paragraph).

DOCUMENTS

Delegates are advised that General Conference documentation is available electronically and they are urged to make full use of this service so as to reduce the costs to the Agency of printing and distributing hard copies of documents. The address is <http://www.iaea.or.at/GC/gc43/documents/>. Documents in hard copy will continue to be available at the Documents Station (second floor).

Delegates wishing to submit draft resolutions or other documents to the Conference during the session are requested to provide the Conference Secretary, or the most appropriate Committee Secretary, with the text as early as possible.

A limited amount of typing can be arranged for delegations by Documents Services (second floor).

USE OF RADIO RECEIVERS IN MEETING ROOMS

In meeting rooms A, B, C, M, N and O of the ACV, portable radio receivers will be available, enabling participants to follow the proceedings in the original language and in the working languages of the Conference. As these receivers must be serviced between meetings, participants are requested not to remove them from the meeting rooms.

USE OF MOBILE TELEPHONES IN MEETING ROOMS

Participants are requested to turn mobile telephones off when entering any of the meeting rooms.

SMOKING

Participants are requested not to smoke in the meeting rooms.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FUND FOR 2000

To enable up-to-date information to be provided to the General Conference regarding contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 2000, the Contributions Officer, Ms. M. Lewis, will be available to receive pledges in her office (second floor, extension 2112) or, immediately before and during plenary meetings, at a desk in the Plenary Hall near the podium.

OTHER MEETINGS

SCIENTIFIC FORUM

The scientific forum, on the theme “*Sustainable Development - A Role for Nuclear Power?*”, continues today, in Meeting Room C at the ACV. The programme is as follows:

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| 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. | Session 3 - <i>The Future Role of Nuclear Power in Member States</i> |
| 3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. | Concluding Panel on Nuclear Power in the Energy-Environment Policy Debate and the Role of International Co-operation |

MEETING OF SENIOR REGULATORS

The traditional meeting of senior regulators will take place this afternoon and all day tomorrow, Thursday, 30 September, in the IAEA Board Room on the 4th floor of Building C at the VIC.

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION MEETINGS

Meetings of groups and representatives of Regional Co-operative Agreements and Regional TC Programmes have been arranged as follows:

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| RCA: | Wednesday, 29 September at 9.00 a.m. in Meeting Room V, on the 7 th floor of Building C at the VIC. |
| UNDP/RCA/IAEA Project: | Wednesday, 29 September at 2.00 p.m. in Meeting Room V, on the 7 th floor of Building C at the VIC. |
| Tripartite AFRA/ARCAL/RCA: | Thursday, 30 September at 10.00 a.m. in Meeting Room IV, on the 7 th floor of Building C at the VIC. A concluding session will be held at 4.00 p.m. in the same meeting room. |
| EUROPE: | Thursday, 30 September at 9.30 a.m. in Meeting Room V, on the 7 th floor of Building C at the VIC. |
| WEST ASIA | Thursday, 30 September at 2.30 p.m. in Meeting Room A-450, on the 3 rd floor at the ACV. |

FILM SHOW

A new film on the Agency, entitled "Harnessing the Atom", will be shown today at 2.30 p.m. in Meeting Room C at the ACV.

GENERAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES DURING THE CONFERENCE

SERVICES

Incoming telephone calls for participants will be taken by the Information Desk. The number is 212 44 00 extension 2141 (through dialing). In addition, a facsimile line is available at the Information Desk for the receipt of **incoming** facsimile messages for participants. The number is 212 44 00 2145.

A Post Office is located on the ground floor, For outgoing long-distance telephone calls and facsimiles, participants are asked to contact the Post Office.

Delegates are able to receive and send electronic mail during the Conference. The public address is: "GENCONF99@IAEA.ORG". Senders should specify the recipient's name and country in the subject line in order to ensure that the message is allocated to the proper delegate. Messages sent to this e-mail address may be picked up by delegates at the Information Desk. This e-mail address may be used only to receive messages.

In addition to the general e-mail address, delegates may register during the Conference for a specific individual e-mail address valid for the duration of the General Conference. Computers are available so that delegates can send and receive e-mail messages using their individual e-mail address.

Restaurant facilities are available at the ACV for the duration of the session. Lunch are served in the restaurant on the first floor, from 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at the same price as at the VIC. Snacks and beverages are available all day at the ACV Snack Bar, which is located on the second floor, No. 10.

The Creditanstalt is providing limited banking services on the second floor, next to the Information Desk, from 9.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and from 12.30 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Banking services will also be available on Saturday if there is a meeting. In addition, full banking services are available at the VIC.

Emergency medical attention is obtainable in the Medical Service at the VIC from 8.30 a.m. until the close of the last meeting of the day (VIC building F, seventh floor, telephone number 88, extension 22222). For emergency assistance at other times, delegates may apply to the security guard at the VIC (telephone number 88, extension 99).

EXHIBITION OF VERIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

An exhibition has been organized to display information on specialized facilities and to demonstrate equipment being developed under the Joint Initiative between the Russian Federation, the United States and the Agency for the verification of weapon-origin fissile material and other fissile material determined by the two States to be excess to their defence purposes. The exhibition, which is located

in Foyer C on the 2nd floor of the ACV, will remain open today. Scheduled presentations will take place at 10.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 2.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.

EXHIBITION ON TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE IAEA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The delegation of the Republic of Korea has prepared the 3rd Exhibition on Technical Co-operation between the IAEA and the Republic of Korea. The theme this year is “Better Partnerships for a New Millennium”. The exhibition is located in Foyer B on the 2nd floor of the ACV and will be open during the whole period of the 43rd General Conference.

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

A display of information from Non-Governmental Organizations attending the General Conference is located on the 1st floor of the ACV.

AGENCY EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

The following exhibits and displays, all located on the 2nd floor of the ACV, have been arranged by the Secretariat:

(i) Information display (Internet Corner)

There is “Internet Corner” in which the IAEA homepage WorldAtom and many of the databases and other applications developed by the IAEA and accessible to Member States are demonstrated.

(ii) Nuclear Power Technology

The Division of Nuclear Power has prepared a display entitled “Nuclear Power Technology Developments for Evolutionary and Innovative Reactors”.

(iii) Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Waste Technology

The Division of Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Waste Technology has prepared a display highlighting such activities as predisposal waste management methods and procedures, radium conditioning operations and uranium resources, production, demand and the environment.

(iv) Personnel matters

The Personnel Information stand displays information on employment opportunities, recruitment outreach strategy, conditions of employment and work environment, as well as staffing and the representation of women in the Secretariat.

(v) Conference and Document Services

The newly created Division of Conference and Document Services has a display of its activities : conference services, translation, publishing and printing. Delegates may register at the Publications Sales Desk for a guided tour of the Printing Area at the VIC, which takes place daily at 10.00 a.m. and 2.45 p.m.

ISSUE OF VIC COMMISSARY CARDS TO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS

Heads of delegations are advised that cards entitling them to make purchases at the VIC Commissary will be issued by the United Nations Security Pass Office, which is situated in Room COE13 in the Rotunda of the VIC, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the duration of the session. After receipt of the card, the bearer is requested to validate it at the Commissary Service Counter (VIC, Room F-151) from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

SECURITY

Security equipment has been installed at the ACV. All personnel attending the Conference are requested to co-operate with the security personnel.

EMERGENCY STAIRCASES IN THE ACV

Participants are advised that the emergency staircases in the ACV cannot be used for going from one floor to another. Although they can be entered on any floor, the only exits are at the -3 (i.e. lowest) level. They should therefore be used only in a real emergency.

ACCESS TO THE ACV FROM THE VIC

Participants can enter the ACV via the VIC through connecting doors located on the ground floor of Building G of the VIC.

PARKING AT THE ACV

Parking space is reserved on parking decks 1 and 2 of the ACV. For official cars with chauffeurs, red stickers entitling the cars to be driven to the main entrance of the ACV will be issued. For other cars, General Conference or VIC ground passes will suffice as identification for free parking in this area. Drivers are requested to obtain a parking ticket from the ACV parking dispenser when they first enter the ACV garage and exchange it for a cost-free parking permit, valid until the end of the Conference, at the Registration Desk (ground floor).

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

It is possible to travel between the VIC and Vienna's city centre by underground train (U-Bahn). Tickets may be purchased at U-Bahn stations or in advance, in quantities of five or ten, at most Austrian tobacco shops (identified by the round **AUSTRIA TABAK** sign). Weekly tickets are also available.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

The organizers or sponsors of receptions and other events to be arranged during the Conference are invited to get in touch with the Protocol Office or with Ms. Tesar, the Editor of the Conference Journal (second floor, extension 2120), if they wish to have such events publicized.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Wednesday

29 September 1999:

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| 1:15 p.m. | Lunch*, Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission of India, Austria Center Restaurant |
| 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Reception*, Resident Representative of South Africa, VIC Cafeteria |
| 7:00 p.m. | Reception*, Resident Representative of Algeria in honour of the President of the General Conference, VIC Restaurant |

Thursday

30 September 1999:

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| 1:15 p.m. | Lunch*, Delegation of China, Sichuan Restaurant, Arbeiterstrandbadstr. 122, 22 nd district |
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* By invitation only

CHAIRPERSON OR CO-ORDINATOR OF AREA GROUPS - 1999

Group	Chairperson/Co-ordinator	Name
NORTH AMERICA	USA/CANADA	Ambassador RITCH III (U.S.A.) Ambassador DUBOIS (Canada)
LATIN AMERICA	ECUADOR	Ambassador PALACIOS CEVALLOS
WESTERN EUROPE	FRANCE TURKEY	Ambassador (Mme) QUINCY Ambassador YAKIS
EASTERN EUROPE	BULGARIA	Ambassador NAYDENOV
AFRICA	LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA	Ambassador ABDULAATI MOHAMED
MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA	INDIA	Ambassador TIWARI
SOUTH EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	AUSTRALIA	Ambassador JOSEPH
FAR EAST	VIET NAM	Ambassador NGUYEN XUAN HONG
GROUP OF 77	INDIA	Ambassador TIWARI
WEOG	FRANCE	Ambassador (Mme) QUINCY
ASIAN GROUP	SRI LANKA	Ambassador POOLOKASINGHAM
EUROPEAN UNION	FINLAND	Ambassador GRÖNBERG