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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

1. In document GC(IX)/INF/79 Governments were urged to reserve as early as possible the accommodation that they would need for their delegations to the ninth regular session of the General Conference, since it will be held during the tourist season in Japan. A circular letter about hotel accommodation (0/412-9th-GEN) was sent to Governments on 8 June; as stated therein the address of the "IAEA Tokyo Conference Accommodation Centre" which the Japanese authorities have set up to help with the making of reservations is: c/o Iino-Kawasaki Travel, Inc., Iino Building No. 22, 2-Chome, Uchisaiwai-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo.

COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

2. In connection with arrangements which the Japanese authorities propose to make to assist members of delegations on arrival in Tokyo, Governments are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat by 3 September. This will also contribute to the completeness of the first edition of the list of delegations, which will go to press on 13 September. The second edition will not be issued until after the session has begun.

VACCINATION AND INOCULATION

3. The Secretariat understands that the Japanese quarantine authorities require every person entering the country to produce a valid certificate of vaccination against smallpox and, if he has started from or passed through an area in which cholera is prevalent, a valid certificate of inoculation against that disease as well.

VISAS

4. Japan has reciprocal agreements with a number of other Member States whereby requirements for entry visas are waived. The entry into Japan of members of delegations from such States will be facilitated if they will present the immigration authorities with a paper officially indicating that they have come for the ninth session of the Conference. Members of other delegations are reminded that they should obtain Japanese entry visas before arriving in the country.

DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS

5. 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. To avoid the recurrence of such difficulties, it is emphasized that, under Rule 27 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure, credentials should reach the Director General not later than 14 September; they must be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

CURRENCY

6. The unit of Japanese currency is the yen (¥); coins of ¥ 1, 5, 10, 50 and 100 denomination and banknotes to the value of ¥ 100, 500, 1000, 5000 and 10 000 are in circulation. The official rate of exchange is ¥ 360 to the US dollar; the market rate is subject to small day-by-day fluctuations.

7. An unlimited amount of foreign currency may be brought into Japan and can be exchanged at foreign exchange banks and money-changers, as well as at hotels; however, not all currencies are easily exchangeable [*].

8. Departing travellers may reconvert yen into foreign currency, up to the amount they brought into the country as shown by certificates obtainable at the time the initial conversion is made. If such certificates are not produced upon departure the amount reconvertible is limited to ¥36 000.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN TOKYO

9. From the airport. A limousine service is available to take passengers from Tokyo International Airport to any of the principal hotels; the fare is ¥415 for each passenger. The limousine counter is on the ground floor of the airport building. In addition, monorail cars run every 15 minutes between the airport and Hamamatsucho Station, which is about 10 minutes walk from the Tokyo Prince Hotel. The fare is ¥250.

10. Taxis. Taxis are readily available all over the city. The fare is shown on the taximeter; it is ¥100 for the first 2 kilometres (1.2 miles) and ¥20 for every additional 450 metres (1/3 of a mile). ¥20 is also charged for every five minutes of waiting time.

11. General. Tokyo also has buses, tramcars, subways and electric railways. Visitors who do not speak Japanese are likely to have some difficulty in indicating where they wish to go, except in a taxi parked in front of a hotel, whose driver usually speaks English. It is accordingly suggested that members of delegations should carry with them a card bearing the address of their hotel or destination written in Japanese.

REGISTRATION OF DELEGATIONS

12. The Protocol Office will open in the Banquet Lobby on the second floor of the Tokyo Prince Hotel at 9.00 a. m. on Monday, 20 September, and it is suggested that it will be in delegations' interests to complete the registration formalities at that Office during the course of the day.

[*] The US dollar and the pound sterling are most easily salable, but the currencies of Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland can usually be exchanged without difficulty.

DUTY-FREE IMPORTS

13. The Japanese authorities will allow representatives of States to import, duty free, goods appropriate for their own consumption and official entertaining. Such imports may accompany the traveller when entering Japan, or may be consigned to him c/o The Secretariat, International Atomic Energy Agency, Tokyo Prince Hotel, 3 Shiba Park, Minato-ku, Tokyo.

CLIMATE

14. In the latter half of September, the average temperature in Tokyo during the daytime ranges between 20°C and 25°C (68°F and 77°F) and from 15°C to 20°C (59°F and 68°F) at night. On the whole the climate is rather warmer than in Vienna at that time of the year. The humidity is sometimes very high, but most hotels and offices are air-conditioned.

FORMAL CLOTHES

15. The Secretariat understands that dinner jackets will not be needed for any Japanese reception connected with the session.

TELEGRAPHIC AND TELEX ADDRESSES

16. With effect from 25 August the Agency's telegraphic address in Tokyo will be INATOM TOKYO and its Telex address TK 2900.

FACILITIES FOR TRANSLATING, TYPING AND REPRODUCING PAPERS

17. The Secretariat will translate and reproduce such papers (memoranda, draft resolutions, etc.) as may formally be introduced as Conference documents. In considering what services they are likely to need for the translation, typing or reproduction of other papers, delegations should bear in mind that the limited staff the Secretariat will have available in Tokyo will be unable to help in arranging for such work; they are therefore advised to make any necessary arrangements well in advance, particularly as it is understood that very few firms in Tokyo are prepared to undertake work of this kind.

WORKING WEEK

18. There is a five and a half day working week in Japan from Monday till Saturday noon; the normal working hours are from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Government offices are closed on Saturday afternoons and Sundays, but department stores and other big shops mostly remain open.

TOURS

19. During the session members of delegations will be able to call upon the services of a travel agency in the Tokyo Prince Hotel for help in arranging private visits to places of interest in Tokyo as well as tours outside the city. It is foreseen that members of delegations may wish to make plans to visit privately such places as Kyoto, either individually or in groups. In that connection the Secretariat understands that the Japanese Government intends to invite all members of delegations to visit the Tokai Nuclear Power Station at Tokai-Mura, some 100 kilometres (60 miles) north-east of Tokyo, on Saturday, 25 September.

GRATUITIES

20. The Secretariat understands that it is not customary in Japan to offer gratuities to taxi-drivers, waiters, hotel porters, etc.

