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## COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FROM AFGHANISTAN

Reproduced below, for the information of delegates, are (i) the text of a communication dated 15 August 1993 which the Director General received on 3 September 1993 from the President of the National Atomic Energy Commission of Afghanistan and (ii) the text of a communication dated 14 September 1993 which was received on 14 September from the Embassy of Afghanistan in Vienna.<sup>1</sup>

(i) "Dear Sir

"We received your letter N3.31.2-AFG, AL.10.2 of 14 July 1993 on  
8 August 1993 .....

"We are well aware of Article XIX of the IAEA Statute and we certainly accept  
and respect it.

"In spite of the war and the present situation in Kabul, we have been able to  
obtain the approval of the Afghan Government for the payment of \$50 042 in  
respect of Afghanistan's membership in the years 1989 - 1992, which was  
unfortunately delayed. We have already made the arrangement and you should  
have received the above-mentioned amount. Unfortunately, because of the present  
situation and some irregularity in the banking and postal system, it has not reached  
you yet; we are very sorry for the delay.

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<sup>1</sup> It is suggested that, pursuant to Rule 42(b) of the Conference's Rules of Procedure and in line with past practice, this request be referred to the General Committee for consideration.

"We ..... guarantee that you will receive our membership payment in the very near future. So, we kindly request you to take into consideration the present situation in our country and not to apply Article XIX of the IAEA Statute to us.

"We also request you kindly to excuse us exceptionally for the delay in the membership payment and to consider us a member of the IAEA with full rights ....."

(signed) Dr. M. Ehsan Arghandewal  
President of the National Atomic  
Energy Commission of Afghanistan

(ii) "Dear Sir,

"Concerning your message No. 767710 of 3 September 1993, we are pleased to inform you that the Government of the Islamic State of Afghanistan is ready to pay its annual contribution to the budget of IAEA.

"For this purpose we are asking you kindly to indicate the account number and the address of the bank to which the money should be paid."

(signed) Said Ibrahim Galena