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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference^{1/}, the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the thirty-third regular session of the General Conference will open at the Austria Center Vienna^{2/} on Monday, 25 September 1989, at 10 a.m.
2. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session, Saturday, 23 September and Sunday, 24 September 1989, facilities are being made available for group meetings. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities with a view to achieving early agreement on organizational matters and thereby contributing to the smooth running of the Conference's session, ensuring - where necessary - that their representatives arrive in Vienna in time to participate in pre-session group meetings and the associated group decision-making. Meeting rooms may be reserved through the Secretariat's Conference Service Section.
3. Pursuant to Rule 11, the Director General has drawn up the attached provisional agenda for the session in consultation with the Board of Governors. In the annotation to each item a suggestion is made, for consideration by the General Committee, as to where it should first be discussed - in a plenary meeting or in a committee.
4. Should the Director General receive, by 26 August, any request under Rule 13 for inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda, such an item will, unless Rule 21 applies, be placed on a list which will be circulated not later than 5 September.

^{1/} GC(XXXI)/INF/245.

^{2/} The Austria Center Vienna is located Am Hubertusdamm 6, 1220 Vienna, next to the Vienna International Centre.

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee^{3/} Plenary meeting

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President, and the President will propose for election the names of eight Vice-Presidents and the name of a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole. Also, under Rule 40 the Conference is required to appoint a General Committee consisting of the President, the eight Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and five additional members elected on the proposal of the President.

2. Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations Plenary meeting

It is expected that a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations will be delivered.

3. Statement by the Director General Plenary meeting

The Director General proposes to make a statement to the Conference.

4. Arrangements for the Conference
- (a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion^{4/} General Committee

The General Committee is required to report to the Conference under Rule 42(a) on the provisional agenda set forth in the present document and on any supplementary or proposed additional items (Rules 13 and 15). The Conference will then approve the agenda (Rule 14) and allocate the items for initial discussion.

^{3/} As stated in paragraph 2 of the cover note, facilities are being made available for groups to meet during the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session. It is hoped that this measure will help area groups to reach agreement on their nominees for membership of the General Committee before Monday morning.

^{4/} It is expected that the conclusion of a special scientific programme on "The New Generation of Nuclear Power", to be held in conjunction with the Conference's session, will be reported to the Conference at a plenary meeting.

- (b) Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session General Committee

Under Rule 8 the Conference is required to set the closing date for the session, after considering a recommendation on the subject which the General Committee will make. Under Rule 1 the Conference is required to set the opening date of the thirty-fourth (1990) regular session.

- (c) Review of the Conference's working practices General Committee

As agreed by the General Conference last year, the General Committee will consider a report (GC(XXXIII)/GEN/77) by an inter-sessional working group set up to consider ways and means of streamlining the Conference's working practices and timing and to report thereon to the Conference.

5. Voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1990 Plenary meeting

Member States will be urged to pledge voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1990 and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

6. Approval of the appointment of the Director General Plenary meeting

The term of appointment of the Director General ends on 30 November 1989.^{5/} Under Article VII.A of the Statute, the Director General is appointed by the Board of Governors with the approval of the General Conference for a term of four years. On 13 June 1989, the Board appointed Dr. Hans Blix to serve as Director General for a further term of four years, starting on 1 December 1989, and it will seek the Conference's approval of this appointment (GC(XXXIII)/872).

7. General debate and annual report for 1988 Plenary meeting

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1988 which the Board has prepared (GC(XXXIII)/873).

^{5/} See resolution GC(XXIX)/RES/440, operative paragraph 1.

8. Israeli nuclear capabilities and threat Plenary meeting
(GC(XXXII)/RES/487)

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/487, in which the General Conference requested the Director General to continue to report, as appropriate, to the Board and the Conference on the Israeli nuclear capabilities and threat and on the implementation of the resolution. Also, as requested last year, the Conference will have before it a technical study on different modalities of application of Agency safeguards in the Middle East region.

9. Election of Members to the Board of Governors Plenary meeting

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board^{6/}. Under Rule 83, the President will indicate to the Conference those elective places on the Board which must be filled so as to ensure that after the end of the session the Board will be constituted in accordance with Article VI.A.2 of the Statute. Document GC(XXXIII)/876 sets out the names of the Members designated by the Board of Governors to serve on the Board from the end of the thirty-third (1989) regular session until the end of the thirty-fourth (1990) regular session of the General Conference.

10. The Agency's accounts for 1988 Committee of the Whole

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's accounts for 1988, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and observations by the Board, are being communicated to the Conference in document GC(XXXIII)/874.

^{6/} The terms of office of Colombia, Cuba, Hungary, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Senegal, Spain, Turkey and Yugoslavia will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(XXXI)/RESOLUTIONS (1987), decision number GC(XXXI)/DEC/9).

11. Measures to strengthen international co-operation in matters relating to nuclear safety and radiological protection

Under this item, the conference will be asked to consider the following matters:

- (a) Dumping of nuclear wastes Committee of the Whole
(GC(XXXII)/RES/490)

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 8 of resolution G(XXXII)/RES/490, in which the General Conference requested the Director General to report to it at its thirty-third regular session on the implementation of the resolution.

- (b) Liability for nuclear damage Committee of the Whole
(GC(XXXII)/RES/491)

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 3 of resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/491, in which the General Conference requested the Board of Governors to submit to it at its thirty-third regular session a report on progress with regard to requests made to the Board in operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of the resolution.

- (c) Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material Committee of the Whole
(GC(XXXII)/RES/492)

Pursuant to operative paragraph 3 of General Conference resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/492, the Director General will report to the Conference on the signature and ratification status of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material.

- (d) Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident Committee of the Whole
Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency
(GC(XXXII)/RES/493)

Pursuant to operative paragraph 4 of General Conference resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/493, the Director General will report to the Conference on the status and implementation of the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency.

- (e) Prohibition of all armed attacks against nuclear installations devoted to peaceful purposes whether under construction or in operation Committee of the Whole

The General Conference last year requested the Director General to place on the provisional agenda for its following session an item entitled "Prohibition of all armed attacks against nuclear installations devoted to peaceful purposes whether under construction or in operation", with a view to its being considered in 1989 in conjunction with the item entitled "Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear safety and radiological protection".

12. The financing of safeguards Committee of the Whole
(GC(XXX)/RES/462)

In operative paragraph 2 of General Conference resolution GC(XXX)/RES/462, the Board was requested to submit to the Conference at its thirty-third regular session at the latest a recommendation on the arrangements for the assessment of Members' contributions towards the safeguards component of the Regular Budget to be applicable after 1989. The report of the Board is contained in document GC(XXXIII)/877.

13. The financing of technical assistance Committee of the Whole
(GC(XXXII)/RES/499)

In operative paragraph 2 of General Conference resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/499, the Board was requested to report annually to the Conference on the actions taken with regard to the implementation of resolution GC(XXV)/RES/388, adopted by the Conference in 1981, on the financing of technical assistance. The report of the Board is contained in document GC(XXXIII)/878.

14. The Agency's budget for 1990 Committee of the Whole

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 1990 in accordance with estimates for the Agency's expenses which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(XXXIII)/875.

15. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions for 1990 Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to Article XIV.D of the Statute, a proposed scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget for 1990 will be submitted to the Conference.

16. Voluntary contributions to the Agency

- (a) Rules Regarding the Acceptance of Voluntary Contributions of Money to the Agency Committee of the Whole

In June 1989, the Board of Governors discussed a revision of the Rules Regarding the Acceptance of Voluntary Contributions of Money to the Agency, which the General Conference approved on 1 October 1959, and recommended the Rules contained in document GC(XXXIII)/879 for approval by the Conference.

(b) Confirmation of the acceptance of a voluntary contribution of money Committee of the Whole

In February 1989, the Board of Governors authorized the Director General to accept, subject to confirmation by the General Conference, a voluntary contribution of money by the Asian Development Bank. Accordingly the Conference's confirmation will be sought.

17. Staffing of the Agency's Secretariat (GC(XXXII)/RES/500) Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to operative paragraph 3 of General Conference resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/500, the Director General will report to the Conference on the continuing implementation of resolution GC(XXV)/RES/386, adopted by the Conference in 1981, on the staffing of the Agency's Secretariat.

18. Amendment of Article VI.A.2 of the Statute (GC(XXXII)/RES/501) Committee of the Whole

In General Conference resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/501, the Board was requested to conduct consultations with Member States and to submit its observations and recommendations on proposed amendments regarding this matter for approval by the Conference at its thirty-third regular session. The report of the Board will be before the Conference.

19. Revision of Article VI of the Statute as a whole (GC(XXXII)/RES/502) Committee of the Whole

In General Conference resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/502, the Board was requested to re-establish, with no financial implications, an informal working group open to all Member States in order to continue to examine different proposals on the revision of Article VI of the Statute as a whole with a view to preparing a report to be submitted through the Board to the General Conference at its next regular session. The working group's report, submitted through the Board, will be before the Conference.

20. Proposed amendment of Rule 89 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference Committee of the Whole

As agreed in 1988, the General Conference will be asked to consider formally an amendment proposed to Rule 89 of its Rules of Procedure so as to permit the issue of only one set each of summary records of plenary sessions and meetings of committees, to be supplemented by a single consolidated corrigendum containing – on request – corrections to the summary record for each meeting (GC(XXXIII)/880).

21. South Africa's nuclear capabilities (GC(XXXII)/RES/503) Plenary meeting

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXII)/RES/503 adopted by the Conference last year.

22. Examination of delegates' credentials General Committee

Under Rule 28 the General Committee, meeting as a credentials committee, will examine the credentials of all delegates and report thereon to the Conference.

23. Appointment of the External Auditor Plenary meeting

The Conference appointed the present External Auditor to audit the Agency's accounts for the years 1988 and 1989^{7/}. It will therefore be necessary for the Conference to make an appointment again this year.

24. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee Plenary meeting

The Conference may be called upon to elect one or more members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

^{7/} See document GC(XXXI)/RESOLUTIONS(1987), decision number GC(XXXI)/DEC/10.

25. Report on voluntary contributions pledged
to the Technical Assistance and
Co-operation Fund for 1990

Plenary meeting

It is expected that pledges of voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1990 will be obtained during the Conference and that a report thereon will be communicated to the Conference by the President.

