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ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENTS

THE SESSION

1. The eighth regular session of the General Conference will open on Monday, 14 September 1964, at 2.30 p.m. It will be held in the Kongresszentrum, Neue Hofburg, Heldenplatz, Vienna I. It appears likely that the Conference should be able to dispose of the business at present foreseen for the session in five or six working days.

DELEGATIONS

Composition

2. Rule 23 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure [1] provides for each Member of the Agency to be represented by one delegate who may be accompanied by as many assistants as may be needed.

Delegates' credentials

3. Every delegate (but not the other members of a delegation) will require credentials specifically for the session even if he is already accredited to the Agency in some other capacity, e.g. as a Governor or Resident Representative. At previous sessions many credentials were delivered late, in some cases even after the session had begun; this caused difficulties, particularly for the Credentials Committee. In order to obviate the repetition of such difficulties, it is emphasised that, under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials should reach the Director General not later than 7 September; they must be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Communication of names

4. The first edition of the list of persons constituting delegations will go to press on 7 September so that it will be ready before the session opens; it will not be revised until after the session has begun. Only names which are notified to the Secretariat by 4 September can be included in the first edition of the list, and Governments are accordingly urged to communicate at least the provisional composition of their delegations in good time.

Registration of delegations

5. The Protocol Office will open in the Kongresszentrum at 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 14 September, for the registration of delegations, and it is suggested that it will be in their own interest for delegations to complete the necessary formalities in the course of that

[1] GC(VII)/INF/60.

morning. There will be a guide on duty in the entrance hall to direct members of delegations to the Protocol Office and to the Documents Station where documents for the session which they have not received earlier may be collected, as well as a specially prepared handbook of information.

ARRANGEMENTS

Agenda and documents

6. The provisional agenda for the session will be issued in the first half of June. Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure covers the composition of the provisional agenda, and Rule 20 provides that any item proposed for inclusion by a Member of the Agency shall be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum and, if possible, by basic documents or by a draft resolution. Both working documents for the session and papers prepared for the information of the Conference will be circulated from now on as they come off the press.

Opening day's business

7. At the opening plenary meeting, the Conference will be invited to elect its President and other officials and to appoint the Credentials and General Committees. Arrangements will also be made for the General Committee to meet later in the afternoon to undertake its usual business of the opening day.

Voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1965

8. With the object of simplifying procedures, it is proposed that the steps to be taken to obtain pledges of voluntary contributions to the General Fund for 1965 should be a little different from those of previous years. Next June the Director General intends to send a circular letter to all Governments informing them of the target for such contributions which the Board of Governors, subject to the approval of the General Conference, will by then have set. By this letter the Director General will ask each Government to communicate to him as soon as possible a pledge of its contribution to the General Fund for 1965, with a view to the public announcement of all such pledges at a plenary meeting of the session. At that meeting the delegates of those Members that had not been able to communicate pledges in advance would be invited to state what their Governments' contributions would be.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hotel accommodation

9. The session will be held during the tourist season and also at the same time as the Viennese autumn trade fair. The attention of Governments is therefore particularly drawn to the difficulties they are likely to have in obtaining suitable hotel accommodation for their delegations if reservations are not made very early.

10. The Secretariat is ready to provide what help it can in the matter of obtaining accommodation. In that connection the management of the new Vienna Intercontinental Hotel, situated just off the Ring near the Schwarzenbergplatz, has undertaken to keep in reserve for the time being a number of rooms for the use of delegations. Applications for these rooms, which will cost between AS 350 and 500 [2] a day (exclusive of meals), should be addressed direct to the Manager, Vienna Intercontinental Hotel, Vienna III, Johannesgasse 28, and should state that the accommodation is wanted for the General Conference. It has also been possible to reserve a very few rooms costing from AS 100 to 300 a day at smaller hotels and pensions; inquiries for these rooms may be made to the Secretariat.

[2] AS (Austrian Schillings) 26 equal approximately US \$1.

Facilities for translating, typing and reproducing papers

11. The Secretariat can only undertake to translate, type and reproduce such papers (memoranda, draft resolutions, etc.) as may formally be introduced as part of the work of the Conference and thus become official documents. Delegations are accordingly advised to make in advance arrangements, with which the Secretariat will be glad to give such help as it can, for the translating, typing or reproducing in Vienna of any other material.

12. Several Vienna firms are prepared to provide the services of secretaries and rent the necessary equipment for short periods; a few days' notice may be required. Secretaries who can work in English, French or German can be engaged without much difficulty; those having a knowledge of other languages are less easily obtained. Stenographers can be engaged for about AS 60 an hour; the cost of hiring a typewriter is AS 30 for two weeks; hand-operated duplicating machines cost AS 300 for two weeks, electric machines AS 500.

Currency

13. Bank notes, travellers' cheques and letters of credit may be brought into Austria without restriction, but since not all currencies are in demand, a few may not be easily salable. Departing visitors may take with them the foreign currency and securities they brought into the country and up to AS 10 000 in Austrian currency.

The weather

14. The weather in Vienna in mid-September is usually mild with average day temperatures of 15 - 18°C (59 - 65°F) and average night temperatures around 11°C (52°F). However, day temperatures may rise to 29°C (84°F) and night temperatures fall as low as 5°C (41°F).

