ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVISIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTIONS
ADOPTED AT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Note by the Director General

1. On 26 September 1986, the General Conference, at its special
session, adopted the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear
Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear
Accident or Radiological Emergency and opened them for signature on that
day.

2. The Convention on Early Notification will enter into force on
27 October 1986, having received the number of signatures of States
expressing consent to be bound by the Convention required under
paragraph 3 of Article 12. In the course of the special session and when
signing the Conventions, the representatives of several States declared
the willingness of their Governments to apply the Conventions
 provisionally pending their entry into force.

3. Accordingly, as the two Conventions assign certain functions to the
Agency, the Director General wishes to inform Member States of the
following with regard to the Agency's preparedness for carrying out
those functions – also provisionally:
(a) The Agency already has in place an internal structure which can be adapted so as to enable the Agency to carry out provisionally the functions assigned to it under the Conventions; and

(b) All communications concerning the information which parties to the Conventions are required to send to the Agency and all requests which parties to the Conventions are entitled to make to the Agency should be addressed to the Director General.