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Thirty-eighth regular session

## ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

### OPENING OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION

1. The thirty-eighth regular session of the General Conference will open on Monday, 19 September 1994, at 10 a.m.<sup>1/</sup> It will be held at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Am Hubertusdamm 6, 1220 Vienna, next to the Vienna International Centre (VIC).
2. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference, morning meetings will begin at 10 a.m. and afternoon meetings at 3 p.m. Delegates are requested to be in their places by those times in order to allow meetings to start punctually. If evening meetings prove to be necessary, the starting times will be announced during the session.

### THE SIGNING OF THE CONVENTION ON NUCLEAR SAFETY

3. The Convention on Nuclear Safety adopted on 17 June 1994 will be opened for signature at the ACV on Tuesday, 20 September 1994 in conjunction with the thirty-eighth regular session of the General Conference. The session of the General Conference and the signing of the Convention are legally separate events. The representatives who will be authorized by their Governments to sign the Convention should therefore be in possession of special full powers to do so in addition to the credentials for the General Conference. Such full powers should be signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and should be submitted to the Director General prior to or at the time of the signing of the Convention. It is requested that, for practical reasons, the credentials for the General Conference and full powers be in the form of separate original documents which will be deposited in two different files, i.e. for the General Conference and for the Convention on Nuclear Safety.

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<sup>1/</sup> The provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth regular session is contained in document GC(XXXVIII)/1.

#### **1994 TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION POLICY REVIEW SEMINAR**

4. Preceding the General Conference sessions, the Technical Co-operation Policy Review Seminar will be held on Thursday, 15 September and Friday, 16 September in Conference Room E at the ACV. Morning meetings will begin at 10 a.m. and afternoon meetings at 3 p.m. Participants in the Seminar are requested to be in their places by those times in order to allow meetings to start punctually.

5. Entry to the Austria Center will on those days only be possible through the VIC.

6. In order to ensure prompt access to the VIC and to facilitate the issue of VIC badges for participants to the Seminar, it is important that their names be made known to the Secretariat by 15 August 1994. The badges will be issued at the Agency's Registration Desk at the VIC between 8.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Wednesday 14 September and 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 15 September.

7. Participants also attending the meetings of the Board of Governors which start on Monday, 12 September 1994 may register simultaneously for the Board, Seminar, and the General Conference at the Agency's Registration Desk at the VIC between 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 12 September and Tuesday, 13 September.

#### **PRE-SESSION CONSULTATIONS**

8. **During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 17 September, and Sunday, 18 September 1994), facilities for group meetings are being made available on request. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities with a view to achieving agreement on organizational matters (e.g. regarding the composition of the General Committee) before the session opens on Monday 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 should be reserved in good time through the Secretariat's Conference Service Section.**

## **NOTIFICATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS**

9. Governments are requested to communicate to the Secretariat the composition of their delegations well in advance. This should be done in writing - by letter or by completing the registration form which has been transmitted to Permanent Missions. Rule 23 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure<sup>2/</sup> provides for each Member State of the Agency to be represented by one Delegate, who may be accompanied by as many assistants (alternates, advisers, etc.) as may be needed. An unofficial edition of members of delegations will be issued on Wednesday, 14 September 1994; only those names that are received by the Secretariat before Friday, 9 September can be included in it. The first official list of members of delegations will be issued on Sunday, 18 September; it will contain information which has been communicated to the Secretariat before Friday, 16 September.

10. If, during the session, changes are required in the particulars provided at the time of registration, Delegates are requested to inform Protocol in writing, so that the list of delegation members may be brought up to date.

## **CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES**

11. Delegates (but not other members of a delegation) will require credentials specifically for the session, even if they are 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, 12 September, issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned. If credentials cannot be submitted by Friday, 16 September, Delegates should deliver them direct to the Credentials Officers at the ACV either on Sunday, 18 September, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

## **REGISTRATION FOR BADGES**

12. Each participant will require a badge with a photograph for entry into the ACV during the session. Badges will be issued by the staff at the Registration Desk to those designated participants who are not already in possession of a valid VIC ground pass. Badges issued for the General Conference will also be valid for entering the VIC.

13. Participants may register on Friday, 16 September, at the Agency's Registration Desk at the VIC between 9 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. and on Sunday, 18 September, between 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. at the ACV. Registration will continue throughout the week of the Conference's session at the Registration Desk at the ACV.

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<sup>2/</sup> GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

14. Participants also attending the meetings of the Board of Governors which start on Monday, 12 September 1994 may register simultaneously for both the Board's meetings and the Conference's regular session at the Agency's Registration Desk at the VIC between 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 12 September and Tuesday, 13 September, provided that they inform the Secretariat of their intention to do so before Friday, 9 September.

## **DOCUMENTS**

15. Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room FM152 at the VIC not later than Friday, 16 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 ACV either on Sunday, 18 September, between 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

16. 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 available at the Documents Station at the ACV.

17. Delegates wishing to submit draft resolutions or other documents to the Conference during the session are requested to provide the Conference Secretary or the appropriate Committee Secretary with the text as early as possible.

## **SPEAKERS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE**

18. Until the beginning of the Conference's session on Monday, 19 September, requests for inscription on the list of speakers in the general debate should be made directly, either personally or in writing, to the Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs (VIC, room A 2871). As Member States were informed by document GC(XXXVIII)/INF/1, issued on 30 May 1994, inscription in the list of speakers started on 13 June 1994; a ballot was taken at 11 a.m. on that day in order to determine the order of priority among the Member States whose representatives had - between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. - personally made a request for inscription in the list.<sup>3/</sup> Since 11 a.m. on 13 June, Member States making requests for inscription in the list have been added in the order in which they made their requests. It should be noted, however, that the practice of giving priority to Ministers participating in the general debate will continue.

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<sup>3/</sup> This procedure was approved by the Conference in 1989.

19. Delegates who have not inscribed their names on the list by the beginning of the session but wish to speak in the general debate are requested to contact the official responsible for maintaining the speakers' list, who will have a desk in Conference Room A (where the plenary meetings will take place). Delegates should also contact that official if they wish to speak on other items at plenary meetings.

#### **STATEMENTS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE**

20. In order that the general debate may represent a more efficient use of the time available, Delegates are invited to keep the duration of their statements down to 15 minutes by focusing on the main points which they wish to make.

21. To facilitate interpretation, texts of statements to be delivered should be handed to the Conference Officer in advance. Copies of the full texts (in the original language) will, if Delegates so request, be made available to other Delegates during the session.

22. It is of considerable help if the texts of statements provided to the Secretariat are typed with double line spacing.

#### **WORKING LANGUAGES AND INTERPRETATION**

23. The working languages of the Conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and statements made in any one of these languages will be interpreted simultaneously into the others. If Delegates wish to make a speech in a language other than the working languages, they should, under Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure, themselves arrange for interpretation into one of the working languages and provide the Secretariat with a written text of their speech in advance in that working language.

#### **PLEDGES OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION FUND FOR 1995**

24. The Board of Governors has set a target of US\$ 61.5 million, subject to the Conference's approval, for Members' voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund for 1995. A circular letter indicating Member States' individual shares of the target (calculated on the basis of the base rates of assessment applicable for 1994) will be addressed to Member States in the near future. Before the regular session opens, a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying delegates of the contributions that Members have pledged themselves to make.<sup>4/</sup> It would be greatly appreciated if Governments facilitated 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. During the session, it will be possible to communicate pledges to the Contributions Officer, who will have a desk in Conference Room A and will arrange for updated versions of the document to be issued.

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<sup>4/</sup> The corresponding document of last year was GC(XXXVII)/1079.

**SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME ORGANIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONFERENCE'S SESSION**

25. A special scientific programme will be organized in conjunction with the Conference's thirty-eighth regular session. It will take place on *Tuesday, 20 September, in the afternoon and on Wednesday, 21 September, in the morning and in the afternoon, in Conference Room C at the ACV, as follows:*

- Tuesday p.m.                      *New Directions in Environmental Monitoring*  
(Scientific Secretary: Mr. P.R. Danesi,  
Agency Laboratory, Seibersdorf  
Tel. from VIC:                      8-248 or 8-245  
Tel. from outside:                02245-72251/248 or 245)
- Wednesday a.m.                    *Use of High Energy Accelerators for Transmutation of Actinides and Power Production*  
(Scientific Secretary: Mr. J. Kupitz,  
Division of Nuclear Power  
Tel. :                                    2360/2814)
- Wednesday p.m.                    *Global Food Security and Sustainability: the Role of Nuclear Techniques*  
(Scientific Secretary: Mr. B. Sigurbjoernsson,  
Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear  
Techniques in Food and Agriculture  
Tel.:                                    2360/1610)

Further information may be obtained form the Scientific Secretaries.

**MEETING OF SENIOR SAFETY OFFICIALS**

26. The traditional meeting of the senior safety officials will be held on *Wednesday, 21 September and Thursday, 22 September*. The topics to be covered in the one and a half-day meeting include:

- (i) The Utilization of the International Nuclear Events Scale (INES) by Regulatory Bodies;
- (ii) Future Directions for IAEA Safety Series;
- (iii) Topical Safety Issues; and
- (iv) Control of Large Radiation Sources.

*The meeting will be held in the IAEA Boardroom on the 4th floor of Building C at the VIC. Further information may be obtained from the Division of Nuclear Safety (Tel. 2360/2700).*

## TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION MEETINGS

(i) **AFRA/ARCAL/ RCA Meetings**  
and Joint Meeting of Heads of Delegations of Member  
States of Regional Groups

27. There will be group meetings in respect of the AFRA, ARCAL and RCA regional co-operative agreements. The individual group meetings will be followed by a joint meeting of Heads of delegations of Member States of the regional groups for the purpose of co-ordination and exchange of experience.

28. The timetable of these meetings is as follows:

AFRA:	Tuesday,	20 September at 10.00 a.m.
ARCAL:	Tuesday,	20 September at 03.00 p.m.
RCA:	Wednesday,	21 September at 08.30 a.m.
Joint/AFRA, ARCAL, RCA:	Thursday,	22 September at 09.00 a.m.

The meetings will be held in *Meeting Room V on the 7th floor of Building C at the VIC.*

(ii) **Consultations with Member States**

29. Consultations will be held with the representatives of Member States receiving Agency technical assistance, but do not have any Permanent Mission in Vienna. For other Member States these consultations will be conducted with the Missions prior to the General Conference unless a meeting is requested by Member States for discussing specific issues or special problems. The requests for such meetings should be received by the Department of Technical Co-operation no later than 1 September 1994.

## **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/Consulate in Vienna.

### **CURRENCY**

2. Bank notes, travellers' cheques and letters of credit may be brought into Austria without restriction but, as 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 any amount in Austrian Schillings. It is, however, recommended that Conference participants keep the receipts relating to all major currency exchange transactions in case they need to re-exchange currencies on their departure from Austria.

### **PARKING**

3. Parking facilities will be available on parking decks 1 and 2 of the ACV. For official cars with chauffeurs, red stickers entitling the cars to be driven to the main entrance of the ACV will be issued; for other cars General Conference and VIC ground passes will suffice as identification for free parking in this area.

### **VIC COMMISSARY**

4. In accordance with the Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Austrian Government, the heads of delegations of Member States participating in the General Conference are entitled to commissary cards for the duration of the Conference's session.

5. Any questions in connection with the issuing of commissary cards to the heads of delegations should be directed to the Protocol Office.

### **RECEPTIONS AND OTHER EVENTS TAKING PLACE DURING THE CONFERENCE**

6. 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.