AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI, A, 2 OF THE STATUTE: PROPOSAL BY THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Note by the Director General

1. On 18 June 1965 the Director General received a letter from the Governor from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the text of which is as follows:

"17 June 1965

"In conformity with the provisions of Article XVIII, A of the Agency's Statute, I have the honour to communicate to you herewith an amendment to the Statute which I request you to submit for consideration by the General Conference at its next session.

"The amendment proposed is the deletion of the words 'Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Portugal' from Article VI, A, 2 and, as a consequence, of the words 'the following' in the preceding line.

"The Agency should respect scientific truth and established fact. Since one country may, with the passage of time, cease to hold the status of a producer of uranium and another country may acquire such status, only countries which are real producers of uranium should be designated for membership on the Board under the provisions of this paragraph. This amendment is designed merely to adapt the text of the Statute to meet the true situation. With this amendment, the Board will be called upon each year to designate two countries, taking into account possible changes in the field of source material production."

2. In compliance with Article XVIII, A of the Statute, the Director General communicated to all Members on 23 June certified copies of the text of the amendment to the Statute thus proposed,