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## ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

1. The twenty-eighth (1984) regular session of the General Conference will open on Monday, 24 September 1984, at 10 a.m. It will be held in the Kongresszentrum, Neue Hofburg, Heldenplatz, in the centre of Vienna.

### 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, 14 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. Credentials have to be delivered in due time; this helps to avoid difficulties, particularly for the General Committee. It is accordingly emphasized, that, under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials should be submitted to the Director General not later than Monday, 17 September, issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned. If credentials cannot be submitted by Friday, 21 September, delegates should deliver them direct to the Credentials Officers in the Kongresszentrum either on Sunday, 23 September, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

### REGISTRATION OF DELEGATIONS

4. It is necessary for each delegation to be registered with the Secretariat. This can be done in writing - by letter or by completing the registration form which will be transmitted to Permanent Missions at the beginning of September 1984 and which will also be made available to delegations on arrival in Vienna. Delegations which have not been able to register before Friday, 21 September, are urged to register on that day at the

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

Agency's Registration Desk at the Vienna International Centre (VIC). If that proves to be impracticable, delegations can register at the Registration Desk in the Kongresszentrum on Sunday, 23 September, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

5. Each participant requires a badge with a photograph for entry into the Conference building during the session. Badges will be issued by the staff at the Registration Desk to those participants who are not in possession of a valid VIC ground pass.

#### PLEDGES OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION FUND FOR 1985

6. The Board of Governors has set a target of US \$ 26 million, subject to the Conference's approval, for Members' voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1985. 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<sup>[2]</sup>. It will be greatly appreciated if Governments 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

7. Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room FM152 at the VIC not later than Friday, 21 September, and specify its requirements for documents on a form which will be provided for this purpose. If this is not possible, delegations should apply to the Documents Station at the Kongresszentrum either on Sunday, 23 September, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

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

#### SPEAKERS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

9. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers in the general debate may be made direct, either personally or in writing, to the Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs (VIC, room A 2871), commencing at 8 a.m. on 24 July 1984. The names of delegates will be entered on this list strictly in the order in which requests are received.

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[2] The corresponding document of last year was GC(XXVII)/691.

## STATEMENTS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

10. It would be greatly appreciated if, as in the past, the texts of statements to be delivered during the general debate were handed to the Secretariat in advance and if - to enable the Conference to make the best possible use of the time available - delegates confined themselves in their oral presentations to the salient points of their statements. The summary records of the general debate will be based on the full statements handed to the Secretariat. Copies of the full texts (in the original language) will, if delegates so request, be made available to other delegates.

11. It is of considerable help if the texts of statements so provided to the Secretariat are typed in double-space.

## TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JOINT FAO/IAEA DIVISION OF ISOTOPE AND RADIATION APPLICATIONS OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

12. It is expected that, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Isotope and Radiation Applications of Atomic Energy for Food and Agricultural Development, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will address the General Conference at its opening meeting, on Monday morning.

13. After the opening meeting, an exhibition (with live demonstrations and posters) of the activities of the Joint FAO/IAEA Division will be inaugurated. In addition, short films illustrating the Division's activities will be shown at various times during the week.

## SCIENTIFIC AFTERNOON

14. On Tuesday, 25 September, there will be a scientific afternoon on "Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture". Senior scientific experts will speak on "Food irradiation", "The use of induced genetic sterility for insect control" and "The use of nuclear techniques to increase plant and animal productivity".

15. The scientific afternoon will take place in the Festsaal of the Kongresszentrum and will start at 3 p.m. As in the past, there will be no meetings of the General Conference during the scientific afternoon.

## OPEN PANEL ON NUCLEAR SAFETY

16. On the afternoon of Wednesday, 26 September, an open panel discussion will be held on "Current nuclear power plant safety issues as seen from an international perspective", and there will be an informal exchange of opinions among senior regulatory officials. There will also be an exhibition of posters and a display of publications on the Agency's Incident Reporting System, the NUSP programme, Operational Safety Review Teams (OSARTs) and the Agency's radiation protection activities. However, both plenary and committee meetings of the General Conference will take place during that afternoon.

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 the foreign currency and securities they brought into the country and up to AS 15 000 in Austrian currency.

RECEPTIONS AND OTHER EVENTS TAKING PLACE DURING THE CONFERENCE

3. The organizers or sponsors of receptions and other events to be arranged during the Conference are invited to contact the Protocol Office if they wish an announcement regarding such events to be included in the Conference Journal.