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GENERAL CONFERENCE

Thirty-ninth regular session

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-ninth regular session of the General Conference will open at the Austria Center Vienna^{2/} on Monday, 18 September 1995, at 10 a.m.
2. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September 1995), 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 19 August 1995, 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 29 August 1995.

^{1/} Starting with the General Conference's forthcoming (thirty-ninth) regular session, sessions will be numbered using Arabic (and no longer Roman) numerals, e.g. GC(39)/.... instead of GC(XXXIX)/.....

^{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^{2/} *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 will have before it recommendations by the Board of Governors regarding applications for membership of the Agency. Documents GC(39)/7 and GC(39)/8 contain applications by the Republic of Georgia and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina respectively.

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.

^{2/} 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. Arrangements for the Conference

- (a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion *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*

The Conference is required, under Rule 8, to set the closing date for the session and, under Rule 1, to set the opening date for the fortieth (1996) regular session after considering recommendations made by the General Committee.

6. Voluntary contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 1996 *Plenary*

Member States will be urged to pledge voluntary contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 1996, and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

7. General debate and annual report for 1994 *Plenary*

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the report for the year 1994 which the Board of Governors has prepared (document GC(39)/3).

8. The participation of South Africa in the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/18, in which the General Conference last year requested the Board of Governors to review the designation of South Africa to the Board and submit a report to the Conference at its thirty-ninth regular session. This matter is dealt with in document GC(39)/6, which is being issued for both item 8 and item 9 of the provisional agenda.

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

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board.^{4/} 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(39)/6 the Board informs the Conference of the designations it has made for membership on the Board in 1995-96.

10. The Agency's accounts for 1994 *Committee of the Whole*

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's accounts for 1994, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and a report of the Board, are being communicated to the Conference in document GC(39)/4.

11. The Agency's budget for 1996 *Committee of the Whole*

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 1996 in accordance with estimates for the Agency's expenses which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(39)/5.

^{4/} The terms of office of Colombia, Cuba, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Ireland, Lebanon, the Philippines, Poland, Switzerland, Tunisia and Ukraine will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(XXXVII)/RES/DEC(1993), decision number GC(XXXVII)/DEC/9).

12. The financing of technical assistance

Committee of the Whole

In resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/11, the Board was last year requested to re-establish, with no financial implications, the Informal Working Group on the Financing of Technical Assistance and to report to the Conference at its thirty-ninth regular session on Board actions regarding the implementation of the resolution and of resolution GC(XXV)/RES/388.

Following discussion at the Board's June 1995 session, it is expected that at its meetings starting on 11 September 1995 the Board will have before it a report on the work of the Informal Working Group and that a report on the subject will be before the Conference.

13. The financing of safeguards

Committee of the Whole

Arrangements for the assessment of Members' contributions towards the safeguards component of the Agency's Regular Budget for each of the years 1993, 1994 and 1995 were approved by the General Conference in 1992^{5/}, at which time the Conference decided that the Board should review these arrangements and make a recommendation to it in 1995 at the latest.

As requested by the General Conference in 1994 (GC(XXXVIII)/DEC/16), the Board has re-established the Informal Working Group on the Financing of Safeguards.^{6/} Following discussion at the Board's June 1995 session, it is expected that at its meetings starting on 11 September 1995 the Board will have before it a report on the work of the Informal Working Group and that a report on the subject will be before the Conference.

^{5/} See General Conference resolution GC(XXXVI)/RES/589.

^{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.

14. 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 1996 will be submitted to the Conference.

15. Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear safety, radiological protection and radioactive waste management *Committee of the Whole*

At present it is envisaged that, under this item, the General Conference will have before it: a document on Agency activities in the fields of nuclear safety and radiological protection (a follow-up to document GC(XXXVIII)/INF/6); a document entitled "Measures to resolve international radioactive waste management issues" (prepared in response to a request made in operative paragraph 3 of resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/6); a report by the Board of Governors on work done by the Standing Committee on Liability for Nuclear Damage since the General Conference met last year; and a document on the status of the Convention on Nuclear Safety.

16. Strengthening of the Agency's technical co-operation 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(XXXVIII)/RES/8, as requested in operative paragraph 5 of the resolution.

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

As requested in operative paragraph 5 of resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/7, the Director General is expected to submit to the General Conference a report on progress made in response to the resolution.

18. Extensive use of isotope hydrology for water resources management *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the progress achieved in the implementation of resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/9, as requested in operative paragraph 4 of the resolution (document GC(39)/2).

19. 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(XXXVIII)/RES/10. It is expected that the Director General will report to the General 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 since the Conference's 1994 regular session.

20. Measures against illicit trafficking in nuclear materials and other radioactive sources *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(XXXVIII)/RES/15, as requested in operative paragraph 3 of the resolution.

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(XXXVIII)/RES/12 and GC(XXXVIII)/RES/13.

22. Amendment of Article VI of the Statute *Committee of the Whole*

In resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/14, the Conference requested the Board of Governors "to continue consultations with Member States through an effective mechanism and to submit recommendations on proposed amendments to Article VI for approval by the General Conference at its thirty-ninth regular session". In December 1994, the Board established the Open-Ended Consultative Group on Article VI of the Statute.

Following discussion at the Board's June 1995 session, it is expected that the Board will revert to this matter at its meetings starting on 11 September 1995 and that a report 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 5 of resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/16, in which the General Conference last year decided to include in the agenda for its thirty-ninth 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".

24. An African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/17. It is expected that, as requested in operative paragraph 3 of the resolution, the Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of the resolution.

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(XXXVIII)/RES/19. It is expected that, as requested in operative paragraph 5 of the resolution, the Director General will report to the Conference on his efforts to implement 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(XXXVIII)/RES/21. 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. Appointment of the External Auditor *Plenary meeting*

In 1993 the Conference appointed the present External Auditor to audit the Agency's accounts for the years 1994 and 1995.^{2/} It will therefore be necessary for the Conference to make a further appointment this year.

^{2/} See document GC(XXXVII)/RESOLUTION (1993), decision number GC(XXXVII)DEC/13.

29. 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.

30. Report on voluntary contributions pledged to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 1996 *Plenary*

It is expected that pledges of voluntary contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 1996 will be obtained during the Conference and that a report thereon will be communicated to the Conference by the President.