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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-eighth regular session of the General Conference will open at the Austria Center Vienna^{2/} on Monday, 19 September 1994, at 10 a.m.
2. During the week preceding the opening of the Conference's session, the Third Technical Co-operation Policy Review Seminar will be held on Thursday, 15 September and Friday, 16 September 1994. During the weekend (Saturday, 17 September and Sunday, 18 September 1994), facilities will be 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 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 plenary or in a committee.
4. Should the Director General receive, by 20 August 1994, 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 30 August 1994.

* As of the General Conference's forthcoming (thirty-eighth) regular session, the numbering of Conference documents in the various series will start for each session with the number "1".

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

^{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*

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President. 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. Applications for membership of the Agency *Plenary*

The Conference may have before it one or more recommendations by the Board of Governors regarding applications for membership of the Agency.

3. Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations *Plenary*

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

4. Statement by the Director General *Plenary*

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

^{3/} As stated in paragraph 2 of the cover note, facilities are being made available for area 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 so that the work of the Conference can proceed without delay.

5. Statement by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations *Plenary*

It is expected that the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will address the Conference on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture.

6. 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 additional items (Rules 13 and 15). The Conference will then approve the agenda (Rule 14) and allocate the items for initial discussion.

(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-ninth (1995) regular session.

7. Voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1995 *Plenary*

Member States will be urged to pledge voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1995 and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

^{4/} It is expected that the outcome of the International Conference on "The Nuclear Power Option" (to be held from 5 to 8 September in Vienna) will be reported to the Conference without debate.

8. General debate and annual report for 1993 *Plenary*

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1993 which the Board of Governors has prepared (GC(XXXVIII)/2).

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

The Conference will be called upon to elect eleven Members to the Board of Governors^{5/}. 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. In document GC(XXXVIII)/3 the Board informs the Conference of the designations it has made for membership on the Board in 1994-95.

10. Harmony and compatibility of programme and budget and accounts documents *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/581, in which the Director General was requested to ensure, in consultation with Member States and at the latest by 1994, that there is harmony and compatibility between the Agency's programme and budget documents, its annual reports and its accounts documents so as to facilitate their comparison for purposes of effective evaluation. It is expected that the Director General will inform the Conference about the action taken so far in implementing the resolution.

11. The Agency's accounts for 1993 *Committee of the Whole*

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's accounts for 1993, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and the report of the Board of Governors, are being communicated to the Conference in document GC(XXXVIII)/4.

^{5/} The terms of office of Argentina, Chile, Finland, Hungary, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, Sweden and the Syrian Arab Republic will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(XXXVI)/RESOLUTIONS (1992), decision number GC(XXXVI)/DEC/8).

12. The Agency's programme and budget for 1995-96 *Committee of the Whole*

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 1995 in accordance with estimates for the Agency's expenses which the Board of Governors, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(XXXVIII)/5.

13. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget *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 1995 will be submitted to the Conference.

14. Nuclear safety, radiological protection and radioactive waste management

(a) Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear safety and radiological protection *Committee of the Whole*

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report to the Conference on current work in nuclear safety and radiological protection. The Conference will have before it - inter alia - a report by the Director General on the outcome of the 14-17 June 1994 Diplomatic Conference on a Nuclear Safety Convention and a report by the Board of Governors on liability for nuclear damage (GC(XXXVIII)/INF/4).

(b) Measures to resolve international radioactive waste management issues *Committee of the Whole*

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 3 of resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/614, in which the General Conference requested the Board of Governors and the Director General to report to it at its thirty-eighth regular session on the implementation of the resolution. A report on the subject will be submitted to the Conference.

15. Practical utilization of food irradiation in developing countries *Committee of the Whole*

As requested in operative paragraph 5 of resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/616, the Director General will report to the Conference on progress achieved in the utilization of food irradiation in developing countries (GC(XXXVIII)/6).

16. Plan for producing potable water economically *Committee of the Whole*

It is expected that, as requested in operative paragraph 4 of resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/617, the Director General will submit to the Conference a document on which discussion can be based.

17. Strengthening of the Agency's main activities *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/618.

18. Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/619. It is expected that the Director General will report to the Conference on the measures taken to strengthen the effectiveness and improve the efficiency of the Agency safeguards system which have been discussed by the Board of Governors since the Conference's 1993 regular session.

19. The financing of safeguards *Committee of the Whole*

Pursuant to a decision taken by the General Conference last year (GC(XXXVII)/DEC/11), the Board of Governors re-established the Informal Working Group on the Financing of Safeguards^{6/} on 4 October 1993. It is expected that the Board will have a report by the Informal Working Group before it at its meetings starting on 12 September 1994 and that a report on the subject will be before the Conference.

^{6/} The Informal Working Group was established, in response to General Conference resolution GC(XXXIII)/RES/513, "to consider various proposals for arrangements that can be agreed upon as a basis for a long-term solution" to the safeguards financing question.

20. The financing of technical assistance *Committee of the Whole*

As requested in operative paragraph 1 of resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/620, the Board of Governors re-established on 4 October 1993, with no financial implications, the Informal Working Group on the Financing of Technical Assistance, open to all Member States, with a view to its continuing with the next stage of its activities, this stage to be devoted to exploring ways of obtaining predictable and assured resources for technical assistance and to negotiating feasible options for consideration by the Board of Governors and the General Conference.

In that resolution, the Board was further requested to report on the actions taken by it regarding the implementation of the resolution and of resolution GC(XXV)/RES/388 to the Conference at its thirty-eighth regular session.

It is expected that the Board will have a report by the Informal Working Group before it at its meetings starting on 12 September 1994 and that a report on the subject will be before the Conference.

21. Personnel questions

(a) Staffing of the Agency's Secretariat *Committee of the Whole*

(b) Women in the Secretariat *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolutions GC(XXXVII)/RES/621 and GC(XXXVII)/RES/622.

22. Article VI of the Statute

(a) Amendment of Article VI.A.2 *Committee of the Whole*

In General Conference resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/623, the Board of Governors was requested to continue 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-eighth regular session.

It is expected that the Board will consider this matter at its meetings starting on 12 September 1994 and that a report on the subject will be before the Conference.

(b) Revision of Article VI as a whole

Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to a decision taken by the General Conference last year (GC(XXXVII)/DEC/12), the Board of Governors re-established the Informal Working Group to review all aspects of Article VI of the Statute as a Whole^{2/} and requested the Director General to invite Member States to submit written comments on a possible review of the membership of the Board. The comments of Member States were solicited by the Director General in a circular letter dated 8 November 1993.

It is expected that the Board will consider a report of the Informal Working Group at its meetings starting on 12 September 1994 and that a report on the subject will be before the Conference.

23. Implementation of the agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Plenary

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 4 of resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/624, in which the General Conference last year decided to include in the agenda for its thirty-eighth regular session an item entitled "Implementation of the agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons".

It is expected that the Director General will report to the General Conference on this matter.

24. An African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone

Plenary

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/625. It is expected that, as requested in operative paragraph 4 of the resolution, the Director General will report to the Conference on progress made in its implementation.

^{2/} The mandate of the Informal Working Group is set out in resolution GC(XXXV)/RES/566.

25. Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions 687, 707 and 715 relating to Iraq *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/626. It is expected that, as requested in operative paragraph 4 of the resolution, the Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of the above-mentioned Security Council resolutions.

26. Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/627. It is expected that, as requested in operative paragraph 9 of the resolution, the Director General will report to the Conference on its implementation.

27. 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.

28. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee *Plenary*

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

29. Report on voluntary contributions pledged to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1995 *Plenary*

It is expected that pledges of voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1995 will be obtained during the Conference and that a report thereon will be communicated to the Conference by the President.

