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ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

1. The twenty-fourth (1980) regular session of the General Conference will open on Monday, 22 September 1980, at 10.30 a.m. It will be held in the Kongresszentrum, Neue Hofburg, Heldenplatz, in the centre of Vienna. The purpose of this paper is to bring information relating to the session to the notice of Governments and official bodies concerned.

COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

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 (alternates, advisers, etc.) as may be needed. The first list of members of delegations will be issued one week before the session opens; it will contain information communicated to the Secretariat up to noon on Friday, 12 September. Governments are requested to communicate at least the provisional composition of their delegations well in advance so that this first edition of the list may be as complete as possible.

CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES

3. Each delegate (but not 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 - for example, as Resident Representative. In the past a large number of credentials have been delivered late, in many cases even after the session has begun; this has caused difficulties, particularly for the General Committee. It is accordingly emphasized that, under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials should reach the Director General not later than 15 September, issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned.

REGISTRATION OF DELEGATIONS

4. It is necessary for each delegation to be registered with the Secretariat. This can be done by a single member on behalf of his delegation as a whole. The delegations are urged

[1] GC(XIX)/INF/152.

to register by Friday, 19 September at the Protocol Office in room A2784/85 at the Agency's Headquarters at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), 5 Wagramerstrasse. If that proves to be impracticable, delegations could register at the Protocol Office in the Kongresszentrum either on Sunday, 21 September, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

PLEDGES OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUND FOR 1981

5. The Board of Governors has set a target of US \$13 million, subject to the Conference's approval, for Members' voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance Fund for 1981. Before the session opens a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying delegates of the contributions that Members have pledged themselves to make [2]. It will be greatly appreciated if Governments will facilitate the timely preparation of this document by communicating their pledges to the Director General as soon as they are in a position to do so.

DOCUMENTS

6. Each delegation is urged to visit Documents Distribution in room F-152 at VIC not later than Friday, 19 September and specify its requirements for documents on a form which will be provided. If this is not possible, delegations should apply to the Documents Station at the Kongresszentrum either on Sunday, 21 September, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

7. Before the opening of the session one complete set of Conference documents already issued will be available to each delegation. All documents produced during the session, the Conference Journal containing the daily programme, and other notices will also be issued through the Documents Station.

SPEAKERS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

8. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers in the general debate may be made directly to the Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs from 22 July 1980. The names of delegates will be entered on this list strictly in the order in which requests are received.

STATEMENTS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

9. It is of considerable help to the interpreters, the précis-writers and the public information service if the Conference Officer can be provided in advance with copies of texts of speeches, where possible typed double-spaced.

SCIENTIFIC AFTERNOON

10. Delegations are advised that on Wednesday, 24 September a scientific afternoon will be held in place of the afternoon plenary meeting of the Conference.

[2] Compare the corresponding document of last year - GC(XXIII)/619.

General information

ACCOMMODATION FOR DELEGATIONS

1. Hotels in Vienna are usually heavily booked during the month of September. It is therefore important to reserve accommodation as far in advance as possible. Delegates are advised to make their bookings either direct with the hotel or through their Permanent Mission or Embassy in Vienna.

CURRENCY

2. Bank notes, travellers' cheques and letters of credit may be brought into Austria without restriction, but since not all currencies are in equal demand, a few may not be easily saleable. Departing visitors may take with them 15 000 Austrian schillings in cash plus foreign currencies and/or travellers' cheques up to the equivalent of 26 000 Austrian schillings.

